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## Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

### **Antiretroviral treatment adherence among HIV patients in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa**

Karl Peltzer, Natalie Friend-du Preez, Shandir Ramlagan, Jane Anderson. *BMC Public Health* 2010, 10:111. Published: 5 March 2010.

Successful antiretroviral treatment is dependent on sustaining high rates of adherence. In the southern African context, only a handful of studies (both quantitative and qualitative) have looked at the determinants including a health behaviour theory of adherence to antiretroviral therapy. The aim of this study is to assess factors including the information, motivation and behavioural skills model (IMB) contributing to antiretroviral (ARV) adherence six months after commencing ARVs at three public hospitals in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa ...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/10/111> [Accessed: 9 March 2010]

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### **Systematic review of methods for evaluating healthcare research economic impact**

Bahareh Yazdzadeh, Reza Majdzadeh, Hojat Salmasian. *Health Research Policy and Systems* 2010, 8:6. Published: 2 March 2010.

The economic benefits of healthcare research require study so that appropriate resources can be allocated to this research, particularly in developing countries. As a first step, we performed a systematic review to identify the methods used to assess the economic impact of healthcare research, and the outcomes ...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-policy-systems.com/content/8/1/6> [Accessed: 9 March 2010]

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### **Identifying research priorities for health care priority setting: a collaborative effort between managers and researchers**

Neale Smith, Craig Mitton, Stuart Peacock, Evelyn Cornelissen and Stuart MacLeod. *BMC Health Services Research* 2009, 9:165. Published: 15 September 2009.

To date there has been relatively little published about how research priorities are set, and even less about methods by which decision-makers can be engaged in defining a relevant and appropriate research agenda. We report on a recent effort in British Columbia to have researchers and decision-makers jointly establish an agenda for future research into questions of resource allocation ...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1472-6963/9/165/abstract/> [Accessed: 9 March 2010]

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### **Guidance for developers of health research reporting guidelines**

2010.

Publishing health research is a thriving, and increasing, enterprise. On any given month about 63,000 new articles are indexed in PubMed, the United States National Library of Medicine's public access portal for health-related publications. However, the quality of reporting in most health care journals remains inadequate. Glasziou and colleagues assessed descriptions of given treatments in 80 trials and systematic reviews for which summaries were published during one year (October 2005 to October 2006) in Evidence-Based Medicine, a journal that is aimed at physicians working in primary care and general medicine. ...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.plosmedicine.org/article/info:doi/10.1371/journal.pmed.1000217> [Accessed: 15 March 2010]

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## Recent News

### Minister interrogates NHI document

*Health 24.com Published: 12 March 2010.*

An inter-ministerial committee will "interrogate" the next draft of the National Health Insurance (NHI) before submitting the document to Cabinet, Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi said on Thursday. Motsoaledi said at a media briefing in Cape Town he was looking at "the first available date" to meet his fellow ministers for their input on the next draft of the NHI, which seeks to provide universal health coverage to South Africans ...[Read More »](#)

Source: [http://www.health24.com/news/Health\\_care/1-918,55191.asp](http://www.health24.com/news/Health_care/1-918,55191.asp) [Accessed: 15 March 2010]

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### SA must move to a health system focused on prevention - Minister

*Anso Thom. Health-e News. Published: 8 March 2010.*

South Africa's health system has to make a 180 degree turn, away from the dominant curative health system, which is unsustainable and unaffordable, to a health system where prevention is the cornerstone, believes health minister Dr Aaron Motsoaledi ...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/news/article.php?uid=20032669> [Accessed: 9 March 2010]

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### South Africans ignoring Aids prevention

*IOL. Published: 8 March 2010.*

Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi is worried that South Africans do not appreciate prevention as the best treatment for HIV and Aids. President Zuma made two far-reaching statements on World Aids

but after World Aids Day South Africans were only talking about the one, Motsoaledi said at the release of the Global Fund to Fight Aids, TB and Malaria's 2010 results report on Monday ... [Read More »](#)

