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## Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

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### Understanding health system reform – a complex adaptive systems perspective

Joachim P. Sturmberg, Di M. O'Halloran, Carmel M. Martin. *Journal of Evaluation in Clinical Practice* Volume 18, Issue 1, pages 202–208. Published: 5 January 2012.

Everyone wants a sustainable well-functioning health system. However, this notion has different meaning to policy makers and funders compared to clinicians and patients. The former perceive public policy and economic constraints, the latter clinical or patient-centred strategies as the means to achieving a desired outcome...[Read More »](#)

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### The Adoption and Use of Health Information Technology in Rural Areas: Results of a National Survey

Ranjit Singh, Michael I. Lichter, Andrew Danzo, John Taylor, Thomas Rosenthal. *The Journal of Rural Health* Volume 28, Issue 1, pages 16–27. Published: 18 March 2011.

Health information technology (HIT) is a national policy priority. Knowledge about the special needs, if any, of rural health care providers should be taken into account as policy is put into action. Little is known, however, about rural-urban differences in HIT adoption at the national level...[Read More »](#)

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### Envisioning a Learning Health Care System: The Electronic Primary Care Research Network, A Case Study

Brendan C. Delaney, Kevin A. Peterson, Stuart Speedie, Adel Taweel, Theodoros N. Arvanitis, F. D. Richard Hobbs. *Ann Fam Med* January/February 2012 vol. 10 no. 1 54-59. Published: January 2012.

The learning health care system refers to the cycle of turning health care data into knowledge, translating that knowledge into practice, and creating new data by means of advanced information technology. The electronic Primary Care Research Network (ePCRN) was a project, funded by the US National Institutes of Health, with the aim to facilitate clinical research using primary care electronic health records (EHRs)...[Read More »](#)

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### SRH and HrQoL: does social position impact differently on their link with health status?

Cyrille Delpierre, Michelle Kelly-Irving, Mette Munch-Petersen, Valerie Lauwers-Cances, Geetanjali D Datta, Benoit Lepage and Thierry Lang. *BMC Public Health* 2012, 12:19. Published: 10 January 2012.

Self-rated Health (SRH) and health-related quality of life (HRQoL) are used to evaluate health disparities. Like all subjective measures of health, they are dependent on health expectations that are associated with socioeconomic characteristics. It is thus needed to analyse the influence played by socioeconomic position (SEP) on the relationship between these two indicators and health conditions if we aim to use them to study health disparities. Our objective is to assess the influence of SEP on the relationship between physical health status and subjective health status, measured by SRH and HRQoL using the SF-36 scale...[Read More »](#)

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### Women's views on consent, counseling and confidentiality in PMTCT: a mixed-methods study in four African countries

Anita Hardon, Eva Vernooij, Grace Bongololo-Mbera, Peter Cherutich, Alice Desclaux, David Kyaddondo, Odette Ky-Zerbo, Melissa Neuman, Rhoda Wanyenze and Carla Obermeyer. *BMC Public Health* 2012, 12:26.

Published: 11 January 2012.

Ambitious UN goals to reduce the mother-to-child transmission of HIV have not been met in much of Sub-Saharan Africa. This paper focuses on the quality of information provision and counseling and disclosure patterns in Burkina Faso, Kenya, Malawi and Uganda to identify how services can be improved to enable better PMTCT outcomes...[Read More »](#)

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### **Induced abortion: incidence and trends worldwide from 1995 to 2008**

*Gilda Sedgh, Susheela Singh, Iqbal H Shah, Elisabeth Ahman, Stanley K Henshaw, Akinrinola Bankole. The Lancet, Early Online Publication. Published: 19 January 2012.*

Data of abortion incidence and trends are needed to monitor progress toward improvement of maternal health and access to family planning. To date, estimates of safe and unsafe abortion worldwide have only been made for 1995 and 2003...[Read More »](#)

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### **A national audit of home and community-based care (HCBC) organisations in South Africa**

*Catherine Ogunmefun, Irwin Friedman, Nandy Mothibe and Thokozani Mbatha. AIDS Care 2011, pages 1-8. Published: 7 December 2011.*

