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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Individual and population level impact of key HIV risk factors on HIV incidence rates in Durban, South Africa

Gita Ramjee, Suri Moonsamy, Nathlee Samantha Abbai, Handan Wand. PLoS One. Published: 13 May 2016.

We aimed to estimate the individual and joint impact of age, marital status and diagnosis with sexually transmitted infections (STIs) on HIV acquisition among young women at a population level in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371> [Accessed: 24 June 2016]

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Psychological and behavioural interventions to reduce HIV risk: Evidence from a randomised control trial among orphaned and vulnerable adolescents in South Africa

T. R. Thurman, R. Kidman, T. W. Carton and P. Chiroro. AIDS Care. Published: 24 March 2016.

Evidence-based approaches are needed to address the high levels of sexual risk behaviour and associated HIV infection among orphaned and vulnerable adolescents. This study recruited adolescents from a support

programme for HIV-affected families and randomly assigned them by cluster to receive one of the following: (1) a structured group-based behavioural health intervention; (2) interpersonal psychotherapy group sessions; (3) both interventions; or (4) no new interventions. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4828594/> [Accessed: 24 June 2016]

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Do knowledge translation (KT) plans help to structure KT practices?

Salomon Tchameni Ngamo, Karine Souffez, Catherine Lord and Christian Dagenais. Health Research Policy and Systems. Published: 17 June 2016.

A knowledge translation (KT) planning template is a roadmap laying out the core elements to be considered when structuring the implementation of KT activities by researchers and practitioners. Since 2010, the Institut national de sante publique du Quebec (INSPQ; Quebec Public Health Institute) has provided tools and guidance to in-house project teams to help them develop KT plans. This study sought to identify the dimensions included in those plans and which ones were integrated and how. The results will be of interest to funding agencies and scientific organizations that provide frameworks for KT planning. [Read More »](#)

Source: <https://health-policy-systems.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/> [Accessed: 24 June 2016]

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Evaluation of SMS reminder messages for altering treatment adherence and health seeking perceptions among malaria care-seekers in Nigeria

Jenny X. Liu, Sepideh Modrek. Health Policy and Planning. Published: 16 June 2016.

In Nigeria, access to malaria diagnostics may be expanded if drug retailers were allowed to administer malaria rapid diagnostic tests (RDTs). A 2012 pilot intervention showed that short message service (SMS) reminder messages could boost treatment adherence to RDT results by 10-14% points. This study aimed to replicate the SMS intervention in a different population, and additionally test the effect of an expanded message about anticipated RDT access policy change on customers' acceptability for drug retailers' administration of RDTs. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://heapol.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/06/16/> [Accessed: 24 June 2016]

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Recent News

WHO validates countries' elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV and syphilis

WHO. Published: 8 June 2016.

The World Health Organization congratulates Thailand and Belarus for eliminating mother-to-child transmission of both HIV and syphilis. WHO also applauds Armenia and the Republic of Moldova for eliminating mother-to-child transmission of HIV, and syphilis, respectively. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/statements/2016/mother-child-hiv-syphilis/en/> [Accessed: 24 June 2016]

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The World Could End AIDS if It Tried

New York Times. Published: 13 June 2016.

The world has made so much progress in reducing the spread of AIDS and treating people with H.I.V. that the epidemic has receded from the public spotlight. Yet by any measure the disease remains a major threat - 1.1 million people died last year from AIDS-related causes, and 2.1 million people were infected with the virus. And while deaths are down over the last five years, the number of new infections has essentially reached a plateau. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2016/06/13/opinion/> [Accessed: 24 June 2016]

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Billions of rand short for NHI to work

Financial Mail. Published: 10 June 2016.

Finally, we have confirmation: even government's own numbers for National Health Insurance (NHI) just don't add up. Government's policy document - four years in the making, and finally gazetted last December - admits there's a shortage of billions of rand if we want to make it work. Conveniently, that white paper doesn't say exactly how much NHI will cost, or where the money is expected to come from [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.financialmail.co.za/features/2016/06/10/>[Accessed: 24 June 2016]

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Significant attrition at each stage of HIV care cascade in South Africa - Over half of HIV-infected men undiagnosed

AIDSmap. Published: 6 June 2016.

There is significant attrition at each stage of the HIV care continuum in South Africa, according to a study published in the online edition of the Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes. The population-based research was conducted in North West Province and revealed that of those with HIV, only 48% of men and 76% of women were aware they were infected. Patients were then lost at each stage in the cascade of HIV care. Overall, just 22% of HIV-positive men and 56% of HIV-positive women had viral suppression, liberally defined as a viral load below 5 000 copies/ml. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.aidsmap.com/Significant-attrition-at-each-stage-of-HIV>[Accessed: 24 June 2016]

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Cancer doctors leading campaign to boost use of HPV vaccine

Washington Post. Published: 19 June 2016. .

