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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

No significant risk of resistance during treatment with Truvada PrEP

Aidsmap. Published: 13 May 2014.

Treatment with pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) does not involve a significant risk of HIV drug resistance should seroconversion occur, results from the iPrEx study published in the online edition of the Journal of Infectious Diseases demonstrate... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.aidsmap.com/No-significant-risk-of-resistance-during-treatment-with-iTruvadai-PrEP/page/2849061/>[Accessed: 23 May 2014]

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Low vitamin D concentrations associated with poor clinical and virological outcomes among people starting HIV therapy

Aidsmap. Published: 19 May 2014.

Low vitamin D concentrations are associated with an increased risk of HIV disease progression among people starting antiretroviral therapy, investigators report in the online edition of The Journal of Infectious Diseases... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.aidsmap.com/Low-vitamin-D-concentrations-associated-with-poor-clinical-and-virological-outcomes-among-people-starting-HIV-therapy/page/2854070/>[Accessed: 23 May 2014]

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Adolescent experiences of HIV and sexual health communication with parents and caregivers in Soweto, South Africa

Soon CN, Kaida A, Nkala B, Dietrich J, Cescon A, Gray G, Miller CL. Journal of Social Aspects of HIV/AIDS. Published: 9 May 2014.

Communication about sexual health between parents and adolescents has been shown to have a protective influence on behaviours that reduce the risk of HIV transmission... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/17290376.2014.902769>[Accessed: 23 May 2014]

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Considerations for preparing a randomized population health intervention trial: Lessons from a South African-Canadian partnership to improve the health of health workers

Annalee Yassi, Lyndsay Michelle O'Hara, Michelle C. Engelbrecht, Kerry Uebel, Letshego Elizabeth Nophale, Elizabeth Ann Bryce, Jane A Buxton, Jacob Siegel, Jerry Malcolm Spiegel. Global Health Action. Published: 2 May 2014.

Community-based cluster-randomized controlled trials (RCTs) are increasingly being conducted to address pressing global health concerns. Preparations for clinical trials are well-described, as are the steps for multi-component health service trials... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.globalhealthaction.net/index.php/gha/article/view/23594>[Accessed: 23 May 2014]

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Surgical Efficiencies and Quality in the Performance of Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMMC) Procedures in Kenya, South Africa, Tanzania, and Zimbabwe

Rech D, Bertrand JT, Thomas N, Farrell M, Reed J, Frade S, Samkange C, Obiero W, Agot K, Mahler H, Castor D, Njehumeli E. Plos One. Published: 6 May 2014.

This analysis explores the association between elements of surgical efficiency in voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC), quality of surgical technique, and the amount of time required to conduct VMMC procedures in actual field settings... [Read More »](#)

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A model for mentoring newly-appointed nurse educators in nursing education institutions in South Africa

Eunice Seekoe. Curationis - Journal of the Democratic Nursing Organisation of SA. Published: 24 April 2014.

South Africa transformed higher education through the enactment of the Higher Education Act (No. 101 of 1997). The researcher identified the need to develop a model for the mentoring of newly-appointed nurse educators in nursing education institutions in South Africa... [Read More »](#)

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A Model for Training Public Health Workers in Health Policy: the Nebraska Health Policy Academy

Kathleen Brondot, Claudine McCarthy, Brandon Grimm, Colleen Sweboda, David Balm, Jim B. Stimpson

Rahneen Brandert, Claudine McCarthy, Brandon Grimm, Corleen Svoboda, David Faint, Jill F. Simpson. *Preventing Chronic Disease*. Published: 15 May 2014.

There is growing recognition that health goals are more likely to be achieved and sustained if programs are complemented by appropriate changes in the policies, systems, and environments that shape their communities... [Read More »](#)

Source: http://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2014/pdf/14_0108.pdf[Accessed: 23 May 2014]

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Recent News

Weighing up circumcision options

Health-e News. Published: 13 May 2014.

Choosing the best circumcision option for your son can be a tough decision for parents, especially if tradition says that initiation schools are the way to go...[Read More »](#)

Source: http://www.health-e.org.za/2014/05/13/weighing-circumcision-options/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=weighing-circumcision-options[Accessed: 23 May 2014]

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PrePex could cut down on botched circumcision deaths

Mail&Guardian. Published: 19 May 2014.

A non-surgical circumcision tool could provide a way for initiation schools to eliminate initiate deaths from traditional circumcision complications...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2014-05-19-prepex-could-cut-down-on-botched-circumcision-deaths/>[Accessed: 23 May 2014]

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MPs pass Bill that will make men test for HIV alongside their wives

Daily Monitor. Published: 14 May 2014.

