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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

A comparison of cancer burden and research spending reveals discrepancies in the distribution of research funding

Ashley J.R. Carter and Cecine N Nguyen. *BMC Public Health* 2012, 12:526. Published: 17 July 2012.

Ideally, the distribution of research funding for different types of cancer should be equitable with respect to the societal burden each type of cancer imposes. These burdens can be estimated in a variety of ways; "Years of Life Lost" (YLL) measures the severity of death in regard to the age it occurs, "Disability-Adjusted Life-Years" (DALY) estimates the effects of non-lethal disabilities incurred by disease and economic metrics focus on the losses to tax revenue, productivity or direct medical expenses. We compared research funding from the National Cancer Institute (NCI) to a variety of burden metrics for the most common types of cancer to identify mismatches between spending and societal burden....[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/12/526/abstract>[Accessed: 20 July 2012]

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Awareness and interest in intrauterine contraceptive device use among HIV-positive women in Cape Town, South Africa

Catherine S. Todd, Heidi E. Jones, Tracy C. Garber, Hoviyeh Afnan-Holmes, Helen Woolgar, Linda-Gail Bekker, and Landon Myer. *Infect Dis Obstet Gynecol*. Published online 2012 June 24.

This study assesses the awareness of and interest in intrauterine contraceptive device (IUCD) use among HIV-positive women in Cape Town, South Africa....[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3388580/?tool=pubmed>[Accessed: 20 July 2012]

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Recent News

4 000 HIV patients in danger

IOL. Published: 18 July 2012.

McCord hospital has completed the transfer of its 4 000 HIV patients from its Sinikithemba ARV clinic to public health facilities, amid fears that these patients will be pushed to the back of the state queue and miss out on their medication...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.iol.co.za/news/politics/4-000-hiv-patients-in-danger-1.1344252#.UAbmSnDrZGE>[Accessed: 20 July 2012]

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AIDS deaths drop as global access to HIV drugs expand

Business Day. Published: 18 July 2012.

Deaths from AIDS continued to decline last year as the number of people on HIV drugs worldwide surged 21 percent from 2010, according to a report that found poor and middle income countries spent more on treatment...

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SA to play central role at AIDS2012

Health-e News. Published: 17 July 2012.

Deputy-President Kgalema Motlanthe and health minister Dr Aaron Motsoaledi will join a high-level line-up addressing the 19th International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2012) starting in Washington on Sunday..[Read More »](#)

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HIV trials show drastically different results

IOL. Published: 12 July 2012.

Various trials examining the use of anti-retroviral drugs in healthy heterosexuals as a way to prevent HIV have shown drastically different results, research showed on Wednesday. The findings of three major studies in Africa, published in the New England Journal of Medicine, raise many questions about which groups would likely benefit and how to manage such treatments in the future...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.iol.co.za/scitech/science/news/hiv-trials-show-dramatically-different-results-1.1339825>[Accessed: 20 July 2012]

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African Union adopts new roadmap to accelerate progress in HIV, TB and malaria responses

UNAIDS. Published: 16 July 2012.

A roadmap adopted today by African Heads of State and Government charts a new course for the continent's responses to AIDS, tuberculosis (TB) and malaria...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.unaids.org>[Accessed: 20 July 2012]

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AIDS response must be guided by human rights and justice

Health-e News. Published: 9 July 2012.

In South Africa and across Africa, HIV continues to prey on women, sex workers and men who have sex with men. It is clear that to end the HIV epidemic, we must protect and support these groups...[Read More »](#)

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SA pulls the plug on blacklisted HIV testing kits

Mail and Guardian. Published: 9 July 2012.

South Africa has stopped the distribution of SD Bioline HIV testing kits after reports that they were blacklisted by the World Health Organisation...[Read More »](#)

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Inequalities affect health

Health-e News. Published: 17 July 2012.

