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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Leveraging HIV treatment to end Aids, stop new HIV infections, and avoid the cost of inaction
Michel Sidibé, José M. Zuniga, and Julio Montaner. Clinical Infectious Diseases. Published: 1 July 2014.

We have the tools at our disposal to significantly bend AIDS-related morbidity and mortality curves and reduce human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) incidence... Read More »

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Integration of TB and ART services fails to improve TB treatment outcomes: Comparison of ART/TB primary healthcare services in Cape Town, South Africa
Kaplan R, Caldwell J, Bekker LG, Jennings K, Lombard C, Enarson DA, Wood R, Beyers N. South African Medical Journal. Published: 1 March 2014.

The combined tuberculosis (TB) and HIV epidemics in South Africa have created enormous operational challenges... Read More »

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Patient factors to target for elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV
Coceka N Mnyani, Adonia Simango, Joshua Murphy, Matthew Chersich and James A McIntyre. Globalization and Health 2014. Published: 15 May 2014.

There is great impetus to achieve elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV (eMTCT) by 2015, and part of this is to identify factors to target to achieve the goal... Read More »

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Factors affecting motivation and retention of primary health care workers in three disparate regions in Kenya
David Ojakaa, Susan Olango and Jordan Jarvis. Human Resources for Health 2014. Published: 6 June 2014.

The World Health Organization (WHO) and the Government of Kenya alike identify a well-performing health workforce as key to attaining better health... Read More »

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How can medical schools contribute to bringing about health equity?
Mary CJ Rudolf, Shmuel Reis, Trevor J Gibbs, Deborah Murdoch Eaton, David Stone, Michael Grady, Anita Berlin, Mitch Blair, Jumanah Essa-Hadad, Sivan Spitzer-Shohat and Michael Weingarten. Israel Journal of Health Policy Research. Published: 27 May 2014.

The role of medical schools is in a process of change. The World Health Organization has declared that they can no longer be ivory towers whose primary focus is the production of specialist physicians and cutting edge laboratory research... Read More »

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South Africa's protracted struggle for equal distribution and equitable access - still not there
Hendrik CJ van Rensburg. Human Resources for Health 2014. Published: 8 May 2014.

The purpose of this contribution is to analyse and explain the South African HRH case, its historical evolution, and post-apartheid reform initiatives aimed at addressing deficiencies and shortfalls... Read More »

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Building capacity to develop an African teaching platform on health workforce development: A collaborative initiative of universities from four sub-Saharan countries
Amde WK, Sanders D, Lehmann U. Human Resources for Health. Published: 30 May 2014.

Health systems in many low-income countries remain fragile, and the record of human resource planning and management in Ministries of Health very uneven... Read More »

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Institutional capacity for health systems research in East and Central African schools of public health: Knowledge translation and effective communication
Richard Ayah, Nasreen Jessani and Eric M Mafuta. Health Research Policy and Systems 2014. Published: 2 June 2014.

Local health systems research provides policymakers and practitioners with contextual, evidence-based solutions to health problems... Read More »

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Institutional capacity for health systems research in East and Central African Schools of Public Health: Strengthening human and financial resources
Daudi Simba, Aggrey Mukose and William Bazeyo. Health Research Policy and Systems 2014. Published: 2 June 2014.

Despite its importance in providing evidence for health-related policy and decision-making, an insufficient amount of health systems research is conducted in low-income countries... Read More »

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Institutional capacity for health systems research in East and Central Africa schools of public health: Enhancing capacity to design and implement teaching programs
Mabel N Nangami, Lawrence Rugema, Bosena Tebeje, Aggrey Mukose. Health Research Policy and Systems 2014. Published: 2 June 2014.

The role of health systems research in informing and guiding national programs and policies has been increasingly recognised... Read More »

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Institutional capacity for health systems research in East and Central African schools of public health: Experiences with a capacity assessment tool
Nasreen Jessani, Daniela Lewy, Elizabeth Ekirapa-Kiracho, Sara Bennett. Health Research Policy and Systems 2014. Published: 2 June 2014.

Despite significant investments in health systems research (HSR) capacity development, there is a dearth of information regarding how to assess HSR capacity... Read More »

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Recent News

SA committed to fighting TB: Motsoaledi
SABC. Published: 13 June 2014.

Minister of Health, Dr. Aaron Motsoaledi has reiterated South Africa's commitment to fighting tuberculosis (TB) and in particular the rising scourge of drug resistant TB...Read More »

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Government to introduce new drug-resistant TB drugs
Health-e News. Published: 12 June 2014.

Government's small-scale introduction of the first new TB drug in four decades is saving lives and paving the way for more, better and cheaper drugs to treat drug-resistant TB...Read More »

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Antiretrovirals credited for TB decline
Health-e News. Published: 12 June 2014.

South Africa is seeing about 79 000 fewer TB cases annually thanks to increased HIV treatment uptake, according to the latest research from the National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NCID)... Read More »

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State to pay for doctors for initiation circumcision
BDlive. Published: 13 June 2014.

The Department of Health will pay doctors picked by traditional leaders to perform safe circumcisions at initiation schools, the government said on Thursday...Read More »

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Current WHO guidelines for use of ART as prevention will benefit only a "fraction" of people with higher CD4 counts and their partners
Aidsmap. Published: 11 June 2014.

World Health Organization (WHO) guidance on the use of antiretroviral treatment (ART) for the prevention of transmissions are likely to benefit only a "fraction" of the targeted population, according to research published in AIDS...Read More »

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US slows withdrawal of support for SA's Aids patients
BDlive. Published: 9 June 2014.

