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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Association of the ANRS-12126 Male Circumcision Project with HIV Levels among Men in a South African Township: Evaluation of Effectiveness using Cross-sectional Surveys

Bertran Auvert, Dirk Taljaard, Dino Rech, Pascale Lissouba, Beverley Singh, Julie Bouscaillou, Gilles Peytavin, Séverin Guy Mahiane, Rémi Sitta, Adrian Puren, David Lewis. Plos Medicine. Published: September 2013.

Randomized controlled trials have shown that voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC) reduces HIV infection by 50% to 60% in sub-Saharan African populations; however, little is known about the population-level effect of adult male circumcision (MC) as an HIV prevention method... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.plosmedicine.org/article/info:doi/10.1371/journal.pmed.1001509>[Accessed: 20 September 2013]

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A systematic review of the effectiveness of mental health promotion interventions for young people in low and middle income countries

Margaret M Barry, Aleisha M Clarke, Rachel Jenkins and Vikram Patel. BMC Public Health 2013, 13:835. Published: 11 September 2013.

This systematic review provides a narrative synthesis of the evidence on the effectiveness of mental health promotion interventions for young people in low and middle-income countries (LMICs)... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/13/835/abstract>[Accessed: 20 September 2013]

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High stakes at the UN on the Sustainable Development Goals

Jeffrey D Sachs. The Lancet, Volume 382, Issue 9897, Pages 1001 - 1002. Published: 21 September 2013.

A special event at the UN General Assembly on Sept 25, 2013 marks a bridge between the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) to the end of 2015 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that presumably will run from 2016 to 2030... [Read More »](#)

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The effect of traffic calming on pedestrian injuries and motor vehicle collisions in two areas of the eThekweni Municipality: A before-and-after study

Nisha Nadesan-Reddy, Stephen Knight. SAMJ Vol 103, No 9 (2013). Published: September 2013.

Motor vehicle collisions and pedestrian injuries in areas where schools are located are public health problems in Durban... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.sami.org.za/index.php/sami/article/view/7024>[Accessed: 20 September 2013]

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Recent News

Minister pledges action at Flagstaff

BDLive. Published: 20 September 2013.

Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi on Thursday sought to assure activists he was dealing with the hardship borne by patients in the Eastern Cape, following last week's exposé of the horrific treatment meted out to many of the province's citizens... [Read More »](#)

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Motsoaledi orders Eastern Cape to start over

Mail&Guardian. Published: 19 September 2013.

Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi has ordered the demolition and rebuilding of eight Eastern Cape clinics and two hospitals starting in January and to be completed before the end of next year... [Read More »](#)

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Timeline of a troubled province

Health-e News. Published: 11 September 2013.

Over the past 15 years the Eastern Cape Health Department has deteriorated. Fraught with medicine shortages, equipment failures, huge staff vacancies, corruption and fraud, this timeline documents just some of the many problems surrounding this troubled province...[Read More »](#)

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Government unveils NCD strategic plan

Health-e News. Published: 18 September 2013.

With non-communicable diseases (NCDs) accounting for almost half of all deaths in South Africa, the department of health has released a new strategy to curb rising rates of diseases such as diabetes, cancer and hypertension...[Read More »](#)

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First ever guidelines to manage pain in cancer patients to be released

Health-e News. Published: 19 September 2013.

A team of South African experts has created the country's first guidelines for managing pain in cancer patients, due to be released early next year...[Read More »](#)

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All South African population groups at risk of hypertension, says doctor

BDLive. Published: 13 September 2013.

The statement by statistician-general Pali Lehohla that hypertension is a "disease of unhappiness" that kills more whites than blacks creates a dangerous illusion for South Africans, Heart and Stroke Foundation South Africa CEO Dr Vash Mungal-Singh says...[Read More »](#)

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eThekweni health boss begins three-month suspension

BDLive. Published: 18 September 2013.

eThekweni municipality health head Nomakhosi Gxagxisa began her three-month suspension on Wednesday. Dr Gxagxisa is in charge of the KwaZulu-Natal municipality's primary healthcare unit, which employs thousands of nurses, doctors and other workers, but has been working under a cloud for months after she allegedly hired people into powerful positions without following proper procedure...[Read More »](#)

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McCord hospital in Durban closing down

News24. Published: 18 September 2013.

