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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Refusal to enrol in Ghana's National Health Insurance Scheme: Is affordability the problem?

Anthony Kusi, Ulrika Enemark, Kristian S Hansen and Felix A Asante. *International Journal for Equity in Health*. Published: 17 January 2015.

Access to health insurance is expected to have positive effect in improving access to healthcare and offer financial risk protection to households. Ghana began the implementation of a National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) in 2004... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.equityhealthj.com/content/14/1/2>[Accessed: 23 January 2015]

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Applying dynamic simulation modeling methods in health care delivery research – The SIMULATE checklist: Report of the ISPOR Simulation Modeling Emerging Good Practices Task

Force

Marshall DA, Burgos-Liz L, IJzerman MJ, et al. *Value Health*. Published: January 2015.

Health care delivery system interventions are complex multidimensional interventions beyond a specific drug or technology – they are combined with process changes such as a revised workflow that includes post-discharge patient contact...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.ispor.org/taskforces/simulation-modelingapps-hcdelivery.asp>[Accessed: 23 January 2015]

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Transforming health professions' education through in-country collaboration: Examining the consortia between African medical schools catalyzed by the medical education partnership initiative

Zohray M Talib, Elsie Kiguli-Malwadda, Hannah Wohltjen, Miliard Derbew, Yakub Mulla, David Olaleye and Nelson Sewankambo. *Human Resources for Health*. Published: 14 January 2015.

African medical schools have historically turned to northern partners for technical assistance and resources to strengthen their education and research programmes. In 2010, this paradigm shifted...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.human-resources-health.com/content/13/1/1/abstract>[Accessed: 23 January 2015]

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Patterns of HIV, TB, and non-communicable disease multi-morbidity in peri-urban South Africa - a cross sectional study

Tolu Oni, Elizabeth Youngblood, Andrew Boulle, Nuala McGrath, Robert J Wilkinson and Naomi S Levitt. *BioMed Central*. Published: 17 January 2015.

Many low and middle-income countries are experiencing colliding epidemics of chronic infectious (ID) and non-communicable diseases (NCD). As a result, the prevalence of multiple morbidities (MM) is rising...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2334/15/20/abstract>[Accessed: 23 January 2015]

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Recent News

'Supplier to blame for shortage of medical supplies'

City Press. Published: 15 January 2015.

The department of health is blaming a supplier for the shortage of basic medical supplies in Ekurhuleni...[Read More »](#)

Source: http://www.citypress.co.za/news/supplier-blame-shortage-medical-supplies/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=supplier-blame-shortage-medical-supplies[Accessed: 23 January 2015]

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'Check the status of medical studies abroad'

The Mercury. Published: 16 January 2015.

Durban - South African students who intend undertaking medical studies in other countries must ensure that the qualifications they are to obtain are recognised here...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.iol.co.za/news/south-africa/kwazulu-natal/check-the-status-of-medical-studies-abroad-1.1805583>[Accessed: 23 January 2015]

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Malaria cases on the rise: NICD

SABC. Published: 20 January 2015.

The National Institute for Communicable Disease (NICD) says malaria cases have increased from over 8 000 in 2013 to almost 14 000 last year...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.sabc.co.za/news/a/f8e8a1804701455388d9b8c6b9a5590a/Malaria-cases-on-the-rise:-NICD--20150120>[Accessed: 23 January 2015]

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AIDS Update: ARV resistance looms as 40% fail to follow regimen

Times Live. Published: 11 January 2015.

The rising demand for AIDS drugs and increasing failure of the 2.7 million South Africans on ARVs to take them properly is leading to new infections among young women....[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.timeslive.co.za/thetimes/2015/01/11/aids-update-arv-resistance-looms-as-40-fail-to-follow-regimen>[Accessed: 23 January 2015]

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Study links birth control to increased risk of HIV infection

Health-e News. Published: 12 January 2015.

Women using the birth control shot known by the brand name Depo-Provera may have about a 30 percent higher risk of contracting HIV, according to new research. However, the link between hormonal contraception and HIV remains uncertain...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2015/01/12/study-links-birth-control-increased-risk-infection/>[Accessed: 23 January 2015]

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60% of SA sex workers HIV positive

City Press. Published: 13 January 2015.

About 60% of South Africa's estimated 150 000 sex workers are HIV positive...[Read More »](#)

Source: http://www.citypress.co.za/news/60-sa-sex-workers-hiv-positive/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=60-sa-sex-workers-hiv-positive[Accessed: 23 January 2015]

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SA's health workers to help fight Ebola in Sierra Leone

BDlive. Published: 20 January 2015.

The first group of healthcare professionals recruited to help treat Ebola patients in Sierra Leone is due to leave on Friday, Right to Care announced on Monday...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/health/2015/01/20/sas-health-workers-to-help-fight-ebola-in-sierra-leone>[Accessed: 23 January 2015]

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SA role in Ebola vaccine clinical trial

BDlive. Published: 19 January 2015.

South African healthcare workers in Sierra Leone might be among the frontline staff offered experimental Ebola vaccines when clinical trials get under way in West Africa in the next two months, it emerged last week...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/health/2015/01/19/sa-role-in-ebola-vaccine-clinical-trial>[Accessed: 23 January 2015]

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eLearning as good as traditional training for health professionals

EurekaAlert. Published: 11 January 2015.