If President Museveni assents to the new HIV/Aids Prevention and Control Bill, 2010, passed by Parliament yesterday, it will be criminal for a person to 'wilfully' or 'intentionally' infect another with the HIV/Aids virus... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.monitor.co.ug/News/National/MPs-pass-Bill-that-will-make-men-test/-/688334/2313542/-/siyqx4z/-/index.html>[Accessed: 23 May 2014]

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AIDS Health Foundation donates R15 mln to KZN

SABC. Published: 12 May 2014.

The KwaZulu-Natal Health Department says a R15 million donation it has received from the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) Health Foundation towards building a clinic in Umlazi township, south of Durban, will help give the community access to quality health services...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.sabc.co.za/news/a/c8808c8043f8f2f58739b7866b9bf97e/AIDS-Health-Foundation-donates-R15-mln-to-KZN-20140512>[Accessed: 23 May 2014]

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US recommends daily pill to fight Aids infections

New York Times. Published: 14 May 2014.

Federal health officials recommended Wednesday that hundreds of thousands of Americans at risk for Aids take a daily pill that has been shown to prevent infection with the virus that causes it...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2014/05/15/health/us-recommends-daily-pill-to-fight-aids-infections.html?hp>[Accessed: 23 May 2014]

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Mother's Day treat for pregnant women

Health-e News. Published: 12 May 2014.

Starting from Mother's Day on 11 May 2014, pregnant women in the Western Cape are being given a little book to answer all their questions, thanks to the Provincial Department of Health and the Perinatal Mental Health Project (PMHP)...[Read More »](#)

Source: http://www.health-e.org.za/2014/05/12/mothers-day-treat-pregnant-women/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=mothers-day-treat-pregnant-women[Accessed: 23 May 2014]

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New birth control hits mark with Mpumalanga women

Health-e News. Published: 15 May 2014.

South Africa's first under-the-skin birth control implant is leading some Mpumalanga women to trade traditional birth control shots for the three-year implants...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2014/05/15/new-birth-control-hits-mark-mpumalanga-women/>[Accessed: 23 May 2014]

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Country charts first decline in maternal mortality

Health-e News. Published: 7 May 2014.

Deaths among pregnant women and new mothers may finally be falling in South Africa, but the proportion of these deaths due to an age-old disease may be rising, say experts...[Read More »](#)

Source: http://www.health-e.org.za/2014/05/07/country-charts-first-decline-maternal-mortality/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=country-charts-first-decline-maternal-mortality[Accessed: 23 May 2014]

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Tygerberg Children's Hospital beats the odds

Tygerburger. Published: 9 May 2014.

Against all odds, Tygerberg Children's Hospital boasts a neonatal survival rate on par with many wealthy countries...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.tygerburger.co.za/145930/news/article/tygerberg-childrens-hospital-beats-the-odds>[Accessed: 23 May 2014]

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Health department ready to move on prices

BdLive. Published: 16 May 2014.

Seven years since the health department first attempted to reduce the cost of medicines by benchmarking prices against other countries, it says it finally has a proposal on the table taking account of the pharmaceutical industry's concerns...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/health/2014/05/16/health-department-ready-to-move-on-prices>[Accessed: 23 May 2014]

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World Health Assembly opens: Director-general announces new initiative to end childhood obesity

WHO. Published: 19 May 2014.

The World Health Assembly, the world's health policy-making body, opened its Sixty-seventh session today with the election of Dr Roberto Tomas Morales Ojeda, Cuba's Minister of Public Health, as its new President...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2014/world-health-assembly67/en/>[Accessed: 23 May 2014]

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World Health Statistics 2014: Large gains in life expectancy

WHO. Published: 15 May 2014.

People everywhere are living longer, according to the "World Health Statistics 2014" published today by WHO...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2014/world-health-statistics-2014/en/>[Accessed: 23 May 2014]

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Public health a major priority in African nations

Pew Research. Published: 1 May 2014.

Concerns about public health are widespread in sub-Saharan Africa, and there is considerable support in the region for making public health challenges a top national priority...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.pewglobal.org/2014/05/01/public-health-a-major-priority-in-african-nations/>[Accessed: 23 May 2014]

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Training and Resources

Impact Evaluation of HIV/AIDS and Health Programs

When: 21 July - 1 August 2014

Venue: Pretoria, South Africa

The workshop will provide intensive training in the concepts of program evaluation and in the tools and techniques for evaluating program impact.[Click Here>>](#)

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Panillon Press and Consultancy: Fundraising Training - Cape Town, Johannesburg and Durban

When: 28 May 2014 - Cape Town, 5 June 2014 - Johannesburg, 18 June 2014 - Durban

In response to ongoing requests for Papillon's most popular training courses, the following intensive half-day workshops have been arranged in Cape Town, Johannesburg and Durban in May and June 2014...[Click Here>>](#)

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Reports and Publications

2012 National Antenatal Sentinel HIV & Herpes Simplex Type-2 Prevalence Survey

Department of Health (South Africa). Published: 2014.

