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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Monitoring of non-communicable diseases such as hypertension in South Africa: Challenges for the post-2015 global development agenda

Candy Day, Pam Groenewald, Ria Laubscher, Sabrina Chaudhry, Nienke van Schaik, Debbie Bradshaw. South African Medical Journal. Published: 13 August 2014.

Examining the non-communicable disease (NCD) profile for South Africa (SA) is crucial when developing health interventions that aim to reduce the burden of NCDs...[Read More »](#)

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Strengthening health systems through improved reliability of health information: An evaluation of the expanded programme on immunisation data management in Eastern Cape, South Africa

A-M Jamin, B Kaposhi, D Schopflocher, N Mqoqi. Strengthening Health Systems. Published: 30 September 2014.

An initial review of District Health Information System (DHIS) data from Eastern Cape Province, South Africa, collected for the Expanded Programme on Immunisation (EPI), identified wide variations in reported rates of immunisation between sub-districts, with some consistently exceeding 100%...[Read More »](#)

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The Preventable Risk Integrated Model and its use to estimate the health impact of public health policy scenarios

Peter Scarborough, Richard A. Harrington, Anja Mizdrak, Lijuan Marissa Zhou, and Aiden Doherty. Scientifica. Published: 25 September 2014.

Noncommunicable disease (NCD) scenario models are an essential part of the public health toolkit, allowing for an estimate of the health impact of population-level interventions that are not amenable to assessment by standard epidemiological study designs (e.g., health-related food taxes and physical infrastructure projects) and extrapolating results from small samples to the whole population...[Read More »](#)

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A promising approach to scale up health care improvements in low-and middle-income countries: The Wave-Sequence Spread Approach and the concept of the Slice of a System

M. Rashad Massoud, Nana Mensah-Abrampah. F1000 Research. Published: 14 June 2014.

There are several examples of successes in improving health care. However, many of these tend to remain limited to the sites they were originally developed in...[Read More »](#)

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Creating change in government to address the social determinants of health: How can efforts be improved?

Gemma Carey, Brad Crammond and Roybn Keast. BioMed Central. Published: 20 October 2014.

The evidence base for the impact of social determinants of health has been strengthened considerably in the last decade. Increasingly, the public health field is using this as a foundation for arguments and actions to change government policies...[Read More »](#)

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A decade of investments in monitoring the HIV epidemic: How far have we come? A descriptive analysis

Tobias Alfvén, Lotus McDougal, Luisa Frescura, Christian Aran, Paul Amler and Wayne Gill. Health Research Policy and Systems 2014. Published: 16 October 2014.

The 2001 Declaration of Commitment (DoC) adopted by the General Assembly Special Session on HIV/AIDS (UNGASS) included a call to monitor national responses to the HIV epidemic...[Read More »](#)

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Poor clinical outcomes for HIV infected children on antiretroviral therapy in rural Mozambique: Need for program quality improvement and community engagement

Need for program quality improvement and community engagement

Sten H. Vermund, Meridith Blevins, Troy D. Moon, Eurico José, Linda Moiane, José A. Tique, Mohsin Sidat, Philip J. Ciampa, Bryan E. Shepherd, Lara M.E. Vaz. *PlosOne*. Published: 20 October 2014.

Residents of Zambézia Province, Mozambique live from rural subsistence farming and fishing. The 2009 provincial HIV prevalence for adults 15-49 years was 12.6%, higher among women (15.3%) than men (8.9%). We reviewed clinical data to assess outcomes for HIV-infected children on combination antiretroviral therapy (cART) in a highly resource-limited setting...[Read More »](#)

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A South African public-private partnership HIV treatment model: Viability and success factors

Jude Igumbor, Sophie Pascoe, Shuabe Rajap, Wendy Townsend, John Sargent, Ernest Darkoh. *PlosOne*. Published: 20 October 2014.

