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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Building consensus on key priorities for rural health care in South Africa using the Delphi technique

Marije Versteeg, Lilo du Toit, Ian Couper, Mpumi Mngqapu. Glob Health Action 2013, 6: 19522. Published: 24 January 2013.

The objective of this study was to identify the major challenges and priority interventions for rural health care provision in South Africa thereby contributing to pro-rural health policy dialogue...[Read More »](#)

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A rapid assessment of a community health worker pilot programme to improve the management of hypertension and diabetes in Emfuleni sub-district of Gauteng Province, South Africa

Tshipfuralo Ndou, Greer van Zyl, Salamina Hlahane, Jane Goudge. Glob Health Action 2013, 6: 19228. Published: 24 January 2013.

Non-communicable diseases (NCD) and infectious chronic illnesses are recognised as significant contributing factors to the burden of disease globally, specifically in South Africa, yet clinical management is often poor...[Read More »](#)

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Developing a new mid-level health worker: lessons from South Africa's experience with clinical associates

Jane Doherty, Daphney Conco, Ian Couper, Sharon Fonn. Glob Health Action 2013, 6: 19282. Published: 24 January 2013.

Mid-level medical workers play an important role in health systems and hold great potential for addressing the human resource shortage, especially in low- and middle-income countries. South Africa began the production of its first mid-level medical workers known as clinical associates in small numbers in 2008...[Read More »](#)

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Exploring the potential for using results-based financing to address non-communicable diseases in low- and middle-income countries

Chelsey R Beane, Suzanne Havalala Hobbs and Harsha Thirumurthy. BMC Public Health 2013, 13:92. Published: 1 February 2013.

The burden of disease due to non-communicable diseases (NCDs) is rising in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) and funding for global health is increasingly limited. As a large contributor of development assistance for health, the US government has the potential to influence overall trends in NCDs. Results-based financing (RBF) has been proposed as a strategy to increase aid effectiveness and efficiency through incentives for positive performance and results in health programs, but its potential for addressing NCDs has not been explored...[Read More »](#)

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Maternal HIV disclosure to HIV-uninfected children in rural South Africa: a pilot study of a family-based intervention

Tamsen J Rochat, Ntombizodumo Mkwanazi and Ruth Bland. BMC Public Health 2013, 13:147. Published: 18 February 2013.

As access to treatment increases, large numbers of HIV-positive parents are raising HIV-negative children. Maternal HIV disclosure has been shown to have benefits for mothers and children, however, disclosure rates remain low with between 30-45% of mothers reporting HIV disclosure to their children in both observational and intervention studies...[Read More »](#)

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Non-Communicable Diseases Series 2013

The Lancet. Published: 12 February 2013.

This latest Series on non-communicable diseases (NCDs) builds on previous Lancet Series (2010, 2007, 2005), and on a landmark high-level United Nations NCD meeting convened in September 2011. The aim of the new Series is to set out clear plans for countrywide implementation of NCD plans in the post-MDG era, towards the unified goal of '25 by 25'—reducing NCD mortality worldwide by 2025... [Read More »](#)

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Recent News

Minister wants to stop patient rip-offs

Mail and Guardian. Published: 14 February 2013.

Mia Malan speaks to the health minister and others in the healthcare sector about the guideline tariffs... [Read More »](#)

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Zuma speaks on Health

Health-e News. Published: 14 February 2013.

President Zuma discussed a range of health issues in his State of the Nation Address, specifically National Health Insurance, TB and lifestyle diseases. Read the part of his speech dealing with health here... [Read More »](#)

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State has soured our relationship with communities, say doctors and nurses

Business Day. Published: 12 February 2013.

The South Africa Medical Association and the Democratic Nursing Organisation of South Africa (Denosa) have accused the government of damaging the relationship between healthcare workers and communities... [Read More »](#)

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Value-for-money drug guide raises industry doubts

Business Day. Published: 11 February 2013.

The Department of Health has finalised guidelines for assessing new medicines' "value for money" in the local market, which is expected to help the government and medical schemes to determine which drugs to provide patients... [Read More »](#)

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R330m health scandal revealed

IOL. Published: 10 February 2013.

R330 million worth of medical equipment gathered dust in a warehouse in Midrand for two years before it was installed... [Read More »](#)

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Clicks & Western Cape in health-care partnership

Financial Mail. Published: 14 February 2013.

The recognition that the private health sector has extensive infrastructure that can be used to serve public patients has been slow to take hold in SA. But thanks to the perseverance of the Clicks Group and open-mindedness of the Western Cape health department there is now a simple model for resource sharing... [Read More »](#)

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WHO/World Bank convene ministerial meeting to discuss best practices for moving forward on universal health coverage

WHO. Published: 19 February 2013.

Top officials from health and finance ministries from 27 countries joined other high-level health and development stakeholders at a two-day meeting this week in Geneva to discuss ways that countries are progressing towards universal health coverage... [Read More »](#)

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NHI project to focus on healthcare for pupils

Business Day. Published: 19 February 2013.

The National Health Insurance (NHI) pilot project for the Western Cape would emphasise providing healthcare to schoolchildren in the Eden district, particularly those in grade R and grade 1... [Read More »](#)

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State targets delivery in NHI pilots

IOL. Published: 18 February 2013.