The 104-year-old McCord Hospital in Durban will be closing down this week after unsuccessful negotiations for a takeover by the province's health department, the hospital's board said on Tuesday... [Read More »](#)

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TB in South African prisons: Where to now?

NSP Review. Published: 4 September 2013.

South Africa stands at a crossroads in the fight against tuberculosis. An important victory in the Constitutional Court has affirmed the direction that we should take, but we need sustained political will and activism to ensure that we do not squander this momentum... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.nspreview.org/>[Accessed: 20 September 2013]

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Brown launches partnership on South Africa HIV

Houston Chronicle. Published: 14 September 2013.

Brown University's public health school is collaborating with the University of Cape Town in South Africa to train social scientists working to stem the country's HIV epidemic... [Read More »](#)

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Birth control hits the spot

Mail&Guardian. Published: 13 September 2013.

Female condoms may have been criticised for being noisy, intimidating and expensive, but their prominence and popularity in South Africa are steadily increasing... [Read More »](#)

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Cape babies at risk as vaccines run low

IOL. Published: 12 September 2013.

Thousands of babies and young children in the Western Cape are at risk of contracting serious contagious diseases as the provincial Department of Health ran out of some vaccines as far back as five months ago... [Read More »](#)

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No quality healthcare for 84% of SA – Motsoaledi

City Press. Published: 12 September 2013.

The healthcare system fails to provide quality care for the majority of citizens, Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi has said... [Read More »](#)

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Drug patent reform plans please activists

BDLive. Published: 10 September 2013.

The Department of Trade and Industry has proposed sweeping reforms to the patents regime for medicines in its draft policy on intellectual property. The proposals have delighted activists but are likely to cause headaches for multinational pharmaceutical companies... [Read More »](#)

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Gauteng has recorded a steady improvement in the health of its children

Gauteng Department of Health. Published: 8 September 2013.

The health of children in Gauteng has shown marked improvement with reductions achieved in the transmission of HIV from mothers to their babies, a drop in incidences of diarrhoea and pneumonia as well as improved follow up after birth... [Read More »](#)

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Training and Resources

Emerging Public Health Practitioner Award 2013

Health Systems Trust

Deadline: 15 December 2013.

Award submissions are invited from South Africans under the age of 35. Entries will be assessed by a panel of public health experts. The winning entry will be published in the current edition of the SAHR. [Click Here>>](#)

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Short Course - Role of Men and Boys in Achieving Gender Equality

Sonke Gender Justice Network

Closing date: 23 September 2013

When: 28 October - 1 November 2013

Where: Pretoria, South Africa

Sonke Gender Justice Network, in partnership with the Gender Unit at the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria and the Centre for the Study of AIDS, University of Pretoria, is conducting a short human rights course on entitled 'The Role of Men and Boys in Achieving Gender Equality'. [Click Here>>](#)

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Call for Proposals: Research Consultant

Oxfam
Closing date: 23 September 2013

Oxfam is calling for proposals to conduct research in South Africa dealing with people's right to food in a warming world in the framework of its new global Food and Climate Justice Campaign. [Click Here>>](#)

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Reports and Publications

Death and Dying in the Eastern Cape: An investigation into the collapse of a health system

TAC. Published: 2013.

This is a special report of the TAC/SECTION27 NSP Review. It has been researched and written because throughout 2012 and 2013 we have become increasingly aware of the scale of the health system crisis in the Eastern Cape and its adverse impact on patients and health providers. [Click Here»](#)

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PEPFAR's Best Practices for Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision Site Operations: A Service Guide for Site Operations

PEPFAR. Published: 2013.

This guide provides implementing partners with a comprehensive and consistent process for establishing new VMMC services for HIV prevention. It draws upon numerous documents developed by UNAIDS/WHO and the PEPFAR VMMC Technical Working Group. [Click Here»](#)

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Multi-country research on community caregivers: the backbone of accessible care and support - South Africa report.

