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## Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

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### Eliminating mother-to-child HIV transmission in South Africa

Peter Barron, Yogan Pillay, Tanya Doherty, Gayle Sherman, Debra Jackson, Sanjana Bhardwaj, Precious Robinson & Ameena Yoga. *Bulletin of the World Health Organization* 2013;91:70-74. Published: January 2013.

The prevalence of HIV infection among pregnant women is likely to remain high for at least the next two decades because the number of people receiving life-long antiretroviral therapy (ART) in South Africa is still increasing and is predicted to plateau at around 3 million in 2016...[Read More »](#)

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### Toward an understanding of disengagement from HIV treatment and care in sub-Saharan Africa: A qualitative study

Norma C. Ware, Monique A. Wyatt, Elvin H. Geng, Sylvia F. Kaaya, Oche O. Agbaji, Winnie R. Muyindike, Guerino Chalamilla, Patricia A. Agaba. *PLoS Med* 10(1): e1001369. Published: January 8, 2013.

This paper introduces an explanation for missed clinic visits and subsequent disengagement among patients enrolled in HIV treatment and care programs in Africa...[Read More »](#)

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### Improving sexual health for HIV patients by providing a combination of integrated public health and hospital care services; a one-group pre- and post test intervention comparison

Nicole HTM Dukers-Muijers, Carlijn Somers, Christian JPA Hoebe, Selwyn H Lowe, Anne-Marie EJWM Niekamp, Astrid Oude Lashof, Cathrien AMVH Bruggeman and Hubertus JM Vrijhoef. *BMC Public Health* 2012, 12:1118. Published: 27 December 2012.

Hospital HIV care and public sexual health care (a Sexual Health Care Centre) services were integrated to provide sexual health counselling and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) testing and treatment (sexual health care) to larger numbers of HIV patients...[Read More »](#)

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### Rewriting the narrative of the epidemiology of HIV in sub-Saharan Africa

SAHARA-J: *Journal of Social Aspects of HIV/AIDS: An Open Access Journal*. Volume 9, Issue 3, 2012. Published: 28 November 2012.

The fight against HIV remains complicated with contracting donor resources and high burden of HIV among reproductive age adults still often limiting independent economic development...[Read More »](#)

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### Addressing inequity to achieve the maternal and child health millennium development goals: looking beyond averages

George M Ruhago, Frida N Ngalesoni and Ole F Norheim. *BMC Public Health* 2012, 12:1119. Published: 27 December 2012.

Inequity in access to and use of child and maternal health interventions is impeding progress towards the maternal and child health Millennium Development Goals. This study explores the potential health gains and equity impact if a set of priority interventions for mothers and under fives were scaled up to reach national universal coverage targets for MDGs in Tanzania...[Read More »](#)

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## Phased implementation of screening for cryptococcal disease in South Africa

*The South African Cryptococcal Screening Initiative Group. South African Medical Journal, Vol 102, No 12 (2012). Published: 2012.*

Cryptococcus neoformans is the most common cause of laboratory-confirmed meningitis in South Africa. Despite the increased coverage of antiretroviral treatment (ART), the country's incidence of cryptococcal meningitis remains high...[Read More »](#)

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## Recent News

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### South African hospital receives Innovative Service Delivery Award for implementation of medicines management software

*Management Science for Health (MSH). Published: 24 January 2013.*

Dihlabeng Regional Hospital in Bethlehem, rural Free State, South Africa, recently made the jump from a paper-based system to using RxSolution for dispensing prescriptions for patients on antiretrovirals...[Read More »](#)

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### McCord's future in the balance

*IOL. Published: 24 January 2013.*

McCord and 60 other medical facilities are awaiting a decision next week from a committee appointed by the KZN Health Department on which would receive funds...[Read More »](#)

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### Cutting the McCord: Durban's hospital finally loses the battle

