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## Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

### **The basic benefit package: Composition and exceptions to the rules. A case study**

*Madelon Kroneman, Judith D. de Jong. Health Policy. Published: 27 January 2015.*

With the introduction of the Health Insurance Act in 2006 in the Netherlands, the basic package of the former sickness funds became valid for all citizens. The basic benefit package has been subject to change, responding to increasing health care expenditures, medical innovations and the economic crisis...[Read More »](#)

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### **Health supply chain personnel: An integral part of the health workforce**

*Giorgio Cometto, Zaheer-Ud-Din Babar, Andrew Brown, Lisa Hedman and James Campbell. Journal of Pharmaceutical Policy and Practice 2014. Published: 17 December 2014.*

Approximately a third of the world population – and about half in the most underdeveloped settings – have been estimated to lack access to essential medicines and diagnostics. Effective supply chains are vital to deliver essential health commodities...[Read More »](#)

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### **Prescribing safety: Ensuring that new graduates are prepared**

*Simon R J Maxwell, Iain T Cameron, David J Webb. The Lancet. Published: 14 February 2015.*

Prescribing drugs is central to the work of trainee doctors. Newly graduated doctors write a large proportion of hospital prescriptions (medication orders) and the task has high stakes for all concerned...[Read More »](#)

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### **Older people's health in sub-Saharan Africa**

*Isabella A G Aboderin, John R Beard. The Lancet. Published: 5 November 2014.*

Awareness is growing that the world's population is rapidly ageing. Although much of the related policy debate is about the implications for high-income countries, attention is broadening to less developed settings...[Read More »](#)

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## **Recent News**

### **Four initiatives from across Africa win share of global US\$1 mn healthcare innovation award**

*Pharmabiz. Published: 31 January 2015.*

A simple mobile-phone app that helps staff at human milk banks (HMBs) with the pasteurisation of donor breast milk and a life-saving kit for the treatment of diarrhoea in under-fives have been awarded joint first prize in the annual GSK and Save the Children \$1 million Healthcare Innovation Award...[Read More »](#)

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### **Breast cancer advocates demand three-month supplies of treatment**

*Health-e News. Published: 12 February 2015.*

Many HIV patients are now issued with three-month supplies of treatment, cutting down the burden on clinics and patients. Now, breast cancer advocates want the same for women battling the cancer...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2015/02/12>[Accessed: 20 February 2015]

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### **Private pharmacists are treating A&E patients in effort to ease hospital crisis**

*The Guardian. Published: 6 February 2015.*

Private pharmacists are helping to treat A&E patients for the first time in a trial to see if the move can ease pressure on hard-pressed hospitals...[Read More »](#)

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### **Rheumatic heart disease levels high in SA**

*SABC. Published: 12 February 2015.*

South Africa's cases of rheumatic heart disease are 25 times the World Health Organization (WHO) rate. According to the WHO a country should only have one case per 100 000 of the population per year of the disease...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.sabc.co.za/news/a/601068804747913998ae9dda2831d264/Rheumatic>[Accessed: 20 February 2015]

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### **Red tape wasting healthcare billions**

*The Times. Published: 9 February 2015.*

Millions of South Africans are paying billions of rands more than they should be to medical aids, doctors and hospitals, thanks to red tape choking the private healthcare sector...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.timeslive.co.za/thetimes/2015/02/09>[Accessed: 20 February 2015]

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### **African leaders reaffirm commitment to the AIDS response and women's empowerment**

*UNAIDS. Published: 11 February 2015.*

The 24th Summit of the African Union and related events reaffirmed that Africa is committed and will remain committed to women's empowerment and to ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/presscentre/featurestories/2015>[Accessed: 20 February 2015]

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### **HPV vaccine highly effective against multiple cancer-causing strains**

EurekaAlert! Published: 13 January 2015.