The US government has slowed its withdrawal of support from the South African HIV/AIDS treatment programmes to ensure patients are not left in the lurch, the head of its flagship HIV/AIDS donor agency said last week...Read More »

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What is cancer research worth?
BioMed Central. Published: 16 June 2014.

A report published today in BMC Medicine has shown that for every £1 the public has spent on cancer research in the UK, 40p has been returned to the country's economy every year following that investment...Read More »

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What is needed to create a tobacco-free world?
BioMed Central. Published: 10 June 2014.

Abstracts from the latest conference of the International Society for the Prevention of Tobacco Induced Diseases (ISPTID) were published in a supplement for Tobacco Induced Diseases last Friday...Read More »

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US lawmakers grill e-cigarette makers
The New Age. Published: 19 June 2014.

US senators ripped at electronic cigarette makers on Wednesday for their aggressive marketing campaigns to lure youths that have drawn parallels to those once used by Big Tobacco...Read More »

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Training and Resources

Advanced Monitoring and Evaluation
When: 30 June to 4 July 2014
Venue: International NGO Training and Research Centre (INTRAC), Oxford, United Kingdom

This course builds on participants' understanding and skills of how to develop sustainable and cost effective monitoring and evaluation processes and practices within their own projects and organisations. It is also relevant for those trying to improve and enhance current M&E processes, or supporting partners to develop and implement effective M&E. The focus is on ensuring M&E contributes towards improving organisational learning and accountability.Click Here>>

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Impact Evaluation of HIV/AIDS and Health Programs
When: 21 July to 1 August 2014
Venue: Pretoria, South Africa

The workshop will provide intensive training in the concepts of program evaluation and in the tools and techniques for evaluating program impact.Click Here>>

Drug Shortages Database: FDA

Current and resolved drug shortages and discontinuations reported to FDA.Click Here>>

Reports and Publications

National (Adult) Tuberculosis Management Guidelines 2014
Department of Health (South Africa). Published: 2014.

These guidelines provide guidance to professional health care workers on the management of people with Tuberculosis as well as those co-infected with HIV.Click Here»

Guidelines for the Management of Tuberculosis in Children 2013
Department of Health (South Africa). Published: 2013.

These guidelines provide guidance to professional health care workers on the management of children with Tuberculosis. Click Here»

Statistics SA General household survey
Statistics South Africa. Published: 2014.

This statistical release presents a selection of key findings from the General Household Survey (GHS) 2013.Click Here»

Conferences and Events

20th International AIDS Conference
When: 20-25 July 2014
Venue: Melbourne, Australia
URL: http://www.aids2014.org/

The AIDS 2014 programme will present new scientific knowledge and offer many opportunities for structured dialogue on the major issues facing the global response to HIV. A variety of session types - from abstract-driven presentations to symposia, bridging and plenary sessions - will meet the needs of various participants.

10th Public Health Association of South Africa
When: 3-6 September 2014
Venue: Protea Ranch Resort, Polokwane, South Africa
URL: http://www.phasa.org.za/10th-phasa-conference-2014/

The 10th anniversary of the Public Health Association of South Africa (PHASA) conference will be celebrated with the hosting of the conference in Polokwane (Limpopo) from 3 to 6 September 2014. The workshops will take place on the 3rd, the actual conference on the 4th and 5th, and the student symposium on the 6th of September.

Southern African HIV Clinicians Society
When: 24-27 September 2014
Venue: Cape Town, South Africa
URL: http://sahivsoc2014.co.za/

Clear your diaries for 24-27 September 2014, as we head for Cape Town again and a dizzying array of excellent speakers, skills building sessions, debates, challenging cases and research findings. We are assembling our organising committee from across the country, to ensure that every aspect of HIV medicine is covered. We are also debating and releasing new guidelines.

Third Global Symposium on Health Systems Research
When: 30 September to 3 October 2014
Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre, South Africa
URL: http://hsr2014.healthsystemsresearch.org/

The theme of the symposium is the science and practice of people-centred health systems, chosen to enable participants to address current and critical concerns of relevance across countries in all parts of the world. Researchers, policy-makers, funders, implementers and other stakeholders, from all regions and all socio-economic levels, will work together on the challenge of how to make health systems more responsive to the

economic levels, will work together on the challenge of how to make health systems more responsive to the needs of individuals, families and communities.

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Inaugural HIV Research for Prevention Conference (HIVR4P)
When: 28-31 October 2014
Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre, South Africa
URL: http://hivr4p.org/

HIV R4P is the world's first and only scientific meeting dedicated exclusively to biomedical HIV prevention research. Through both abstract and non-abstract driven sessions, the conference will support cross-fertilization between research on HIV vaccines, microbicides, PrEP, treatment as prevention and other biomedical prevention approaches, while also providing a venue to discuss the research findings, questions and priorities that are specific to advancing each modality.

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Job Opportunities

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  Closing Date: 24 June 2014
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  http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/project-manager-ideal-clinic-project

- **Junior Administrator**
  Closing Date: 27 June 2014
  Please view our website for more details
  http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/junior-administrator-1

Soul City Institute: Monitoring and Evaluation Manager
Closing Date: 25 June 2014
Please view our website for more details
http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/monitoring-and-evaluation-manager

FHI 360 South Africa: Finance Manager
Closing Date: 26 June 2014
Please view our website for more details
http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/finance-manager

Cell-Life: Senior Training and Support Officer
Closing Date: 30 June 2014
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http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/senior-training-and-support-officer

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