*Daily Maverick. Published: 24 January 2013.*

In their soon-to-be published book on the McCord hospital, 'And May the Good Work Go on!' *Health Pioneers of KwaZulu-Natal, McCord Hospital, 1909-2009*, Julie Parle, Catherine Burns and Vanessa Noble detail the "proud and unique" history of the hospital...[Read More »](#)

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### State cancels plan to cut Western Cape health grants

*Business Day. Published: 25 January 2013.*

The Department of Health has reversed its decision to cut the Western Cape health department's national tertiary services grant, after Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi intervened to protect the budgets of top teaching hospitals...[Read More »](#)

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### Cape health boss warns on hospital takeovers

*Business Day. Published: 21 January 2013.*

Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi's intention to take control of SA's 10 central hospitals has been debated behind the scenes for several years, but gained fresh impetus in the form of support from delegates at the African National Congress (ANC) conference in Mangaung last month...[Read More »](#)

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### State grants pharmaceutical companies a 5.8% price increase

*Business Day. Published: 23 January 2013.*

Pharmaceutical companies will be allowed to hike their private sector prices by up to 5.8% this year, the Department of Health announced on Wednesday, in a move that is likely to disappoint the local manufacturing industry...[Read More »](#)

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### Province health vacancies for doctors, nurses 'shocking'

*Business Day. Published: 17 January 2013.*

The Limpopo health department can fill barely one in five of its doctors posts and just one in three of its positions for nurses, according to research released by the South African Institute of Race Relations.

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### **Cadres make way for new hospital CEOs**

*Business Day. Published: 17 January 2013.*

Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi announced the appointment of more than 100 new CEOs for public hospitals, fulfilling his promise to ensure these positions are filled by qualified people... [Read More »](#)

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### **Problematic Durban hospital may close**

*IOL. Published: 17 January 2013.*

Addington Hospital in the Durban city centre is likely to be closed down so that it can be renovated and its systems overhauled... [Read More »](#)

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### **Silent killer lurks in miners' lungs**

*Mail and Guardian. Published: 25 January 2013.*

Several other lawsuits are underway that could cost the South African mining industry billions in compensation for gold mineworkers suffering from silicosis. Silicosis has plagued gold miners in Southern Africa for more than a century but the mines have been slow to tackle the problem... [Read More »](#)

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### **R80bn a year more needed for NHI**

*Times Live. Published: 25 January 2013.*

Were National Health Insurance to be implemented in South Africa this year, the country would be short of R80-billion a year to pay for it. [Read More »](#)

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## **Training and Resources**

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### **Rapid Retention Survey Toolkit: Designing Evidence-Based Incentives for Health Workers**

*CapacityPlus*

The Rapid Retention Survey Toolkit is intended to allow human resources managers to determine health professionals' motivational preferences for accepting and remaining in posts. The toolkit builds on the WHO global policy recommendations for rural retention and is based on the discrete choice experiment (DCE), a powerful research method that identifies the trade-offs health professionals (or other types of workers) are willing to make between specific job characteristics and determines their preferences for various incentive packages, including the probability of accepting a post in a rural health facility. [Click Here>>](#)

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### **Postdoctoral Research Fellowship**

*The Women's Health Research Unit, University of Cape Town  
Deadline: Until Filled.*

The Women's Health Research Unit (WHRU) in the School of Public Health and Family Medicine at the University of Cape Town invites applications for a postdoctoral research fellowship, for a period of one year starting in 2013 with the possibility of renewal for a further year. [Click Here>>](#)

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### **Call for applications: 2013-2014 Aga Khan International Scholarship Programme**

*Aga Khan International  
Closing Date: 31 March 2013.*

The Aga Khan Foundation provides a limited number of scholarships each year for postgraduate studies to outstanding students from developing countries who have no other means of financing their studies.