Child mortality rates have slowly come down, although they are still significantly high. Health experts say this is attributed to huge inequalities that exist in accessing health care...[Read More »](#)

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Gauteng devises health bill plan

Business Day. Published: 11 July 2012.

Gauteng health MEC Ntombi Mekingwe has outlined a two-year plan to avoid a recurrence of the accruals and cash-flow problems that almost brought state hospitals to a standstill as some small and medium-sized enterprises collapsed due to nonpayment for services...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.businessday.co.za/articles/Content.aspx?id=176005>[Accessed: 20 July 2012]

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Gauteng health department finally pays up

Mail and Guardian. Published: 8 July 2012.

The department had developed a Gauteng health turnaround strategy to highlight and rectify shortcomings in the sector. It would focus on reviewing all existing contracts and tenders, address fraud and corruption, and establish an office for ethics and discipline in the department...[Read More »](#)

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DG: Health budgets first to go when crises hit

Health-e News. Published: 10 July 2012.

Health and education budgets are cut in times of financial crises despite the fact that the opposite should be happening, according to South African health department Director-General Precious Matsoso...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/news/article.php?uid=20033620>[Accessed: 20 July 2012]

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State wants South Africans to halve salt intake, but allows more time

Business Day. Published: 16 July 2012.

South Africans' soups, snacks and cereals are set to become less salty, if industry accepts the government's proposals to reduce the amount of sodium in processed food, detailed in regulations published last week...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.businessday.co.za/articles/Content.aspx?id=176302>[Accessed: 20 July 2012]

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Drug patent war threatens SA healthcare

Mail and Guardian. Published: 12 July 2012.

The battleground might be far from home, but the repercussions will be felt keenly in South Africa. Healthcare activists have warned that the result of the court battle in question, between pharmaceuticals giant Novartis and the Indian government, could set a dangerous precedent that will impede local access to affordable drugs...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2012-07-11-patent-law-revamp-may-light-way-for-public-health>[Accessed: 20 July 2012]

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UCT and government to formalise agreement regarding medical training

UCT. Published: 11 July 2012.

A bilateral agreement between UCT and the Western Cape Government will follow a multilateral agreement, entered into recently by the province with the four tertiary institutions involved in the training of healthcare workers. Others involved in the multilateral agreement are the Universities of Stellenbosch (US) and the Western Cape (UWC), and the Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT)...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.uct.ac.za/dailynews/?id=8176>[Accessed: 20 July 2012]

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National Health Insurance falls short on health workers

Plus News. Published: 11 July 2012.

As South Africa moves towards universal healthcare, health policy experts warn that the country has grossly underestimated the number of health workers it will need to ensure access to health services for everyone. Although the policy is still being formulated, the proposed move to institute a national health insurance (NHI) programme will be accompanied by a re-engineering of primary healthcare services...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.plusnews.org/Report/95840/SOUTH-AFRICA-National-Health-Insurance-falls-short-on-health-workers>[Accessed: 20 July 2012]

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NHI rollout to go ahead despite private sector opposition

The New Age. Published: 10 July 2012.

The Department of Health will go ahead with the National Health Insurance Scheme despite possible challenges from the private sector. Director-general in the department Malebo Precious Matsoso yesterday said it was "not morally justifiable to deny (poor) people healthcare" by approaching the courts...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.thenewage.co.za>[Accessed: 20 July 2012]

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Minister gears up for NHI battle

Health-e News. Published: 9 July 2012.

Health minister Dr Aaron Motsoaledi is gearing up for several court battles as he aims to regulate certain aspects of the food and other private sector industries driving poor health...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/news/article.php?uid=20033612>[Accessed: 20 July 2012]

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Training and Resources

National eHealth Strategy Toolkit

International Telecommunication Union and the World Health Organization

The National eHealth Strategy Toolkit is an expert, practical guide that provides governments, their ministries and stakeholders with a solid foundation and method for the development and implementation of a national eHealth vision, action plan and monitoring framework. All countries, whatever their level of development, can

adapt the Toolkit to suit their own circumstances
http://www.itu.int/pub/D-STR-E_HEALTH.05-2012

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Reports and Publications

South Africa's National Strategic Plan for a Campaign on Accelerated Recution of Maternal and Child Mortality in Africa (CARMA)

Department of Health (South Africa). Published: 2012.

