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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Ethical and Human Rights Foundations of Health Policy: Lessons from Comprehensive Reform in Mexico

Julio Frenk, Octavio Gomez-Dantes. Health and Human Rights. Published: 10 December 2015.

This paper discusses the use of an explicit ethical and human rights framework to guide a reform intended to provide universal and comprehensive social protection in health for all Mexicans, independently of their socio-economic status or labor market condition. This reform was designed, implemented, and evaluated by making use of what Michael Reich has identified as the three pillars of public policy: technical, political, and ethical. [Read More »](#)

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Context, mechanisms and outcomes of integrated care for diabetes mellitus type 2: a systematic review

Loraine Busetto Email, Katrien Ger Luijckx, Arianne Mathilda Josephus Elissen, Hubertus Johannes Maria Vrijhoef. *BioMed Central*. Published: 15 January 2016.

Integrated care interventions for chronic conditions can lead to improved outcomes, but it is not clear when and why this is the case. This study aims to answer the following two research questions: First, what are the context, mechanisms and outcomes of integrated care for people with type 2 diabetes? Second, what are the relationships between context, mechanisms and outcomes of integrated care for people with type 2 diabetes? [Read More »](#)

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Exploring the evidence base for national and regional policy interventions to combat resistance

Dr Osman A Dar, Prof Rumina Hasan, Prof Jorgen Schlundt, Prof Stephan Harbarth, Grazia Caleo, Prof Fazal K Dar, et al. *The Lancet*. Published: 18 November 2015.

The effectiveness of existing policies to control antimicrobial resistance is not yet fully understood. A strengthened evidence base is needed to inform effective policy interventions across countries with different income levels and the human health and animal sectors. [Read More »](#)

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Patient complaints in healthcare services in Vietnam's health system

Sage Open Medicine. Published: : 9 October 2015.

There is growing recognition of patient rights in health sectors around the world. Patients right to complain in hospitals, often visible in legislative and regulatory protocols, can be an important information source for service quality improvement and achievement of better health outcomes. However, empirical evidence on complaint processes is scarce, particularly in the developing countries. To contribute in addressing this gap, we investigated patients complaint handling processes and the main influences on their implementation in public hospitals in Vietnam. [Read More »](#)

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Unintended pregnancy, contraceptive use, and childbearing desires among HIV-infected and HIV-uninfected women in Botswana: across-sectional study

Gloria K. Mayondi, Kathleen Wirth, Chelsea Morroni, Sikhulile Moyo, Gbolahan Ajibola, Modiegi Diseko, et al. *BioMed Central*. Published: 16 January 2016..

Little is known about the impact of knowledge of HIV serostatus on pregnancy intention and contraceptive use in high-HIV-burden southern African settings in the era of widespread antiretroviral treatment availability. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12889-015-2498-3>[Accessed: 22 January 2016]

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Reporting guidelines for implementation and operational research

Simon Hales, Ana Leshner-Trevino, Nathan Ford, Dermot Maher, Andrew Ramsay & Nhan Tran. *WHO Bulletin*. Published: 2 December 2015.

Implementation and operational research are growing in importance and recognition. Major donors, including the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership, the United States of America's National Institutes of Health and the Wellcome Trust are increasing funding support for this research area and leading scientific journals have established sections promoting the publication of such research. Implementation research contributes a growing part of the evidence base used by the World Health Organization (WHO), which promotes, supports, publishes and evaluates such research. [Read More »](#)

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Recent News

Healthtalk: State of SA's Healthcare

SABC. Published: 26 December 2015.

Studio discussion featuring Dr Themba Moeti of Health Sytems Trust, Dr Flavia Senkubuge of Africa Federation of Public Health Associations, and Sasha Stevenson of Section 27, covering the challenges within

and possible solutions to South Africa's public health system. [Read More »](#)

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tCccUwNsAv4> [Accessed: 22 January 2016]

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Health department should focus on internal efficiency rather than NHI

BDlive. Published: 12 January 2016.

The government's release on December 11 of the long-awaited white paper on National Health Insurance (NHI) was eagerly anticipated, but the event was largely overshadowed by the condemnation of President Jacob Zuma's axing of Nhlanhla Nene as finance minister in the same week. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/opinion/2016/01/12/health-department-should> [Accessed: 22 January 2016]

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Calls for more private medical schools to address doctor shortages

SABC News. Published: 20 January 2016.