Imperial College London News Release: Electronic learning could enable millions more students to train as doctors and nurses worldwide, according to research...[Read More »](#)

Source: http://www.eurekaalert.org/pub_releases/2015-01/icl-eag010815.php[Accessed: 23 January 2015]

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Training and Resources

How to do Capacity Assessments for Health Policy and Systems Research in University Settings - A Handbook

CHEPSAA

The publication contains key practical issues relating to the different stages of designing and implementing capacity assessments, demonstrating how the capacity assessment was designed, how information was collected and analysed and the results were used.[Click Here>>](#)

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Research Involvement and Engagement

Research Involvement and Engagement is a new open access interdisciplinary, health and social care journal focussing on patient and wider involvement and engagement in research, at all stages. The journal is co-produced by all key stakeholders, including patients, academics, policy makers and service users.[Click Here>>](#)

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Infection Prevention and Control

bettercare

The book gives practical guidance and case studies in a range of important areas, including dealing with micro-organisms, risk management, waste management, outbreak investigation and more. [Click Here>>](#)

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Ebola Prevention and Control

bettercare

This book is a crucial guide to managing, preventing and controlling Ebola and other viral haemorrhagic fevers, especially in resource-limited settings. This book is suited to healthcare workers, managers and administrators and covers virology and epidemiology, patient management, protection of health care workers, and support services. [Click Here>>](#)

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Maternal Mental Health

bettercare

This book demystifies maternal mental distress and mental illness and provides a clear guide to supporting mental health in the perinatal period. This course equips healthcare workers with the tools they need to provide essential perinatal mental health care. [Click Here>>](#)

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Books, Publications, Reports and Manuals

Changes in the prescription of Progestin Subdermal Implants (Implanon) in women who are taking enzyme inducing drugs such as Efavirenz for HIV, Rifampicin for TB and certain drugs used for epilepsy (Carbamazepine, Phenytoin and Phenobarbital)

SA National Department of Health

New evidence has emerged that certain enzyme inducing drugs, including efavirenz for women who are HIV positive; rifampicin for women who have TB; and carbamazepine, phenytoin and phenobarbital for women with epilepsy can interfere with the action and effectiveness of progestin subdermal implants. [Click Here>>](#)

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Services for Sex Workers

UNAIDS

This Guidance Note provides simple, concise and practical guidance on services for sex workers. [Click Here>>](#)

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Conferences and Events

Monitoring and Evaluation Training

When: 18 February 2015

Venue: London, United Kingdom

URL: <http://www.redr.org.uk/en/Training-and-more/find-a-training-course.cfm/url/Monitoring-Evaluation-Feb-15>

Improving the quality of humanitarian practice and ensuring the effectiveness of responses to complex emergencies is a key aim shared by humanitarian agencies. Thus, monitoring and evaluation are essential activities for any project or programme. Careful monitoring of progress against targets allows timely changes to be made to maximise impact. Evaluation ensures accountability to all parties concerned, and allows learning to be carried through to future interventions. This course aims to introduce you to the concepts of monitoring and evaluation, including the steps and components required to implement the monitoring and evaluation of a humanitarian project or programme.

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Disability & Social Inclusion Symposium

When: 11-13 February 2015

Venue: University of Cape Town

URL: http://www.exbo.co.za/REG/dynamic_forms/generated_forms/disability_and_social_inclusion_-_short_course_register.php

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Health Information Systems Program - SA 2015 International Conference

When: 24-27 March 2015

Venue: Bloemfontein, South Africa

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

Over the last 20 years, the District Health Information System in South Africa and in many countries in Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia has evolved significantly from a paper based system to a web based system. The conference is expected to be a platform through which this evolution is explored and where best practices and lessons learned are being shared.

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7th SA AIDS Conference: Reflection, Refocus and Renewal

When: 9-12 June 2015

Venue: Durban International Convention Centre, South Africa

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

This Conference comes at a critical time in global health, as 2015 marks the end of the MDGs and the beginning of the post-2015 sustainable development agenda. The theme of the Conference this year: Reflection, Refocus and Renewal provides a unique opportunity to reflect on what we have done across the entire spectrum of our programmes in the response to HIV, including the structural and social determinants which fuel this epidemic.

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SVRI Workshops

When: 15-17 September 2015

Venue: Stellenbosch, South Africa

URL: <http://www.svri.org/forum2015/index.htm>

The Sexual Violence Research Initiative is proud to announce the 4th international conference, the SVRI Forum 2015. The Forum brings together researchers, gender activists, funders, policy makers, service providers, practitioners and survivors from around the world and will showcase innovation to end sexual violence, intimate partner violence and child abuse, and strengthen responses to survivors in low- and middle-income countries. The SVRI Forum is a key platform for sharing research, innovation and networking.

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Job Opportunities

Health Systems Trust

- **Project Manager: SA Health Review**

Closing Date: 24 January 2015

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/project-manager-south-african-health-review>

- **Study Supervisors**

Closing Date: 28 January 2015

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/study-supervisors>

- **Data Collectors**

Closing Date: 28 January 2015

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<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/data-collectors>

- **Data Capturers**

Closing Date: 28 January 2015

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<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/data-capturers>

National Treasury: Republic of South Africa - Senior Budget Analyst: Health

Closing Date: 5 January 2015

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/senior-budget-analyst-health>

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