The increasing number of people requiring HIV treatment in South Africa calls for efficient use of its human resources for health in order to ensure optimum treatment coverage and outcomes...[Read More »](#)

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Global aspirations, local realities: The role of social science research in controlling neglected tropical diseases

Kevin Bardosh. *Centre of African Studies, School of Social and Political Science, College of Humanities and Social Science, The University of Edinburgh, UK. Division of Pathway Medicine and Centre for Infectious Diseases, School of Biomedical Sciences, College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine, The University of Edinburgh, UK. Infectious Diseases of Poverty 2014*. Published: 1 October 2014.

Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) are both drivers and manifestations of poverty and social inequality. Increased advocacy efforts since the mid-2000s have led to ambitious new control and elimination targets set for 2020 by the World Health Organization...[Read More »](#)

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Recent News

Government set to review dispensing fees

BDlive. Published: 9 October 2014.

The Department of Health is planning a review of pharmacists' dispensing fees to compensate for the envisaged loss in income from its proposed ban on payments from drug companies...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/health/2014/10/09/government-set-to-review-dispensing-fees>[Accessed: 24 October 2014]

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Information on suspected side effects of nationally authorised medicines now available through a single website

EMA Press Release. Published: 6 October 2014.

As of today, European citizens can obtain information on suspected side effects, also known as suspected adverse drug reactions, of an additional 1,700 active substances contained in medicines approved in the European Union (EU) through a website maintained by the European Medicines Agency (EMA)...[Read More »](#)

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Medunsa to be split from University of Limpopo

BDlive. Published: 13 October 2014.

The Medical University of South Africa (Medunsa) is being separated from the University of Limpopo (UL) and will in January next year become a part of the new Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University (SMU)...[Read More »](#)

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Plea for private training of doctors

BDlive. Published: 17 October 2014.

A paradigm shift is needed if SA is to have enough doctors to meet its growing disease burden, delegates at the Hospital Association of SA (Hasa) conference heard on Thursday...[Read More »](#)

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Western Cape health department earns 10th unqualified audit

BDlive. Published: 14 October 2014.

The Western Cape health department announced on Tuesday that it had received its 10th unqualified audit from the auditor-general. The achievement stands in stark contrast to the rest of SA's provincial health departments...[Read More »](#)

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The importance of national funding for health in Africa

UNAIDS. Published: 14 October 2014.

Prominent African leaders and stakeholders spoke about the importance of national funding for health during a high-level side event at the African Development Forum...[Read More »](#)

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Targeted adherence measures and viral load monitoring needed to improve retention in South African ART programme

aidsmap. Published: 16 October 2014.

57% of people living with HIV in South Africa who are eligible to initiate antiretroviral therapy (ART) are in care and only 37% of the 2012/2013 cohort of people receiving ART were given a viral load test...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.aidsmap.com/Targeted-adherence-measures-and-viral-load-monitoring-needed-to-improve-retention-in-South-African-ART-programme/page/2913314>[Accessed: 24 October 2014]

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Public health in the 21st century - American Journal of Preventive Medicine supplement addresses critical challenges to public health

EurekAlert. Published: 16 October 2014.

In a new supplement to the American Journal of Preventive Medicine, experts address critical challenges to public health, from workforce development, capacity building, partnership and collaborations, and changes and needs in workforce composition...[Read More »](#)

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Ebola serum for Africa patients within weeks, says WHO

BBC News Online. Published: 21 October 2014.

Serum made from the blood of recovered Ebola patients could be available within weeks in Liberia, one of the countries worst hit by the virus, says the World Health Organization...[Read More »](#)

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Training and Resources

CHOSA Programmes Fellow

Opportunity Closing Date: 31 October 2014

Children of South Africa's (CHOSA) mission is to identify and support communities and community-based organisations (CBOs) that reach out and take care of orphans and other vulnerable children in South Africa...[Click Here>>](#)

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African Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowships

Deadline: 15 January 2015

Contact: The ADDRDF Manager, E-mail: 2015addrf@aphrc.org

The African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC), in partnership with the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), is calling for applications for the African Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowships (ADDRDF).[Click Here>>](#)

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Gender Matters: Overcoming gender-related barriers to prevent new HIV infections among children and keep their mothers alive

UNAIDS. Published: October 2014.

