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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

A systematic review of qualitative findings on factors enabling and deterring uptake of HIV testing in sub-Saharan Africa

Maurice Mushoke, Harriet Ntalasha, Sara Gari, Oran Mckenzie, Virginia Bond, Adriane Martin-Hilber and Sonja Merten. BMC Public Health 2013, 13:220. Published: 11 March 2013.

While qualitative studies have been undertaken to investigate factors influencing uptake of HIV testing, systematic reviews to provide a more comprehensive understanding are lacking....[Read More »](#)

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Increasing transfers-out from an antiretroviral treatment service in South Africa: patient characteristics and rates of virological non-suppression

Mweete D. Nglazi, Richard Kaplan, Catherine Orrell, Landon Myer, Robin Wood, Linda-Gail Bekker, Stephen D. Lawn. PLoS One. 2013;8(3):e57907. Published: 5 March 2013.

This study aims to determine the proportion, characteristics and outcomes of patients who transfer-out from an antiretroviral therapy (ART) service in a South African township.....[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.plosone.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0057907.full.html>
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Current integration of tuberculosis (TB) and HIV services in South Africa, 2011

Chehab JC, Vilakazi-Nhlapo AK, Vranken P, Peters A, Klausner JD. PLoS One. 2013;8(3):e57791. Published: 4 March 2013.

Using a cross-sectional study of 49 randomly selected health facilities in South Africa, trained interviewers administered a standardized questionnaire to one staff member responsible for TB and HIV in each facility on aspects of TB/HIV policy, integration and recording and reporting...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.plosone.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0057791>[Accessed: 22 March 2013]

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The impact of official development aid on maternal and reproductive health outcomes: A systematic review

Taylor EM, Hayman R, Crawford F, Jeffery P, Smith J. PLoS One. 2013;8(2):e56271. Published: 22 February 2013.

Progress toward meeting Millennium Development Goal 5, which aims to improve maternal and reproductive health outcomes, is behind schedule. This is despite ever increasing volumes of official development aid targeting the goal, calling into question the distribution and efficacy of aid...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.plosone.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0056271>
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Measles vaccination coverage in high-incidence areas of the Western Cape, following the mass vaccination campaign

G L Bernhardt, N A Cameron, B Willems, A Boulle, D Coetzee. South African Medical Journal, Vol 103, No 3 (2013). Published: March 2013.

South Africa's control strategy includes mass vaccination campaigns about every 4 years, the last of which was conducted nationally in April 2010 and coincided with the epidemic...[Read More »](#)

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Malaria control aimed at the entire population in KwaZulu-Natal negates the need for policies to prevent malaria in pregnancy

J M Tsoka-Gwegweni, I Kleinschmidt. South African Medical Journal, Vol 103, No 3 (2013). Published: March 2013.

South Africa has no policy to prevent malaria in pregnancy, despite the adverse effects of the disease in pregnancy. However, malaria control measures consisting of indoor residual spraying and specific antimalarial treatment have been in place since the 1970s....[Read More »](#)

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Recent News

African Health Ministers commit to ramped up TB/HIV treatment

Voice of America. Published: 20 March 2013.

Health ministers from Swaziland and South Africa have agreed to radically change the diagnosis and treatment of the co-epidemic of TB/HIV in their countries....[Read More »](#)

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Wits launches Institute for Malaria

Health-e News. Published: 18 March 2013.

The University of the Witwatersrand has announced the formation of the Wits Research Institute for Malaria, (WRIM), strengthening research into one of Africa's deadliest diseases....[Read More »](#)

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Motsoaledi defends strict regulations

Business Day. Published: 20 March 2013.

Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi defended proposed laws calling for stricter regulations on salt consumption, smoking in public and liquor trade on Sundays....[Read More »](#)

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Gauteng health woes continue despite MEC assurances

Health-e News. Published: 15 March 2013.

Health activists have highlighted on-going medicine and consumable shortages, broken equipment and inadequate human resources at all Gauteng hospitals in response to Health MEC Hope Papo's recent claims that his department is on top of matters....[Read More »](#)

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Minister unveils PhD programme

IOL. Published: 14 March 2013.

Shrinking numbers of medical researchers have impacted on the production of health care professionals in South Africa, Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi said....[Read More »](#)

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Minister mulls Russia training for SA doctors

Business Day. Published: 14 March 2013.

Intent on finding a way to dramatically increase the number of South African doctors, Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi is investigating the scope for training the next generation of medics in Russia....[Read More »](#)

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Motsoaledi charts five-year strategy for nursing profession

IOL. Published: 12 March 2013.

The nursing sector is in line for an overdue shake-up. Almost two years ago, the national Department of Health convened a nursing summit to address nursing challenges in the country....[Read More »](#)

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Older men blamed for high HIV rates among schoolgirls

Mail & Guardian. Published: 14 March 2013.

At least 28% of schoolgirls across SA are HIV positive, a figure blamed on sexual relationships between young women and older men, say reports. Only 4% of boys at schools were HIV positive in comparison... [Read More »](#)

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MPs set deadline for health insurance funding plan

Business Day. Published: 12 March 2013.