According to a multinational clinical trial involving nearly 20,000 young women, the human papilloma virus vaccine, Cervarix, not only has the potential to prevent cervical cancer, but was effective against other common cancer-causing human papilloma viruses... [Read More »](#)

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## Training and Resources

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### Infection Prevention and Control

*Bettercare*

A guide for healthcare workers, especially those working in low resource settings. [Click Here>>](#)

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### Ebola Preparedness – Emergency Department Guidelines

*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*

Four web-based training modules developed by Johns Hopkins Medicine for emergency department personnel who treat patients with infectious diseases are now available on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website. [Click Here>>](#)

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### New medicines pricing app

*Health-e News/Code4SA*

The new app uses the latest single exit prices for medicines for patients to check if they are paying too much for medication. [Click Here>>](#)

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## Books, Publications, Reports and Manuals

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### 2013/2014 Annual Report

*Health Systems Trust*

During the 2013/14 year, HST has been immersed in a wide variety of projects focusing on health systems strengthening and health systems research. Many of these are multi-year in length and broad in reach, spanning the full range of South Africa's health reform initiatives. This extensive scope is one aspect that represents our vision for improved and stronger health systems across the region. [Click Here>>](#)

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### Gender-responsive HIV programming for women and girls

*UNAIDS*

This guidance note is intended to guide countries on how to include a gender perspective and promote equality and human rights for women and girls in their national HIV responses, drawing upon the latest technical developments, guidelines and investment approaches. [Click Here>>](#)

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## Conferences and Events

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### Health Information Systems Program - SA 2015 International Conference

*When: 21-24 April 2015*

*Venue: Bloemfontein, South Africa*

*URL: <http://www.hisp.org>*

Over the last 20 years, the District Health Information System in South Africa and in many countries in Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia has evolved significantly from a paper based system to a web based system. The conference is expected to be a platform through which this evolution is explored and where best practices and lessons learned are being shared.

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### 7th SA AIDS Conference: Reflection, Refocus and Renewal

*When: 9-12 June 2015*

*Venue: Durban International Convention Centre, South Africa*

*URL: <http://www.saids.co.za/>*

This Conference comes at a critical time in global health, as 2015 marks the end of the MDGs and the beginning of the post-2015 sustainable development agenda. The theme of the Conference this year:

Reflection, Refocus and Renewal provides a unique opportunity to reflect on what we have done across the entire spectrum of our programmes in the response to HIV, including the structural and social determinants which fuel this epidemic.

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### **SVRI Workshops**

*When: 15-17 September 2015*

*Venue: Stellenbosch, South Africa*

*URL: <http://www.svri.org/forum2015/index.htm>*

The Sexual Violence Research Initiative is proud to announce the 4th international conference, the SVRI Forum 2015. The Forum brings together researchers, gender activists, funders, policy makers, service providers, practitioners and survivors from around the world and will showcase innovation to end sexual violence, intimate partner violence and child abuse, and strengthen responses to survivors in low- and middle-income countries. The SVRI Forum is a key platform for sharing research, innovation and networking.

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### **Public Health Association of South Africa (PHASA) Conference**

*When: 7-9 October 2015*

*Venue: Southern Sun Elangeni, Durban, South Africa*

*URL: <http://www.phasaconference.org.za>*

The 11th Annual Conference of the Public Health Association of South Africa takes place between 7-9 October 2015 in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal. With 2015 being the target date for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, the conference will provide an opportunity to reflect on the challenges faced by South Africa and Africa in trying to achieve the MDGs. The focus of the conference though will be on moving forward and identifying potential solutions both within and outside the health system in order to improve the health status of our population. This is reflected in the theme of conference "Health and Sustainable Development: The Future".

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### **9th World Congress on Developmental Origins of Health and Disease**

*When: 8-11 November 2015*

*Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre, Cape Town, South Africa*

*URL: <http://www.dohad2015.org>*

The 9th World Congress in Cape Town, South Africa, will bring together scientists, clinical researchers, obstetricians, paediatricians, public health professionals and policy leaders from around the world. These experts will address, head-on, the many challenges that currently impact the health of mothers, babies in the womb, infants, children and adolescents, as well as explore solutions, interventions and policies to optimise health across the life of people. The 9th World Congress, the first to be held in Africa, presents an incredible opportunity to feature the vastly relevant DOHaD research to African researchers, clinicians and policy leaders. This important event is expected to attract more than 1 200 participants and will showcase over 350 speakers.

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## **Job Opportunities**

### **Muscular Dystrophy Foundation of South Africa: Social Worker**

*Closing Date: 27 February 2015*

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*<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/social-worker-0>*

### **Khulisa Social Solutions: Registered Social Worker**

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*<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/registered-social-worker>*

### **TB/HIV Care Association: Pharmacist**

*Closing Date: 28 February 2015*

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*<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/pharmacist>*

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