Approximately 660 children globally are estimated to acquire HIV every day, mostly during pregnancy, birth or breastfeeding. If pregnant women living with HIV and their children both have timely and continued access to

breastfeeding. If pregnant women living with HIV and their children both have timely and continued access to antiretroviral medicines, it is possible to reduce new HIV infections among children to less than 5%. [Click Here>>](#)

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Books, Publications, Reports and Manuals

Special report: A primer on Ebola for clinicians

Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness. Published: 17 October 2014.

Clinicians outside of West Africa, particularly those who work in emergency medicine, critical care, infectious diseases, and infection control, should be familiar with the fundamentals of Ebola virus disease, including its diagnosis, treatment, and control. [Click Here>](#)

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Call for chapters – South African Health Review

Health Systems Trust

Researchers, educators, students, policy-makers, planners, capacity-builders, managers and specialist practitioners in the field of health systems and related health development disciplines are invited to submit abstracts for the 2014/2015 South African Health Review... [Read More »](#)

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Call for submissions – Emerging Public Health Practitioner Award

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The South African Health Review Emerging Public Health Practitioner Award is offered to South African candidates under the age of 35 to submit a chapter dealing with public health or policy in South Africa for publication in the South African Health Review... [Read More »](#)

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Considerations and guidance for countries adopting national health identifiers

UNAIDS. Published: June 2014.

Many lower- and middle-income countries are in the process of scaling up health services as part of strengthening their health sector to provide services for communicable and non-communicable diseases... [Read More »](#)

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Conferences and Events

Inaugural HIV Research for Prevention Conference (HIV R4P)

When: 28-31 October 2014

Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre, South Africa

URL: <http://hivr4p.org/>

HIV R4P is the world's first and only scientific meeting dedicated exclusively to biomedical HIV prevention research. Through both abstract and non-abstract driven sessions, the conference will support cross-fertilization between research on HIV vaccines, microbicides, PrEP, treatment as prevention and other biomedical prevention approaches, while also providing a venue to discuss the research findings, questions and priorities that are specific to advancing each modality.

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Creating a Pandemic of Health: Contagious Ideas for a Healthy Future

When: 3-5 November 2014

Venue: MaRS Discovery District, Toronto, Canada

URL: <https://pandemicofhealth.ca/>

The Global Health, Equity and Innovation Summit will bring together thought leaders, who will explore how best to create a pandemic of health. The program of the Summit will develop from a foundational theme, "Creating and Spreading Health".

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Call for abstracts: School of Health Sciences, University of Fort Hare and Department of Health, Eastern Cape, Research Seminar 2014

Deadline: 30 October 2014

URL: <http://www.hst.org.za/news/call-abstracts-school-health-sciences-university-fort-hare-and-department-health-eastern-cape-r>

The call for abstracts provides you with a platform to enable you to actively contribute to the scientific agenda on "Mentoring for Sustainable Rural Community Resilience and Public Health" in Eastern Cape, at School of Health Sciences Research Seminar 2014, by submitting an abstract via e-mail at dgoon@ufh.ac.za or daniel.goon2013@yahoo.com

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5th SA Child Health Priorities Conference

When: 3-5 December 2014

Venue: University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa

URL: <http://childhealthpriorities.co.za>

The theme for this year's conference is: Closing the Gap. The conference will interest child health practitioners, paediatricians, allied health professionals, nurses, district clinical specialists, programme managers and anyone involved in the delivery of child health care or services.

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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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Job Opportunities

Kheth'Impilo: Programme Manager - Advance Care Clinic

Closing Date: 28 October 2014

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/programme-manager-advance-care-clinic>

FHI 360 South Africa: Temporary Programme Officer

Closing Date: 4 November 2014

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