The department of Health has put the testing of various proposals in the National Health Insurance (NHI) green paper on the back burner, saying its priority in the pilot phase is service delivery... [Read More »](#)

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Government's ARV programme 'increasing life expectancy'

Business Day. Published: 22 February 2013.

The state's substantial investment in providing AIDS drugs to public-sector patients has been worth the price tag, extending life expectancy and preventing new infections, two papers published this week in the international peer review journal *Science* conclude. They provide two "real-life examples" of the effect of the programmes, confirming previous research in more controlled settings... [Read More »](#)

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ARVs eat Health's budget

The Witness. Published: 18 February 2013.

The KwaZulu-Natal Health Department is to overspend the conditional grant on HIV/Aids by about R300 million at the end of next month, mainly because of higher prices of anti-retroviral drugs... [Read More »](#)

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Risk and opportunity for Aids-affected children in South Africa

thesouthafrican.com. Published: 8 February 2013.

A shocking estimated seven million children in South Africa are orphaned by Aids or living with Aids-unwell caregivers... [Read More »](#)

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UNAIDS to collaborate with HSRC in HIV prevention research and policy development

UNAIDS. Published: 8 February 2013.

UNAIDS and the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) have signed a memorandum of understanding to strengthen research, policies, and programmes on HIV prevention globally, with a special emphasis on Africa... [Read More »](#)

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Pregnant women, partners urged to visit clinics

SANews. Published: 12 February 2013.

The Gauteng Department of Health has called on pregnant mothers and their partners to make use of clinics to learn more about pregnancy and the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases... [Read More »](#)

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Working together for better health estimates

WHO. Published: 15 February 2013.

Global leaders in health statistics gathered in Geneva to discuss future possibilities of collaboration to improve current practices in health estimates... [Read More »](#)

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Training and Resources

Global Health Data Exchange (GHDx)

IHME.

IHME's Global Health Data Exchange (GHDx) has just released its first major update since its initial launch 2 years ago. New features include: expanded and improved navigation to locate data by country, series, organizations, and keywords; and more country specific information such as the ISO 3166 alpha-3 code and the years the country has existed. [Click Here>>](#)

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UN Guide on Human Rights Funds, Grants and Fellowships

United Nations.

If you are looking for funds, grants or fellowships to support your human rights work, then this newly published guide will assist you in understanding the various opportunities available for NGOs through the United Nations. [Click Here>>](#)

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Reports and Publications

Global AIDS response progress reporting 2013: Construction of Core Indicators for monitoring the 2011 UN Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS

UNAIDS, UNICEF and WHO. Published: 2013.

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance to national AIDS programmes and partners actively involved in the country response to AIDS on use of core indicators to measure and report on the national response... [Click Here»](#)

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Financing Global Health 2012: The End of the Golden Age?

Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME). Published: 2013.

Financing Global Health 2012: The End of the Golden Age? is IHME's fourth annual report on global health expenditure and includes preliminary estimates for health financing in the most recent years. [Click Here»](#)

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Superfood for Babies

Save the Children. Published: 2013.

Superfood for Babies is a global call to action to rediscover the importance of breastfeeding and to support mothers to breastfeed their babies – especially in the poorest communities in the poorest countries. [Click Here»](#)

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Conferences

5th Annual HIV-in-Context Research Symposium: Urbanisation, Inequality and HIV

When: 13 March 2013 - 15 March 2013

Venue: Cape Town, South Africa

URL: <http://www.hst.org.za/events/>

This 5th Annual Symposium examines the links between HIV, inequality and the dynamics and impacts of urbanisation – dynamics which play out between settings as people move permanently or temporarily to urban centres, and within the highly unequal spaces constituting South African cities.

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HIV Capacity Building Partners Summit

When: 19 -21 March 2013

Venue: Johannesburg, South Africa
URL: <http://hivcapacityforum.org/>

The Second HIV Capacity Building Summit will build on the emerging consensus that there is need to turn the tide to ensure capacity building interventions effectively addresses the existing skills and capacity gaps that have continued to constrain the attainment of the HIV and health targets towards achieving the MDGs in the Eastern and Southern Africa region.

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TB Vaccines Third Global Forum

When: 25-27 March 2013
Venue: Cape Town, South Africa
URL: <http://www.tbvaccines2013.org/>

The Third Global Forum on TB Vaccines will bring together researchers, policymakers, donors, civil society and other stakeholders interested in the development of new TB vaccines that will contribute to global efforts to eliminate TB.

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6th South African AIDS Conference

When: 18-21 June 2013
Venue: ICC Durban, South Africa
URL: <http://www.saaids.co.za/>

The 6th South African AIDS Conference will be held in Durban from 18-21 June 2013 and the conference theme is "Building on our successes: Integrating responses".

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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), established in 2001 by the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC), 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. The SAHARA 7 conference theme is "Translating evidence into action: Engaging with communities, policies, human rights, gender, service delivery".

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Job Opportunities

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- **PHC Re-engineering Facilitators**
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<http://www.hst.org.za>
- **Administration Manager**
Closing date: 28 January 2013
Please view our website for more details
<http://www.hst.org.za>

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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