Care Givers Action Network. Published: 2013.

This report is the result of research undertaken in South Africa as part of a broader multi-country research project commissioned by the Caregivers Action Network (CAN) to review community and home-based care (CHBC), especially with regards to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support. [Click Here»](#)

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Conferences

Joint PHASA and AFPHA Conference 2013

Public Health Association of South Africa and the African Federation of Public Health Associations.

When: 24 -27 September 2013

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

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

The 2013 joint PHASA/AFPHA conference will have as its focus, a scientific debate and discussion on strategies and action needed to move beyond the MDGs and on the public health legacy that we should leave, or want to, leave behind for the future generation.

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7th SAHARA Conference 2013

When: 7-10 October 2013

Venue: Dakar, Senegal

URL: <http://sahara.org.za/conferences/2013>

The Social Aspects of HIV and AIDS Research Alliance (SAHARA is an alliance of partners established to conduct, support and use social sciences research to prevent the further spread of HIV and mitigate the impact of its devastation in sub-Saharan Africa.

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4th South African Child Health Priorities Conference

When: 31 October -2 November 2013

Venue: University of the Witwatersrand Medical School, Parktown, Johannesburg

URL: <http://childhealthpriorities.co.za>

The theme of the conference is "Getting back to basics: Child Health in 2013", and will include sessions on successes in improving child survival globally and in South Africa, overcoming bottlenecks and barriers in child health programme delivery, achievements in primary health care re-engineering and seminars on early childhood development (ECD), child nutrition, and an essential child health care package.

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5th Annual Conference of the South African Statistical Association

When: 4-8 November 2013

Venue: Limpopo University, Polokwane, South Africa

URL: <http://www.ul.ac.za/conf/sasa2013>

The South African Statistical Association (SASA), in partnership with the School of Mathematical and Computer Sciences at the University of Limpopo - Turfloop Campus, is calling for papers for the 5th Annual Conference of the South African Statistical Association (SASA2013 Conference).

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The 3rd Structural Drivers of HIV Conference

When: 5 - 6 December 2013

Venue: The Cullinan Hotel, Cape Town, South Africa

URL: <http://www.heard.org.za/workshops/3rd-structural-drivers-of-hiv-conference>

The aim of this conference is to consider the contextual complexities that researchers and programmers across the HIV and AIDS field wrestle with when planning and implementing HIV programmes.

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6th International Conference on Information and Communication Technologies and Development (ICTD 2013)

When: 7-10 December 2013

Venue: University of Cape Town, Cape Town

URL: <http://ictd.cs.uct.ac.za/index.html>

ICTD 2013 will provide an international forum for scholarly researchers exploring the role of information and communication technologies (ICTs) in social, political, and economic development.

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ICASA Conference 2013

When: 7-11 December 2013

Venue: CTICC, Cape Town, South Africa

URL: <http://www.icasa2013southafrica.org/>

The ICASA conference remains one of the most important events in the calendar of the year, contributing towards overcoming the HIV and TB epidemics that grip our region. Official 17th ICASA Conference 2013.

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Conference on Rights of Women in Africa

When: 9 - 10 December 2013

Venue: Pretoria, South Africa

URL: <http://www1.chr.up.ac.za/index.php/upcoming-conferences/rights-of-women-in-africa.html>

One of the most important provisions of the Protocol is article 14, dealing with the health and reproductive rights of women. The Centre for Human Rights will host a conference on 9 and 10 December 2013 (in Pretoria, South Africa) to reflect on these and other innovative aspects of the Protocol.

Job Opportunities

Human Resources Manager

Employer: South African National AIDS Council

Closing Date: 27 September 2013

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Health Systems Strengthening District Manager

Employer: BroadReach Health Care

Closing Date: 30 September 2013

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Clinician: HIV Prevention Research Unit

Employer: Medical Research Council

Closing Date: 30 September 2013

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AHP - Africa 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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