The Free Market Foundation has called for the establishment of private medical schools to address the shortage of medical doctors in the country. It was commenting on the National Health Insurance (NHI) White Paper. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.sabc.co.za/news/a/46f901804b617100b964ff43e5868fd4/> [Accessed: 22 January 2016]

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Nursing SA back to health

Mail & Guardian. Published: 8 January 2016.

Sixteen years ago, Thabo Mbeki, then president, shocked the world with his Aids denialism. It has taken the same amount of time for the world Aids conference to return to this country. The health ministry is expected to roll out antiretrovirals (ARVs) for all and the much-[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2016-01-08-nursing-sa-back-to-health> [Accessed: 22 January 2016]

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Gogos step up for peace of mind

Mail & Guardian. Published: 15 January 2016.

Depression among the elderly is largely overlooked, but exercise can help to counter it. "Left! Clap! Right! Clap!" shouts a young woman dressed in an orange tracksuit. She stands in front of about 30 women, who follow her movements obediently to a regular beat, stepping from side to side with a chorus of echoing claps. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2016-01-14-gogos-step-up-for-peace-of-mind> [Accessed: 22 January 2016]

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Online database: The National Health Research Database

Health-e News. Published: 14 January 2016.

The online, searchable portal serves as a repository of health-related past and present research conducted in South Africa. [Read More »](#)

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Healthcare inquiry could lead to further scrutiny

BDlive. Published: 15 January 2016

EVEN though the market inquiry into the private healthcare sector is not a court process, those with something to hide might not get away scot-free. The Competition Commission has warned stakeholders that it may initiate investigations based on what it hears during the inquiry. Commission spokesman Itumeleng Lesofe said on Thursday the commission could refer a complaint to the Competition Tribunal or initiate an investigation should it find evidence of illegal conduct. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/business/healthcare/2016/01/15/healthcare-inquiry-could-lead-to-further-scrutiny> [Accessed: 22 January 2016]

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Efavirenz-based treatment is safe and effective for young children with HIV exposed to nevirapine for PMTCT

Aidsmap. Published: 19 January 2016

Efavirenz-based treatment is a safe and effective treatment option for children living with HIV previously exposed to nevirapine for the prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) who achieved viral

suppression with a regimen based on ritonavir/lopinavir, according to a study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.aidsmap.com/Efavirenz-based-treatment-is-safe-and-effective-for-young-children> [Accessed: 22 January 2016]

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Training and Resources

Government Gazette: Act No. 14 of 2015: Medicines and Related Substances Amendment Act, 2015

South African Government. Published: 8 January 2016.

Url: http://www.gov.za/sites/www.gov.za/files/39585_Act14of2015MedicinesRelatedSub.pdf

To amend the Medicines and Related Substances Act, 1965, so as to define certain expressions and to delete or amend certain definitions; to provide for the objects and functions of the Authority; to provide for the composition, appointment of chairperson, vice-chairperson and members, disqualification of members, meetings and committees of the Board of the Authority; to require the Minister to consult with the Pricing Committee when prescribing acceptable and prohibited acts in relation to bonusing; to replace the word "products" with the word "medicines" and expression "Scheduled substances" in order to correctly reflect the subject matter of the said Act; and to effect certain technical corrections; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Video: Prep - AN HIV Prevention Option

Published: 7 January 2016.

URL: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TR8-3uAuZGo>

Protect yourself, learn about PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis), how it works, how to get it, and if it's the right choice for you.

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Books, Publications, Reports and Manuals

Call for Abstracts: Emerging Public Health Practitioner Award (EPHPA)

Health Systems Trust. Published: 15 December 2015

The South African Health Review's Emerging Public Health Practitioner Award (EPHPA) is open to young public health practitioners or student researchers in the fields of health sciences, medicine or public health. Individuals seeking to publish a paper dealing with public health policy development or implementation in a respected and widely read South African peer-reviewed journal are encouraged to apply. [Click Here»](#)

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Health Systems Trust Annual Report 2014/15

Health Systems Trust. Published: 22 January 2016

With another successful year of making good progress on our mandate behind us, HST moves into the next three-year business cycle bolstered by a new strategic plan and with sound financial backing. Unveiled in late 2014, the strategic plan will see us further consolidating our institutional knowledge and expertise in health systems strengthening, and forging new and existing relationships locally, regionally and internationally. [Click Here»](#)

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Fast-Track cities update

UNAIDS. Published: December 2015

Launched only a year ago, Fast-Track cities has rapidly taken root and grown. This is the first annual update on progress in implementing the Fast-Track cities approach and it supports one of the seven key commitments contained in the Paris Declaration. [Click Here»](#)