The nation's leading cancer doctors are pushing paediatricians and other providers to help increase use of the HPV vaccine, which studies show could help avert tens of thousands of cancer cases during young Americans' lives. Yet a decade after its controversial introduction, the vaccine remains stubbornly underused even as some of those diseases surge [Read More »](#)

Source: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/cancer>[Accessed: 24 June 2016]

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WHO: People in Zika-affected regions should consider delaying pregnancy

Washington Post. Published: 9 June 2016.

In a move with enormous social implications in countries hardest hit by Zika, the World Health Organization is recommending that millions of people in areas where the mosquito-borne virus is spreading now consider delaying pregnancy to avoid risking a baby born with serious brain damage. [Read More »](#)

Source: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/to-your-health/wp/2016/06/09/>[Accessed: 24 June 2016]

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2016 Young Physician Leaders programme

InterAcademy Partnership. Published: 20 June 2016.

The call for nominations for the 2016 Young Physician Leaders programme is now online. The deadline for sending nominations is 30 June 2016. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.iamp-online.org/young-physician-leaders-2016>[Accessed: 24 June 2016]

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Training and Resources

The Union: Results-based monitoring and evaluation course

When: 10 - 14 October 2016. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia URL: <http://www.union-imdp.org/courses>

This management development course aims to: 1. Develop an understanding of the difference between monitoring, review and evaluation of programmes and projects; 2. Develop different indicators for project monitoring and evaluation; 3. Strengthen the processes of supervision to work more effectively and efficiently; 4. Collect and analyse data and drawing meaningful conclusions to take corrective and preventative action; 5. Improve the quality, speed and content of reporting for better decision making; 6. Conduct and support an internal or external audit for the project

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Postnatal Care Policy

Department of Health, Western Cape. Published: January 2016

URL: <http://www.hst.org.za/publications/postnatal-care-policy>

The new Postnatal Care Policy for the Western Cape has recently been ratified by the Head of Health, Dr Engelbrecht, and a circular distributed province-wide instructing 'immediate implementation'. The PMHP

contributed substantially to this policy which now includes a requirement for screening, referral and adequate follow up of mothers with depression, anxiety, psychosis and substance use problems. The mental health screening tool on the clinic checklist includes the brief tool validated by PMHP at our Hanover Park research project.

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Books, Publications, Reports and Manuals

Global AIDS Update 2016

UNAIDS. Published: 31 May 2016

An estimated 17 million people were accessing life-saving antiretroviral medicines at the end of 2015, with an additional 2 million people gaining access over a 12-month period. The announcement, made in a new UNAIDS report entitled Global AIDS update 2016, comes as world leaders prepare to gather for the United Nations General Assembly High-Level Meeting on Ending AIDS, to take place in New York, United States of America, from 8 to 10 June 2016 [Click Here»](#)

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Conferences and Events

International AIDS Conference

When: 17 - 22 July 2016

Venue: International Convention Centre, Durban, South Africa

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

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Global Development Professionals Network: Breaking down barriers to HIV/Aids treatment - afternoon seminar

When: 21 July 2016

Venue: Durban, South Africa

URL: <http://www.theguardian.com/global-development>

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Rural Health Conference

When: 6 - 9 August 2016

Venue: Fort England Hospital, Grahamstown, Eastern Cape, South Africa

URL: www.rhc2016.co.za

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19th National Family Practitioners Congress 2016

When: 12 - 14 August 2016

River Club, Cape Town

URL: <http://saafp.org/conferences/index.php/ANFPC/SAAFP19>

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Public Health Association of South Africa 2016 Conference

When: 19 - 22 September 2016

Venue: East London Convention Centre

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South African Medical Association Conference

When: 21 -23 October 2016

Venue: Sandton Convention Centre, Gauteng, South Africa

URL: <https://www.samedical.org/conference/form>

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4th International Conference on HIV/AIDS, STDs and STIs

When: 3 - 5 October 2016

Venue: Orlando, Florida, USA

URL: <http://hiv-aids-std.conferenceseries.com/>

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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/>

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2016 Leadership Conference in Healthcare

When: 27 - 30 November 2016

Venue: Cape Town, South Africa

URL: www.leadership2016.co.za

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Job Opportunities

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<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/social-worker-1>

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