Scholarships are awarded on a 50% grant : 50% loan basis through a competitive application process once a year in June or July. [Click Here>>](#)

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### **Call for applications: Robert S. McNamara Fellowships Program**

*The World Bank*

*Closing Date: 31 July 2013.*

The World Bank is seeking applications for the Robert S. McNamara Doctoral research fellowships Program in the fields such as economics, health, education, agriculture, environment, natural resource management, or other development related subject. [Click Here>>](#)

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## **Reports and Publications**

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### **Human Rights Indicators - Indicators to promote and monitor the implementation of human rights**

*World Health Organization. Published: 2013.*

The publication aims to assist in developing quantitative and qualitative indicators to measure progress in the implementation of international human rights norms and principles. [Click Here»](#)

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### **Good Policy and Practice in HIV and Health Education – Booklet 7: Gender Equality, HIV and Education**

*UNESCO. Published: 2013.*

Poverty and gender inequality, in addition to the lack of access to education, increase vulnerability to HIV infection. This is one of the main messages of the Gender Equality, HIV and Education booklet recently produced by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. [Click Here»](#)

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### **Donor Funding for Health in Low- & Middle-Income Countries, 2002–2010**

*Henry J Kaiser Family Foundation. Published: 2013.*

While donor funding for health in low and middle-income countries rose significantly in the last decade, the era of rapid growth has come to an end. [Click Here»](#)

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## **Conferences**

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### **4th Annual Healthcare Summit**

*When: 29-31 January 2013*

*Venue: Convention Dynamics, Isando, Johannesburg*

*URL: <http://www.iir.co.za/index.php/4th-annual-healthcare-summit>*

This year's conference, with the theme "bringing together policy, strategy, partnerships and innovation to drive sustainable reform in healthcare", will explore the continuing evolution of healthcare in South Africa and the leadership and collaboration needed to ensure that higher quality healthcare services become more widely available.

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### **5th Annual HIV-in-Context Research Symposium: Urbanisation, Inequality and HIV**

*When: 13 March 2013 - 15 March 2013*

*Venue: Cape Town, South Africa*

*URL: <http://www.hst.org.za/events/>*

This year's HIV in Context Research Symposium looks beyond biomedicine at some of the social determinants of HIV, and of responses to HIV, within and outside the health sector. This 5th Annual Symposium examines the links between HIV, inequality and the dynamics and impacts of urbanisation – dynamics which play out between settings as people move permanently or temporarily to urban centres, and within the highly unequal spaces constituting South African cities.

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### **HIV Capacity Building Partners Summit**

*When: 19 -21 March 2013*

*Venue: Johannesburg, South Africa*

*URL: <http://hivcapacityforum.org/>*

The Second HIV Capacity Building Summit will build on the emerging consensus that there is need to turn the tide to ensure capacity building interventions effectively addresses the existing skills and capacity gaps that have

continued to constrain the attainment of the HIV and health targets towards achieving the MDGs in the Eastern and Southern Africa region.

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### **TB Vaccines Third Global Forum**

*When: 25-27 March 2013*

*Venue: Cape Town, South Africa*

*URL: <http://www.tbvaccines2013.org/>*

The Third Global Forum on TB Vaccines will bring together researchers, policymakers, donors, civil society and other stakeholders interested in the development of new TB vaccines that will contribute to global efforts to eliminate TB.

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### **6th South African AIDS Conference**

*When: 18-21 June 2013*

*Venue: ICC Durban, South Africa*

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

The 6th South African AIDS Conference will be held in Durban from 18-21 June 2013 and the conference theme is "Building on our successes: Integrating responses".

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## **Job Opportunities**

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### **Health Systems Trust**

- **Chief Executive Officer**  
*Closing date: 11 February 2013*  
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- **Programme Manager: Health Systems Research Unit**  
*Closing date: 28 January 2013*  
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- **Senior Administrators**  
*Closing date: 30 January 2013*  
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### **AHP - African Health Placements**

AHP is a not-for-profit project that aims to support the recruitment and retention of healthcare workers in South Africa. AHP is focused on assisting healthcare professionals make the right choice for their future in South Africa. No placement fees are charged. Please view the website for more details <http://www.ahp.org.za> or contact on 011 328 1300

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