Home and community-based care (HCBC) has emerged as a way to provide cost-effective and compassionate care to people living with HIV (PLHIV) and those affected by the epidemic. HCBC organisations provide integrated services which address the basic needs of those infected and affected such as food, shelter, healthcare, protection from abuse and malnutrition. The main objective of the study was to conduct an audit of HCBC organisations in South Africa in order to provide the Government with empirical information on their existence, distribution, services and challenges...[Read More »](#)

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## **Recent News**

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### **R2m bursary scheme to address shortage of doctors**

*Buanews. Published: 17 January 2012.*

Bursaries are being offered to matriculants from poor families who dream of becoming doctors. The Mopani district municipality in Giyani, Limpopo, has set aside R2 million to help address the shortage of health professionals in rural areas... [Read More »](#)

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### **Doctors must show up or pay up**

*IOL. Published: 11 January 2012.*

Eighty-seven newly qualified doctors from the Eastern Cape could soon be blacklisted until their tuition fees have been paid back in full to the province's health department. According to the department, the 87 doctors went back on their promise to serve in the province's public health facilities, and they are now required to repay the money spent educating them...[Read More »](#)

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### **Doctors, dentists slam private health system**

*IOL. Published: 16 January 2012.*

Medical aid schemes are paying double to administrators what they pay general practitioners, a situation which doctors, dentists and civil society groups say must be rectified prior to National Health Insurance (NHI) being implemented...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.iol.co.za/sundayindependent/doctors-dentists-slam-private-health-system-1.1213773> [Accessed: 19 January 2012]

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### **Private hospitals warn of job losses**

*IOL. Published: 19 January 2012.*

Private hospital groups would remain a catalyst for job creation in South Africa's health-care sector as the country moved towards the National Health Insurance (NHI) system, health economists said Wednesday...[Read More »](#)

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### **Matlakala Motloug: Gauteng's health shows some improvement**

*Business Day. Published: 9 January 2012.*

The recent report by Statistics SA emanating from last year's General Household Survey offers welcome respite for Gauteng's public health system. At the same time, results of this study table some of the hurdles the province still has to negotiate to attain a world-class and seamless health system that will benefit all the residents of Gauteng... [Read More »](#)

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### **Department's debt spells trouble for Gauteng hospitals**

*Mail & Guardian. Published: 18 January 2012.*

Medical suppliers can't afford to buy equipment for Gauteng hospitals because the health department owes them money, the South African Medical Device Industry Association (Samed) said on Wednesday. "Some suppliers have notified the Gauteng department of health that they will put orders for medical products and services on hold, which will affect health services in Gauteng's public hospitals," Samed chief operating officer Tanya Vogt said in a statement... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2012-01-18-departments-debt-spells-trouble-for-gauteng-hospitals/> [Accessed: 19 January 2012]

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### **New hospital for Khayelitsha**

*IOL. Published: 18 January 2012.*

Staff are preparing the new Khayelitsha District Hospital and testing the systems for when the doors to all sections open to the public on March 1. Last week, the hospital was targeted by protesters who complained that not enough Khayelitsha residents had been given jobs there. But this did not stop its surgical and medical wards from opening quietly this week... [Read More »](#)

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### **Childhood obesity on the increase**

*IOL. Published: 16 January 2012.*

A decline in physical activity and physical education, as well as poor eating habits and increased sedentary time are leading to a significant increase in childhood obesity on one hand and stunted growth on the other. If not addressed now, the incidence of lifestyle diseases is likely to rise dramatically in the future...[Read More »](#)

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### **Plan to cut sugar daddies short**

*New Age. Published: 13 January 2012.*

In an effort to create a taboo against cross-generational sex, the KZN department of health has introduced a Sugar Daddy campaign that aims to discourage young women from trading sex for goods and money...[Read More »](#)

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### **WHO clarifies "totally" drug resistant TB**

*Health-e News. Published: 18 January 2012.*

Recently there has been broad media coverage worldwide about so-called totally drug-resistant TB. WHO has now released a Q and A on this issue....[Read More »](#)

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## **Training and Resources**

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### **Global Health Research Program**

*IMS Institute.*

The Global Health Research Program is dedicated to supporting research to help inform and advance health system agendas globally and, specifically, in low and middle income countries through effective use of information and analytics. The Global Health Research Program supports specific researchers, research projects and research institutions by:

- Providing access to IMS Health data and expertise
- Training and education
- Academic fellowships; and
- Coordination and alignment of activities.

