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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Transformation of HIV from pandemic to low-endemic levels: A public health approach to combination prevention

Alexandra Jones, Ide Cremin, Fareed Abdullah, John Idoko, Peter Cherutich, Nduku Kilonzo, Helen Rees, Timothy Hallett, Kevin O'Reilly, Florence Koechlin, Bernhard Schwartlander, Barbara de Zaluendo, Susan Kim, Jonathan Jay, Jacqueline Huh, Peter Piot, Mark Dybul. *Lancet*. Published: 14 April 2014.

Large declines in HIV incidence have been reported since 2001, and scientific advances in HIV prevention provide strong hope to reduce incidence further... [Read More »](#)

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HIV status, breastfeeding modality at five months and postpartum maternal weight changes over 24 months in rural South Africa

Chetty T, Carter RJ, Bland RM, Newell ML. *Tropical Medicine & International Health*. Published: 11 April 2014.

HIV infection can be associated with wasting, progressive loss of fat-free and fat mass, amplifying morbidity and mortality (Macallan 1999). Weight loss in HIV-infected individuals is generally multicausal... [Read More »](#)

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Abolishing HIV in Rwanda - End of epidemic in sight in one African country

Aidsmap. Published: 16 April 2014.

The achievement of universal HIV coverage in one African country, Rwanda, has resulted in HIV diagnoses more than halving and annual incidence falling by 90%, the 2014 Treatment as Prevention workshop in Vancouver heard earlier this month... [Read More »](#)

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Adapting a community-based ART delivery model to the patients' needs: A mixed methods research in Tete, Mozambique

Freya Rasschaert, Tom Decroo, Daniel Remartinez, Barbara Telfer, Faustino Lessitala, Marc Biot, Baltazar Candrinho and Wim Van Damme. *BioMed Central*. Published: 15 April 2014.

To improve retention in antiretroviral therapy (ART), lessons learned from chronic disease care were applied to HIV care, providing more responsibilities to patients in the care of their chronic disease... [Read More »](#)

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Indicators for tracking programmes to strengthen health research capacity in lower- and middle-income countries: A qualitative synthesis

Donald C Cole, Alan Boyd, Garry Aslanyan and Imelda Bates. *Health Research Policy and Systems* 2014. Published: 12 April 2014.

The monitoring and evaluation of health research capacity strengthening (health RCS) commonly involves documenting activities and outputs using indicators or metrics. We sought to catalogue the types of indicators being used to evaluate health RCS and to assess potential gaps in quality and coverage... [Read More »](#)

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Do we develop public health leaders? - Association between public health competencies and emotional intelligence: A cross-sectional study

Katarzyna Czabanowska, André Malho, Peter Schröder-Bäck, Daniela Popa and Genc Burazeri. *BioMed Central*. Published: 17 April 2014.

Professional development of public health leaders requires a form of instruction which is competency-based to help them develop the abilities to address complex and evolving demands of health care systems... [Read More »](#)

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Association between Health Systems Performance and Treatment Outcomes in Patients Co-Infected with MDR-TB and HIV in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa: Implications for TB Programmes

Marian Loveday, Nesri Padayatchi, Kristina Wallengren, Jacquelin Roberts, James C. M. Brust, Jacqueline Ngozo, Iqbal Master, Anna Voce. *Plos One*. Published: 9 April 2014.

Nosocomial transmission has been implicated as a key factor in the outbreak of extensively drug resistant (XDR) and multidrug-resistant (MDR-TB) tuberculosis at Church of Scotland Hospital (CoSH), in KwaZulu-Natal (KZN), South Africa... [Read More »](#)

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Why is healthcare inflation greater than general inflation?

Anita Charlesworth. *Journal of Services Research and Policy*. Published: 16 April 2014.

In the UK, spending on health care has increased by around 4% a year since the National Health Service (NHS) was founded 65 years ago... [Read More »](#)

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Recent News

ARV programme saves 780 000 lives

Health-e News Published: 11 April 2014.

South Africa's HIV antiretroviral (ARV) treatment programme saved 780 000 lives between 2003 and 2012, according to a recently released independent review... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2014/04/11/arv-programme-saves-780-000-lives/>[Accessed: 25 April 2014]

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Opposition parties say little on high medicine costs

Health-e News. Published: 11 April 2014.

In the wake of protests demanding better patent laws to allow South Africans access to cheaper medicines, politicians had little to say about the issue of affordable medicines at a debate yesterday... [Read More »](#)

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Ministry, Netcare back Maseru hospital

BDLive. Published: 10 April 2014.

Lesotho's health ministry has joined South Africa's biggest private hospital group, Netcare, in defending their ambitious public-private partnership hospital in Maseru, following a damning report by Oxfam this week... [Read More »](#)

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From critical condition to stable

Mail&Guardian. Published: 11 April 2014.

The nation's healthcare system reflects the actions of the ministers responsible for it over the years. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2014-04-11-from-critical-condition-to-stable>[Accessed: 25 April 2014]

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Klerksdorp/Tshepong Hospital gets new staff

Health-e News. Published: 16 April 2014.

The North West's Klerksdorp/Tshepong Hospital Complex has added almost 100 new staff members as it welcomes new medical officers and, hopefully, specialists... [Read More »](#)

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This is the business: Cuban medicine not a tonic for SA

BDLive. Published: 20 April 2014.

It is puzzling that our authorities see fit to send hundreds of young South Africans - at heavy cost to taxpayers - to study medicine in that communist backwater, Cuba, in an otherwise laudable effort to increase the declining supply of doctors in South Africa... [Read More »](#)

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Fact sheet: Competition Commission market inquiry into the private health care sector

Health-e News. Published: 14 April 2014.

Released by public interest organisation Section27, this fact sheet outlines key information regarding the ongoing Competition Commission inquiry into the private health care sector... [Read More »](#)

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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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Reports and Publications

Joint Review of HIV, TB and PMTCT Programmes in South Africa - April 2014

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

The National Department of Health (NDoH) commissioned a Joint Review of the HIV, TB and PMTCT Programmes to be undertaken in 2013. The main purpose of this independent Review, carried out by a multi-disciplinary team of South African and international reviewers, was to assess performance of the programmes and provide options for improvement...[Click Here>](#)

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Conferences and Events

4th Ethics, Human Rights and Medical Law Conference

When: 29-31 May 2014

Venue: Gallagher Estate, Johannesburg, South Africa

URL: <http://www.africahealthexhibition.com/en/Site-Root/Conference-Centre/Conferences2014/ETConference/>

The 4th Ethics, Human Rights and Medical Law Conference is a must attend event for healthcare professionals in South Africa and the surrounding region. A one-day conference that is fully dedicated to the above topics, it was created to demonstrate how important all three subjects are, as well as how they connect to one another.

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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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<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/junior-administrator-0>
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- **District Leadership Mentors**
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