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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Exploring task-shifting practices in antiretroviral treatment facilities in the Free State Province, South Africa

Katinka de Wet, Edwin Wouters and Michelle Engelbrecht. *Journal of Public Health Policy* (2011) 32, S94–S101. Published: July 2011..

There is good progress with the implementation of South Africa's antiretroviral treatment program. The country, however, faces human resource shortages that could be addressed through appropriate task shifting...[Read More »](#)

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A Tale of Two Countries: Rethinking Sexual Risk for HIV Among Young People in South Africa

and the United States

Audrey E. Pettifor, Brooke A. Levandowski, Catherine Macphail, William C. Miller, Joyce Tabor, Carol Ford, Cheryl R. Stein, Helen Rees, Myron Cohen. *Journal of Adolescent Health* Volume 49, Issue 3, Pages 237-243.e1. Published: September 2011.

The purpose of this study is to compare the sexual behaviors of young people in South Africa (SA) and the United States (US) with the aim to better understand the potential role of sexual behavior in HIV transmission in these two countries that have strikingly different HIV epidemics...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.jahonline.org/article/S1054-139X%2810%2900497-0/abstract>
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Growth and weight status in treatment-naïve 12-16 year old adolescents with Alcohol Use Disorders in Cape Town, South Africa

Celeste E Naude, Marjanne Senekal, Ria Laubscher, Paul D Carey and George Fein. *Nutrition Journal* 2011, 10:87. Published: 23 August 2011.

Heavy alcohol consumption during adolescence has many known harmful health and social consequences and is strongly associated with numerous health risk behaviours. The consequences of heavy alcohol use during adolescence on nutritional status, specifically growth and weight status are largely unknown at this time...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.nutritionj.com/content/10/1/87/abstract>
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Do changes in traditional coronary heart disease risk factors over time explain the association between socio-economic status and coronary heart disease?

Peter Franks, Paul C Winters, Daniel J Tancredi and Kevin A Fiscella. *BMC Cardiovascular Disorders* 2011, 11:28. Published: 3 June 2011.

Socioeconomic status (SES) predicts coronary heart disease independently of the traditional risk factors included in the Framingham risk score. However, it is unknown whether changes in Framingham risk score variables over time explain the association between SES and coronary heart disease. We examined this question given its relevance to risk assessment in clinical decision making...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2261/11/28>[Accessed: 30 August 2011]

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Neonatal Mortality Levels for 193 Countries in 2009: A Systematic Analysis of Progress, Projections, and Priorities

Oestergaard MZ, Inoue M, Yoshida S, Mahanani WR, Gore FM, et al. *PLoS Med* 8(8): e1001080. Published: 30 August 2011.

Neonatal mortality has declined in all world regions. Progress has been slowest in the regions with high NMRs. Global health programs need to address neonatal deaths more effectively if Millennium Development Goal 4 (two-thirds reduction in child mortality) is to be achieved...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.plosmedicine.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pmed.1001080>[Accessed: 2 September 2011]

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Recent News

Exploding seven myths about HIV

Mail and Guardian. Published: 29 August 2011.

For many South Africans, living in a country with an extremely high HIV infection rate, Aids is a major concern. And, although many are now considerably better informed about the virus than before, several myths about Aids persist... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mq.co.za/article/2011-08-29-exploding-seven-myths-about-hiv/>
[Accessed: 30 August 2011]

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Tackling Aids from the top

Grocott's Mail. Published: 25 August 2011.

Professor Hoosen Coovadia, a leader in maternal, newborn and child health, said that understanding the underlying social and political problems was key to curbing the tide of the HIV/Aids epidemic. He said this in a lecture entitled "HIV and Aids and children's health: What mistakes have we made and how can we create a better future for all children in this country?" at Rhodes recently...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.grocotts.co.za/content/tackling-aids-top-25-08-2011>
[Accessed: 2 September 2011]

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HIV rate outpacing prevention, says Motlanthe

Mail and Guardian. Published: 25 August 2011.

The rate of new HIV infections continues to outpace prevention efforts, Deputy President Kgalema Motlanthe said on Thursday. Replying to questions in the National Council of Provinces, he told members there were now an estimated 5.38-million people with HIV in South Africa...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mq.co.za/article/2011-08-25-hiv-rate-outpacing-prevention-says-motlanthe/>
[Accessed: 2 September 2011]

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Experts divided over baby circumcision plan

Times Live. Published: 21 August 2011.

A controversial plan to circumcise newborn babies is among a string of drastic new proposals to tackle the scourge of HIV. They are contained in the first draft of the National Strategic Plan for HIV and Aids, STIs and TB launched by the South African National Aids Council (Sanac)...[Read More »](#)

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[Accessed: 30 August 2011]

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NHI could be a tax squeeze

IOL. Published: 29 August 2011.