Parliament's two finance committees have flexed their muscles and set the Treasury some tight deadlines to submit a number of reports, including one on a funding model for the proposed National Health Insurance (NHI) scheme... [Read More »](#)

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Health sector cleared for surgery

Mail & Guardian. Published: 15 March 2013.

An industry-wide probe into private healthcare seems likely, but stakeholders fear a witch hunt... [Read More »](#)

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Global Fund's Executive Director first visit to South Africa

Business Day. Published: 28 February 2013.

In his first official visit to South Africa as Executive Director of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, Mark Dybul met with President of South Africa Jacob Zuma to discuss advancing the fight against these infectious diseases in the country.... [Read More »](#)

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E Cape demands better health services

Health-e News. Published: 8 March 2013.

Members of the Ubuntu Bethu marched to the offices of the Eastern Cape Health MEC to demand better health services in the province... [Read More »](#)

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Training and Resources

Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Health Policy and Systems Research

Collaboration for Health Systems and Policy Analysis and Innovation (CHESAI): School of Public Health and Family Medicine, University of Cape Town (UCT) & School of Public Health, University of Western Cape (UWC)

A total of four Postdoctoral Fellowships are available in the area of Health Policy and Systems Research (HPSR) for the Collaboration for Health Systems and Policy Analysis and Innovation (CHESAI) research project, over the period 2012-2016. [Click Here>>](#)

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Monitoring and Evaluation of HIV/AIDS Programmes

MEASURE Evaluation.

This two-week course is offered in collaboration with Addis Continental Institute of Public Health and will provide intensive, hands-on training in the fundamental concepts and tools for monitoring and evaluation of HIV/AIDS programmes. [Click Here>>](#)

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Reports and Publications

The National Health Care Facilities Baseline Audit: National Summary Report

Health Systems Trust. Published: 2013.

From May 2011 to May 2012, with funding from the national Department of Health, an audit of every health facility in the public health sector was conducted by a consortium of partners... [Click Here»](#)

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ART Guidelines 2013

Department of Health (South Africa). Published: 2013.

The ART guidelines deal with Fixed Dose Combinations medications and introduces fixed dose combination (FDC) ART for patients initiated with ART for the first time; introduce FDC ART for HIV positive pregnant women irrespective of CD4 count during pregnancy and during the breastfeeding period... [Click Here»](#)

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PMTCT Guidelines 2013

Department of Health (South Africa). Published: 2013.

This document is an update of the national PMTCT Policy and Guidelines 2010. It aims to provide continued guidance towards a reduction in the vertical transmission of HIV, building on work done since the inception of the programme and the 2010 Policy and Guidelines document. [Click Here»](#)

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Haki Zetu: ESC Rights in Practice

Amnesty International. Published: 2013.

The Haki Zetu handbook series is a practical toolkit for local NGO's and CBO's working with local communities to realize their economic, social and cultural rights. The main target group is rural or local activists and development workers, who would like to use a rights-based approach to tackle economic and social problems. [Click Here»](#)

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The Future of the U.S.–South Africa HIV/AIDS Partnership

Center For Strategic and International Studies(CSIS). Published: 2013.

South Africa has the highest burden of HIV/AIDS in the world, with 5.6 million people living with the virus and over 400,000 newly infected annually. Since 2004, the U.S. government has committed more than \$4 billion to combating HIV/AIDS in South Africa. [Click Here»](#)

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The 2013 Human Development Report – "The Rise of the South: Human Progress in a Diverse World"

United Nations Development Programme. Published: 2013.

The 2013 Human Development Report – "The Rise of the South: Human Progress in a Diverse World" – examines the profound shift in global dynamics driven by the fast-rising new powers of the developing world and its long-term implications for human development. [Click Here»](#)

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Conferences

South African Health Review and District Health Barometer Launch

When: 2 April 2013

Venue: Pretoria, South Africa

Health Systems Trust is pleased to announce the launch of their annual publications, the South African Health Review and the District Health Barometer. For more information, email hst@hst.org.za

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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.sa aids.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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Medical Humanities Conference

Medical Humanities Research Group at the Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research (WiSER)

When: 2-4 September 2013

Venue: University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg

URL: <http://wiserweb.wits.ac.za/>

The Medical Humanities research group at WiSER invites abstracts of up to 500 words for papers that speak to our broad, inclusive theme of 'Body Knowledge'. We welcome submissions from scholars and practitioners in a wide variety of disciplines, including the arts, literature, film, sociology, anthropology, history, medicine, philosophy, ethics, and psychology. In addition to panel sessions, we are planning a public event which will draw in a wider Johannesburg audience, as well as an art exhibition and film screening.

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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. An exciting programme of local and international speakers is being put together. Speakers will include policy-makers, leading local and international academics and representatives of international organisations, such as the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Federation of Public Health Associations. Parallel workshops will precede the main conference, with wide-ranging topics to suit diverse interests.

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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

Request for Expression of Interest from General Practitioners to Provide Clinical Services in Public Primary Health Care Clinics

Employer: National Department of Health

Closing Date: 29 March 2013

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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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