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Young people living with HIV: A collection and review of resources for health workers around the world

Pathfinder International. Published: 2015

Advances in access to effective antiretroviral therapy (ART) mean that many young people living with HIV (YPLHIV) can live long and healthy lives. Increasing survival of young people who were born with HIV means we are seeing a surge of YPLHIV who are transitioning from childhood to adolescence, and then from adolescence to adulthood (UNICEF, 2014). With this transition comes a range of physical, psychological, sexual, reproductive, behavioural and psychosocial support needs that the health sector still struggles to address. [Click Here»](#)

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Conferences and Events

Denosa 3rd South African Nurses' Conference

When: 24-26 February 2016

Venue: Birchwood Conference Centre, Boksburg, Gauteng

URL: <http://www.sanursesconference.co.za>

DENOSA is hosting the Third South African Nurses' Conference from the 24th to the 26th February 2016. This is a biannual event born out of a need to build capacity and create an enabling environment for South African nurses to effectively and positively influence health policy. It further affords the cadre an opportunity to critically analyze the South African health system and propose solutions. Become part of history.

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Mainstreaming Gender in HIV & AIDS Programmes

When: 3 - 4 March 2016

Venue: Birchwood Conference Centre, Boksburg, Gauteng

Email: register@mersey-co.za

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Thoracic Society Conference

When: 18-21 August 2016

Venue: Indaba Hotel, Johannesburg, South Africa

URL: <http://www.pulmonology.co.za/calendar.php>

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HST Conference 2016

When: 4-6 May 2016

Venue: Birchwood Conference Centre, Boksburg, Gauteng

URL: <http://www.hstconference2016.org.za>

Health Systems Trust (HST) is hosting a conference from 4-6 May 2016 at the Birchwood Conference Centre, Boksburg, Gauteng. Under the banner of *Strengthened health systems for sustainable development: sharing, supporting, synergising*, the event is designed to advance the global public health agenda in improving health outcomes.

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Women Deliver 4th Global Conference

When: 16-19 May 2016

Venue: Copenhagen, Denmark

URL: <http://wd2016.org/>

Women Deliver's conferences have become some of the world's biggest global convenings to focus on the health, rights, and wellbeing of girls and women. Building on the successes of Women Deliver's three previous global gatherings-in London in 2007, in Washington in 2010, and in Kuala Lumpur in 2013-the 2016 Conference will bring together world leaders, advocates, policymakers, journalists, young people, researchers, and leaders of corporate companies and civil society to showcase what it means and how it works when girls and women become the focus of development efforts.

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Innovation in Medicine and Healthcare Systems

When: 15-17 June 2016

Venue: Puerto de la Cruz, Tenerife, Spain

URL: <http://inmed-16.kesinternational.org/>

The KES International Conference on Innovation in Medicine and Healthcare (KES-InMed-16) will gather a multi-disciplinary group consisting of researchers and engineers, managers, students and practitioners from the medical arena, to discuss the ways that innovation, knowledge exchange and enterprise can be applied to issues relating to medicine, surgery, healthcare and the issues of an ageing population.

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International AIDS Conference

When: 17-22 July 2016

Venue: International Convention Centre, Durban, South Africa

URL: <http://www.aids2016.org/>

The International AIDS Conference is the premier gathering for those working in the field of HIV, as well as policy makers, persons living with HIV and other individuals committed to ending the pandemic. It is a chance to assess where we are, evaluate recent scientific developments and lessons learnt, and collectively chart a course forward

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Fourth Global Symposium on Health Systems Research

When: 14-18 November 2016

Venue: Vancouver, Canada

URL: <http://www.csih.org/en/events/fourth-global-symposium-on-health-systems-research/>

The Global Symposium on Health Systems Research is hosted every two years by HSG to bring together its members with the full range of players involved in health systems and policy research. There is currently no other international gathering that serves the needs of this community. Previous events have been held in Cape Town (2014), Beijing (2012) and Montreux (2010).

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Job Opportunities

Health Systems Trust: Health Technician Co-ordinator

Closing date: 2 February 2016

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/various-posts>

Desmond Tutu Foundation: Various posts

Closing date: 27 January 2016

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/various-posts>

TB/HIV Care: Research Manager

Closing date: 31 January 2016

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/research-manager>

COHSASA: Standards Development Coordinatorr

Closing date: 15 February 2016

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/standards-development-coordinator>

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