High maternal, perinatal and under-five morbidity and mortality are some of the formidable development challenges in Africa. The disturbing part is that the large number of deaths is due to preventable causes. The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that worldwide, as many as 1500 women die every day due to complications related to pregnancy or childbirth. [Click Here»](#)

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Windows of Opportunity Project: Review and Analysis of Maternal and Child Health Development Data for Four Project Districts in South Africa

Health Systems Trust. Published: 2012.

In order to collect relevant information on maternal and child health (MCH), Health Systems Trust (HST) was commissioned by PATH to conduct a desktop review and analysis of MCH data for the four selected districts and provinces: Sedibeng (Gauteng); uThungulu (KwaZulu-Natal); Nkangala (Mpumalanga); and John Taolo Gaetsewe (Northern Cape Province). [Click Here»](#)

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Together we will end AIDS

UNAIDS. Published: 2012.

This new UNAIDS report contains the latest data on numbers of new HIV infections, numbers of people receiving antiretroviral treatment, AIDS-related deaths and HIV among children. [Click Here»](#)

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Roadmap on Shared Responsibility and Global Solidarity for AIDS, TB AND Malaria Response in Africa

African Union. Published: 2012.

This Roadmap presents a set of practical African-sourced solutions for enhancing shared responsibility and global solidarity for AIDS, TB and malaria responses in Africa on a sustainable basis by 2015

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Conferences

11th World Down Syndrome Congress

When: 15-17th August 2012

Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC), Cape Town, South Africa

URL: <http://www.wdsc2012.org.za/>

Down Syndrome International together with local hosts Down Syndrome South Africa take pride in hosting the next World Down Syndrome Congress for the first time on African soil, giving us the opportunity of learning and sharing experiences from across the globe. The aim of this congress is for all participants to gain experience on the latest developments and up to date knowledge and tools to improve the lives of people with Down syndrome.

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HASA 2012 Annual Conference and Exhibition

When: 19-21 September

Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre

URL: <http://findavenue.co.za/Hasa/>

This year's conference will be running over the course of three days, 19 – 21 September, and will once again be held at the Cape Town International Convention Centre. The theme for the conference: "Policy. Practice. Progress" will encourage stakeholders in the public and private healthcare sectors to find common ground on the way forward and ensure that policy reforms, when implemented and practiced, do result in healthcare advancement and progress. This is particularly relevant at this current juncture in the South African healthcare policy reform discourse.

The 5th Africa Conference on Sexual Health and Rights

When: 19-22 September 2012

Venue: Windhoek, Namibia.

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

The 5th Africa Conference on Sexual Health and Rights will take stock of responses to sexual health and rights

on the continent since ICPD, and interrogate the status of sexual health and rights, with particular focus on women, girls, adolescents and youth.

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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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SA HIV Clinicians Society Conference 2012

When: 25 - 28 November 2012

Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC,) Cape Town

URL: <http://www.hst.org.za/events/sa-hiv-clinicians-society-conference-2012>

The theme of the conference is 'Striving for Clinical Excellence'. The Conference will focus on clinical content, setting it apart from other conferences held to date in South Africa. Doctors, nurses, and pharmacists are welcome to attend the presentations of a stellar group of senior faculty from the region and abroad delivering talks relevant to clinical care.

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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.

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

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Senior Programme Manager

Philani Child Health and Nutrition Project

Closing date: 31 July 2012

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

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Public Health Specialist (Human Resources for Health) - Trainee Level and Full Performance Level

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Pretoria

Closing date: 3 August 2012

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