The history of South Africa's response to the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) epidemic shows a gradual apprehension of the magnitude of the problem over the last two decades, and faces challenges of providing appropriate management and care for this infectious chronic disease which has reached an epidemic level...[Click Here»](#)

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Understanding the New Funding Model

Aidsplan. Published: 2014.

Aidsplan Guides are free downloadable publications of 50 to 150 pages providing detailed practical advice to those applying for, overseeing or implementing Global Fund grants...[Click Here»](#)

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Global status report on alcohol and health 2014

WHO. Published: 2014.

The Global status report on alcohol and health 2014 presents a comprehensive perspective on the global, regional and country consumption of alcohol, patterns of drinking, health consequences and policy responses in Member States...[Click Here»](#)

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PrEP Guidelines 2014

CDC. Published: 2014.

Recent findings from several clinical trials have demonstrated safety and a substantial reduction in the rate of HIV acquisition for men who have sex with men (MSM), men and women in heterosexual HIV-discordant couples, and heterosexual men and women recruited as individuals who were prescribed daily oral antiretroviral preexposure prophylaxis (PrEP) with a fixed-dose combination of tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (TDF) and emtricitabine (FTC)...[Click Here»](#)

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Conferences and Events

4th SA TB Conference

When: 10-13 June 2014

Venue: International Convention Centre, Durban, South Africa

URL: <http://www.tbconference.co.za/index.html/>

With the rollout of new molecular diagnostics and new TB drugs, we now bear witness to the dawn of a new age in the fight against TB. Meaningful impact will only be achieved with integration of all our efforts. We call on everyone working in all spheres of TB-HIV drug discovery, clinical management, patient advocacy, government policy and the basic sciences to attend this meeting.

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Health Services Research: Evidence-based practice

When: 1-3 July 2014

Venue: King's College London, UK

URL: <http://www.health-services-research.com/conference/>

BioMed Central, in association with its portfolio of health services research and policy journals, is pleased to announce the first international conference, Health Services Research: Evidence-based practice, that will take place 1-3 July 2014 at King's College London, UK. As health services research is a multidisciplinary field, this meeting will have a broad scope and address topics from many viewpoints, with a focus on international health policy but including local health care systems.

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20th International AIDS Conference

When: 20-25 July 2014

Venue: Melbourne, Australia

URL: <http://www.aids2014.org/>

The AIDS 2014 programme will present new scientific knowledge and offer many opportunities for structured dialogue on the major issues facing the global response to HIV. A variety of session types - from abstract-driven presentations to symposia, bridging and plenary sessions - will meet the needs of various participants.

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10th Public Health Association of South Africa

When: 3-6 September 2014
Venue: Protea Ranch Resort, Polokwane, South Africa
URL: <http://www.phasa.org.za/10th-phaasa-conference-2014/>

The 10th anniversary of the Public Health Association of South Africa (PHASA) conference will be celebrated with the hosting of the conference in Polokwane (Limpopo) from 3 to 6 September 2014. The workshops will take place on the 3rd, the actual conference on the 4th and 5th, and the student symposium on the 6th of September.

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Southern African HIV Clinicians Society

When: 24-27 September 2014
Venue: Cape Town, South Africa
URL: <http://sahivsoc2014.co.za/>

Clear your diaries for 24-27 September 2014, as we head for Cape Town again and a dizzying array of excellent speakers, skills building sessions, debates, challenging cases and research findings. We are assembling our organising committee from across the country, to ensure that every aspect of HIV medicine is covered. We are also debating and releasing new guidelines.

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Third Global Symposium on Health Systems Research

When: 30 September to 3 October 2014
Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre, South Africa
URL: <http://hsr2014.healthsystemsresearch.org/>

The theme of the symposium is the science and practice of people-centred health systems, chosen to enable participants to address current and critical concerns of relevance across countries in all parts of the world. Researchers, policy-makers, funders, implementers and other stakeholders, from all regions and all socio-economic levels, will work together on the challenge of how to make health systems more responsive to the needs of individuals, families and communities.

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Job Opportunities

Zoë-Life - KidzAlive Project Manager

Closing Date: 30 May 2014
Please view our website for more details
<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/kidzalive-project-manager>

HelpAge International - Head of Programmes - East, West and Central Africa Regional Development Centre

Closing Date: 1 June 2014
Please view our website for more details
<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/head-programmes-east-west-and-central-africa-regional-development-centre>

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