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### **Motsoaledi: ARV demand too much**

*News24. Published: 11 March 2010.*

The massive demand for antiretroviral drugs will collapse the fiscus if not stopped, Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi said on Thursday. The government had budgeted R8bn a year on antiretrovirals, a 33% rise from the previous year, Motsoaledi told a media briefing in Cape Town ... [Read More »](#)

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### **Health insurance might hit a snag**

*Zinhle Mapumulo. Sowetan. Published: 1 March 2010.*

The chances of implementing the proposed National Health Insurance in the next few months are very slim. The government and the ministerial advisory committee on NHI are working around the clock on how best it can make this state-controlled single-payer system work for everybody. But challenges keep emerging, especially as far as costing is concerned ... [Read More »](#)

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## **Reports**

### **The Global Fund 2010: Innovation and Impact**

*The Global Fund. Published: March 2010.*

The substantial increase in resources dedicated to health through overseas development assistance and other sources during the past years has begun to change the trajectory of AIDS, tuberculosis (TB) and malaria, and more broadly, of the major health problems that low- and middle-income countries have been confronted with. The results and emerging signs of impact presented in this report paint a hopeful and encouraging picture ... [Full Report »](#)

Source: <http://www.theglobalfund.org/en/publications/progressreports/2010/> [Accessed: 9 March 2010]

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## Publications

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### **Working with individuals, families and communities to improve maternal and newborn health**

*World Health Organization (WHO). Published: 8 March 2010.*

The Making Pregnancy Safer (MPS) initiative was launched in 2000 to enhance WHO's efforts in Safe Motherhood. The initiative (now a Department within WHO) is oriented to assist countries in strengthening their health system, focusing on evidence-based interventions that target the major causes of maternal and newborn mortality and morbidity. It states that both improvement of maternal and newborn health services and actions at the community level are required to ensure that women and their newborns have access to the skilled care they need, when they need it. Further, the important role of women, their partners, families and the larger community in improving health is emphasized ...[Full Publication »](#)

Source: [http://www.who.int/making\\_pregnancy\\_safer/documents/who\\_fch\\_rhr\\_0311/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/making_pregnancy_safer/documents/who_fch_rhr_0311/en/index.html)  
[Accessed: 1 March 2010]

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### **WHO releases new malaria guidelines for treatment and procurement of medicines**

*World Health Organisation (WHO). Published: 9 March 2010.*

The World Health Organization (WHO) is releasing new guidelines for the treatment of malaria, and the first ever guidance on procuring safe and efficacious anti-malarial medicines. In recent years a new type of treatment called artemisinin-based combination therapy (ACTs) has transformed the treatment of malaria, but if not used properly the medicine could become ineffective ...[Full Publication »](#)

Source: <http://www.who.int/malaria/publications/atoz/9789241547925/en/index.html> [Accessed: 1 March 2010]

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## Conferences

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### **7<sup>th</sup> TICH Annual Scientific Conference**

*29th April - 2nd May 2010. Kisumu, Kenya.*

The aim of the conference is to share innovations and success stories to inform approaches to address challenges in accelerating progress towards Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The conference will also seek to share strategies to contextualize imported innovations in the achievement of MDGs and define effective packages for action to accelerate progress, in the spirit of self-reliance and self-determination. Over 300 participants from Africa, Europe, Asia and America are expected to facilitate the sharing of the approaches, models, best practices, lessons learnt, experiences and challenges in MDGs within the African context. For more information [click here](#)

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## **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuberculosis Conference**

*1-4 June 2010. ICC Durban, South Africa.*

The 2<sup>nd</sup> SA TB Conference in Durban, South Africa from 1 to 4 June 2010 will focus on partnerships and how solidarity among the state, private sector and civil society at all levels and structures can increase access to services and prevent people dying from a curable disease. Forging Strategic Partnerships to Fight TB and HIV is the theme for this Conference, which will build on the awareness and commitment made by 1657 people that contributed to the success of the 1<sup>st</sup> SA TB Conference in 2008.