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### **Health & Human Rights Fellowship**

*UCLA Law - Sonke*

*Closing Date: 1 February 2012*

The fellowship offers a full-tuition grant to enroll in UCLA Law's Master of Laws (LL.M.) program, assists fellows in securing living and travel expenses for their studies, and offers the opportunity to apply for a one-year fellowship placement with Sonke in Cape Town or Johannesburg.[Click here](#) for more information

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### **"HIV Innovations for Improved Patient Outcomes for Priority Populations" Program in South Africa**

*USAID*

*Closing Date: 15 March 2012*

USAID South Africa is inviting applications from eligible organizations outlining the program concepts for implementing "HIV Innovations for Improved Patient Outcomes for Priority Populations" Program in South Africa. Through this program, USAID aims to support South African organizations that identify and institutionalize better practices in HIV and AIDS care and treatment for priority and at-risk populations in accordance with South African government (SAG) priorities and policies.

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## **Reports and Publications**

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### **The Report of the UNAIDS Advisory Group on HIV and Sex Work**

*UNAIDS. Published: 2011.*

This report was prepared by the UNAIDS Advisory Group on HIV and Sex Work to complement the UNAIDS Guidance Note on HIV and Sex Work (2009).

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### **Presentations from the 2011 National Health Insurance (NHI) Conference**

The 2011 NHI Conference held from the 7 to 8 December 2011 was hosted by the National Department of Health with the theme "National Health Insurance: Lessons for Africa". Presentations from the two day conference can be found on the HST website.

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## **Conferences**

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### **3rd Annual Healthcare Summit: Addressing the issues surrounding healthcare reform in South Africa**

*When: 24 – 26 January 2012*

*Venue: Convention Dynamics, Isando, Johannesburg*

*URL: <http://www.iir.co.za/index.php/third-annual-healthcare-summit-2>*

The Healthcare Summit is a three-day event that deals with all the current issues facing the stakeholders in the healthcare industry. This year's Summit will focus on the latest developments surrounding healthcare reform in South Africa in both private and public sectors and in particular the impact the NHI is likely to have on the industry.

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### **Future eHealth Leaders Summit**

*When: 21 - 25 February 2012*

*Venue: Cape Town, South Africa*

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

Future eHealth Leaders provides you with a unique learning experience outside your familiar setting. It promotes collaboration between diverse countries and regions, mainly in Sub-Saharan Africa and Europe. This provides participants with rich opportunities and inspiration by linking with experienced colleagues who work in vastly different contexts and circumstances. You will be able to enhance your personal development and create new approaches to your leadership challenges.

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### **Healthcare in Africa**

*When: 6-7 March 2012*

*Venue: Cape Town, South Africa*

*URL: <http://cemea.economistconferences.com/event/healthcare-africa>*

Healthcare in Africa will bring together influential healthcare stakeholders from government, providers, suppliers and patient groups to confront and explore key issues around healthcare systems in Africa. You'll be able to participate in interactive brainstorming sessions, hear cutting-edge case studies, and hear from a range of inspiring speakers.

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### **3rd SA TB Conference**

*When: 12-15 June 2012*

*Venue: ICC, Durban, South Africa*

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

The 3rd TB Conference will build on the momentum of the previous TB conferences and give communities an opportunity to assess progress towards reaching TB/HIV targets. Thus, giving meaning to the theme for the 2012 TB Conference: "Reaching the target". Due to large public interest, the abstract submission closing date has been extended to 3 February 2012.

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

*When: 31 October-3 November 2012*

*Where: Beijing, People's Republic of China*

*URL: <http://www.hsr-symposium.org>*

The Second Global Symposium on Health Systems Research call for abstracts is now open. The Symposium will focus on the science to accelerate universal health coverage around the world. It will cover three main themes: Knowledge Translation, State-of-the-Art Health Systems Research, and Health Systems Research Methodologies.

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## **Job Opportunities**

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### **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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### **Senior Provincial Manager**

*mothers2mothers*

*Closing date: 24 January 2012*

mothers2mothers seeks to appoint a Senior Provincial Manager, based in Ulundi, KwaZulu-Natal..

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### **District Policy, Communication and Research Coordinator**

*Treatment Action Campaign*

*Closing date: 27 January 2011*

TAC seeks to appoint a District Policy, Communication and Research Coordinator, based in Mopani, Tzaneen district in Limpopo.

Please view our website for more details

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