The small size of the tax base is the most difficult issue that will have to be addressed in finding a way to fund National Health Insurance (NHI) by way of a compulsory contribution, an actuarial science professor warns...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.iol.co.za/business/personal-finance/nhi-could-be-a-tax-squeeze-1.1126084> [Accessed: 2 September 2011]

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NHI tax to equal aid scheme costs

IOL. Published: 24 August 2011.

South Africans will not pay more towards the National Health Insurance Fund (NHI) than their medical aid contributions, the Department of Health has pledged, but MPs have questioned whether the government has the capacity to pull off its most ambitious project yet...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.iol.co.za/news/south-africa/nhi-tax-to-equal-aid-scheme-costs-1.1123913> [Accessed: 30 August 2011]

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Breast is best, says Motsoaledi

Mail and Guardian. Published: 24 August 2011.

Infant formula will no longer be supplied free of charge at government health facilities to mothers who are able to breastfeed, the Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi said on Tuesday. Motsoaledi expressed grave concern that South Africa is one of only 12 countries in the world where infant mortality rates are increasing...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mq.co.za/article/2011-08-24-motsoaledi-argues-breast-is-best> [Accessed: 30 August 2011]

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Exclusive breastfeeding plan 'impractical'

Mail and Guardian. Published: 26 August 2011.

Doctors in the HIV field and mothers infected with the virus have reacted with scepticism to Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi's announcement of an "exclusive breastfeeding" policy according to which the government will no longer provide free milk formula to HIV-positive mothers...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mq.co.za/article/2011-08-26-exclusive-breastfeeding-plan-impractical/> [Accessed: 28 August 2011]

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KZN leads on breast-feeding

Health-e News. Published: 28 August 2011.

Recognising the need to improve child health, KwaZulu-Natal became the only province to scrap the provision of free formula milk in favour of promoting exclusive breast-feeding among pregnant women attending government antenatal facilities at the beginning of the year...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/news/article.php?uid=20033243> [Accessed: 2 September 2011]

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Hospital gets eye-opening gift

The New Age. Published: 26 August 2011.

The newly refurbished Uitenhage Provincial Hospital has become one of the few public health institutions to provide essential cataract surgeries in the province after opening a new eye unit this year...[Read More »](#)

Source: http://www.thenewage.co.za/27042-1016-53-Hospital_gets_eyeopening_gift [Accessed: 2 September 2011]

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Mammoth task to clear murky picture of public health staff needs

Business Day. Published: 23 August 2011.

The government spends almost 60% of its health budget on personnel, yet cannot say precisely how many cardiologists, pediatricians or physiotherapists work for the state because of weaknesses in its data systems. The picture gets even murkier when it comes to the private sector, as the professional councils that register doctors, nurses and other health workers do not record where people work, and whether they have emigrated or retired...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.businessday.co.za/articles/Content.aspx?id=151346> [Accessed: 2 September 2011]

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SA needs to lead on NCD goals at UN meeting

Health-e News. Published: 24 August 2011.

HIV/AIDS and other communicable diseases such as tuberculosis and malaria have dominated the headlines and received much of the world attention for several years - And rightly so. However, another health threat will take centre stage at a United Nations (UN) High Level Meeting on Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) on 19 and 20 September...[Read More »](#)

Source: http://www.health-e.org.za/news/article.php?uid=20033239_8 [Accessed: 30 August 2011]

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Training and Resources

Applications invited from women around the world to study in the US

AAUW International Fellowships Program 2012-2013

International Fellowships are awarded for full-time study or research in the United States to women who are not United States citizens or permanent residents. Both graduate and postgraduate studies at accredited institutions are supported. Recipients are selected for academic achievement and demonstrated commitment to

women and girls.
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World Health Organization's Global Campaign for Violence Prevention

Date: Tuesday and Wednesday, 6 and 7 September 2011

Time: 09:00 to 17:00

Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC)

For the first time, the series of Milestones in a Global Campaign for Violence Prevention Meetings will be hosted by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Western Cape Government Health at the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC) from 6 to 7 September 2011. The fifth Milestones Meeting will convene leading public health experts from around the world to share the latest scientific knowledge on preventing violence-related death and disability.

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Measuring social acceptability in health science education

Venue: Marie Curie Lecture Theatre, Wits Medical School

Date: Wednesday 5th October 2011

Time: 8.00 for 8.30am.

The Wits Centre for Rural Health is putting on a symposium on "Measuring social accountability in health science education". All are welcome. The symposium runs from 8:30am to 3:30pm on 5th October 2011. Please see the attached invitation for more details.