More information can be found at <http://www.tbconference.co.za>

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## **XVIII International AIDS Conference**

*18-23 July 2010. Vienna, Austria.*

The International AIDS Conference is the premier gathering for those working in the field of HIV, as well as policy makers, persons living with HIV and other individuals committed to ending the pandemic. It is a chance to assess where we are, evaluate recent scientific developments and lessons learnt, and collectively chart a course forward. For more information [Click here](#)

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## **The 26<sup>th</sup> International Paediatric Association Congress of Paediatrics 2010**

*4-9 August 2010. Johannesburg, Gauteng, South Africa.*

Three leading paediatric associations, IPA, SAPA, and UNASPA, are uniting to host the 26<sup>th</sup> International Paediatric Association Congress of Paediatrics.

More than 5,000 participants are expected to attend this landmark event, the first IPA Congress to be held in Sub-Saharan Africa. Just five years before the due date of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), IPA 2010 will unite paediatricians and health professionals working towards the MDGs target to reduce child mortality by two thirds before 2015. [Registration Details »](#)

Source: <http://www.kenes.com/ipa/mailshot/ms3.htm?ref3=db1> [Accessed: 13 October 2009]

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## **MedInfo 13<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Medical and Health Informatics 2010**

*12-15 September 2010. Cape Town, South Africa.*

This will be the first time MEDINFO is held in Africa. It promises to boost exposure to grassroots healthcare delivery and the underpinning health information systems. This will open the door to new academic partnerships into the future and help to nurture a new breed of health informaticians. [Registration Details »](#)

Source: [www.medinfo2010.org](http://www.medinfo2010.org) [Accessed: 13 October 2009]

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### **First Global Symposium on Health Systems Research**

*16-19 November 2010, Montreux, Switzerland.*

The World Health Organization and partners will convene the inaugural global symposium on health systems research on 16-19 November 2010. Researchers, policy-makers, funders, and other stakeholders representing diverse constituencies will gather in Montreux, Switzerland to share evidence, identify significant knowledge gaps, and set a research agenda that reflects the needs of low and middle-income countries. The first symposium will be dedicated to improving the scientific evidence needed by health policy-makers and practitioners to inform their decisions related to accelerating universal health coverage. [Registration Details »](#)

Source: <http://www.hsr-symposium.org/> [Accessed: 04 February 2010].

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## **Job Opportunities**

### **Project Manager - Maternal, Neonatal, Child Health and Nutrition Project**

*Health Systems Trust. District Support and Community Development Programme.  
Closing date for applications: 22nd March 2010*

We are seeking to appoint a full-time Project Manager on consultancy basis (9 months) to manage and co-ordinate the Maternal, Neonatal, Child Health and Nutrition (MNCHN) project ... [More Information »](#)

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### **IT Systems and Network Administrator - Durban**

*Health Systems Trust.  
Closing date for applications: 24<sup>th</sup> March 2010*

The administrator will be responsible for development, maintenance and efficient functioning of all Health Systems Trust's IT Systems and networks. This includes all mail servers, web servers, and databases as required by HST, its programmes, support sections and associate organisations. The person will proactively manage security, perform and audit backups and manage operational IT infrastructure ... [More Information »](#)

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### **TB Researcher**

*Health Systems Trust. Research Cluster.*

Health Systems Trust is seeking to employ a researcher with an interest in tuberculosis to support the National Tuberculosis Control Programme. This appointment is particularly suitable for a public health professional with a strong knowledge of TB and the TB Programme in South Africa ...[More Information](#)  
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### **AHP - African Health Placements**

We are a not-for-profit project that aims to support the recruitment and retention of healthcare workers in South Africa. AHP is focused on:

- Assisting Healthcare Professionals make the right choice for their future in South Africa.
- Supporting S.A. NGOs with a focus on HIV/AIDS and TB Clinics as well as rural and urban Government Hospitals with all recruitment needs.

No placement fees are charged. Please view the website for more details <http://www.ahp.org.za> or contact on 011 328 1300

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