For more information: [http://www.hst.org.za/sites/default/files/CRH_Symposium - Measuring social accountability.pdf](http://www.hst.org.za/sites/default/files/CRH_Symposium_-_Measuring_social_accountability.pdf)

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\$100 million grant initiative to encourage innovation in global health and development research

Grand Challenges Explorations.

Proposal deadline: 17 November 2011.

Proposals for Round 8 of the Grand Challenge Exploration, a \$100 million grant initiative to encourage innovation in global health and development research, are now being accepted, announced the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation this week. Proposals can be submitted until November 17, 2011 at 11:30 am Pacific Daylight Time.

Please visit:

<http://www.grandchallenges.org/Explorations/Pages/ApplicationInstructions.aspx>

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Reports and Publications

Practices in adopting a human rights-based approach to eliminate preventable maternal mortality and human rights

Report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. Human Rights Council Eighteenth session.

The present study, submitted pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 15/17, contains an analytical compilation of good and effective practices in adopting a human rights-based approach to eliminate preventable maternal mortality and morbidity. It identifies the common features of such practices, analyses how they embody a human rights-based approach, and showcases some good practices that have been effective in reducing maternal mortality and morbidity...[Click Here for Full Report](#) »

Source: <http://www.un.org>[Accessed: 2 September 2011]

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Conferences

RuDASA Rural Health Conference 2011

When: 8-10 September 2011

Venue: Village of Rhodes in the Eastern Cape.

URL: <http://www.ruralhealthconference2011.co.za/>

This year's Rural Health Conference, titled "Making Primary Health Care Better". The conference will be focusing on primary health care and its integration into district systems, as well as on the role of the multidisciplinary team in primary health care. There will also be many practical skills sessions, as well as a track for student presentations and rural health advocacy.

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2011 Gender Symposium

When: 1-3 November 2011

Venue: Cairo, Egypt

URL: <http://www.codesria.org>

In line with its mandate to promote high-level scientific and academic debates on various aspects of socioeconomic development in Africa, the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) hereby announces the 2011 edition of its Gender Symposium which will be held from 1st to 3rd November, 2011 in Cairo, Egypt. The Gender Symposium is a forum organized annually by CODESRIA to discuss gender issues in Africa, and the theme of this year's edition is Gender and the Media in Africa.

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7th PHASA 2011 Conference

When: 28 - 30 November 2011

Venue: Sandton Convention Centre, Gauteng, South Africa

URL: <http://www.phasaconference.org.za/index.html>

The 2011 PHASA conference will have as its focus, a scientific debate and discussion on health inequities and the role of public health leadership, education and practice in reducing health equity gaps. The theme of the conference is "Closing the health equity gap: Public health leadership, education and practice". An exciting programme of local and international speakers is being put together. Speakers will include policy-makers, leading local and international academics and representatives of international organizations.

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Job Opportunities

AHP - African Health Placements

AHP is 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. No placement fees are charged.

The following positions with AHP are currently available:

Please view the website for more details <http://www.ahp.org.za> or contact on 011 328 1300

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Programme Support Manager

mothers2mothers

Closing date: 2 September 2011.

mothers2mothers seeks to appoint a Programme Support Manager, based in Cape Town.

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<http://www.hst.org.za/content/programme-support-manager>

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Programmes Manager

Children's Rights Centre

Closing date: 2 September 2011.

The Children's Rights Centre (CRC) is a nonprofit organisation working towards creating a child friendly society in South Africa. CRC seeks to appoint a Programmes Manager, based in Durban.

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<http://www.hst.org.za/content/programmes-manager>

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Monitoring and Evaluation Officer

Treatment Action Campaign

Closing date: 2 September 2011.

The Treatment Action Campaign (TAC) is a nonprofit organisation campaigning for the rights of people living with HIV. TAC seeks to employ a Monitoring and Evaluation Officer.

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/content/monitoring-and-evaluation-officer>

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Health Systems / Public Health Researcher or Epidemiologist

MSF South Africa

Closing date: 4 September 2011.

Médecins Sans Frontières / Doctors Without Borders (MSF) is an international humanitarian medical aid organisation, established in 1971. MSF seeks to employ a Health Systems / Public Health Researcher or Epidemiologist.

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/content/health-systems-public-health-researcher-or-epidemiologist>

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Manager for the Training, Capacity Building and Community Mobilisation Unit

Sonke Gender Justice (Cape Town or Johannesburg based)

Closing date: 15 September 2011.

Sonke is looking for a committed and innovative individual to serve as manager of the Training, Capacity Building and Community Mobilisation Unit. The position is part of the senior management team, manages between 20-30 staff in multiple teams working on a wide range of exciting projects spread across the country.

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/content/manager-training-capacity-building-and-community-mobilisation-unit>

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