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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Access to safe abortion: building choices for women living with HIV and AIDS

Phyllis J Orner, Maria de Bruyn, Regina MARIA Barbosa, Heather Boonstra, Jennifer Gatsi-Mallet and Diane D Cooper. Journal of the International AIDS Society 2011, Published: 14 November 2011.

In many areas of the world where HIV prevalence is high, rates of unintended pregnancy and unsafe abortion have also been shown to be high. Of all pregnancies worldwide in 2008, 41% were reported as unintended or unplanned, and approximately 50% of these ended in abortion...[Read More »](#)

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What works to meet the sexual and reproductive health needs of women living with HIV/AIDS

Jill Gay, Karen Hardee, Melanie Croce-Galis and Carolina Hall. Journal of the International AIDS Society 2011, 14:56. Published: 18 November 2011.

This article reviews the evidence of what works to meet the sexual and reproductive health needs of women living with HIV in developing countries and includes 35 studies and evaluations of eight general interventions using various methods of implementation science from 15 countries...[Read More »](#)

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Socioeconomic-related health inequality in South Africa: evidence from General Household Surveys

John E Ataguba, James Akazili and Di McIntyre. International Journal for Equity in Health 2011, 10:48. Published: 10 November 2011.

Inequalities in health have received considerable attention from health scientists and economists. In South Africa, inequalities exist in socio-economic status (SES) and in access to basic social services and are exacerbated by inequalities in health. While health systems, together with the wider social determinants of health, are relevant in seeking to improve health status and health inequalities, those that need good quality health care too seldom get it...[Read More »](#)

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Infant mortality in South Africa - distribution, associations and policy implications, 2007: an ecological spatial analysis

Benn KD Sartorius, Kurt Sartorius, Tobias F Chirwa and Sharon Fonn International Journal of Health Geographics 2011, 10:61. Published: 18 November 2011.

Many sub-Saharan countries are confronted with persistently high levels of infant mortality because of the impact of a range of biological and social determinants. In particular, infant mortality has increased in sub-Saharan Africa in recent decades due to the HIV/AIDS epidemic...[Read More »](#)

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Strengthening health systems for equity and social justice in South Africa: The 24th anniversary of the Centre for Health Policy

Laetitia C Rispel, Ashnie Padarath and Gill Walt. Journal of Public Health Policy (2011) 32, S1–S9.

This Special Issue focuses on different aspects of South African health sector reform designed to improve population health outcomes, and is in commemoration of more than two decades of the existence of the Centre for Health Policy (CHP), a university-based research unit established in 1987 during the final years of the anti-apartheid struggle. The issue brings together six commentaries and eight scholarly articles that explore themes that have captured global attention in recent years: improving population health; reducing health inequities; enhancing the influence and impact of research on health policy in low- and middle-income countries; and optimizing health systems performance....[Read More »](#)

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Recent News

Drastic Child Poverty Might Destroy Lesotho's Future

IPS. Published: 23 November 2011.

Flagging economic fortunes and a persistent AIDS pandemic have devastated Lesotho, leaving little hope it will ever be able to pull itself out of its bleak poverty trap. Three out of five of the tiny southern African kingdom's children are living in dismal poverty. Every fourth child is orphaned... [Read More »](#)

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KZN launches HIV, TB plan

IOL. Published: 23 November 2011.

The KwaZulu-Natal government wants to reduce the transmission of HIV from mother to child to less than 1.4 percent, Premier Zweli Mkhize said on Wednesday...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.iol.co.za/dailynews/news/kzn-launches-hiv-tb-plan-1.1185100>
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TAC facing closure

Health-e News. Published: 24 November 2011.

TAC depends on a five year grant from the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria for a large portion of its work. It is one of the sub-recipients of what is called the Round 6 grant. In July 2011 TAC was supposed to receive a R6.5 million tranche (\$760,000). However, primarily due to poor administration by the Primary Recipient, the National Department of Health, the payment of the tranche to all sub-recipients continues to be delayed.

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SA Aids plan starts to pay dividends

Health-e News. Published: 21 November 2011.

In the past two years, South Africa has made significant investment in combatting HIV and "the impact is beginning to show", according to the UNAIDS report. The most impressive impact is on the prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission. Around 95% of pregnant HIV positive women are now getting antiretrovirals to prevent their babies from the virus. This is a 30% increase since 2007... [Read More »](#)

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HPV increases risk of HIV - study

IOL. Published: 18 November 2011.

Women with human papillomavirus (HPV), a precursor to cervical cancer, face a higher risk of HIV infection. This is according to Professor Anan-Lise Williamson, a virologist at the Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine at the University of Cape Town...[Read More »](#)

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New report will assist in TB fight

The New Age. Published: 11 November 2011.

A research project on TB prevalence in Matlosana has shown that an infected person in turn infects about another eight people who he or she comes into contact with, but the majority of these cases are only diagnosed when the disease is advanced...[Read More »](#)

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SA's tight patent protection 'drives high drug prices'

Business Day. Published: 17 November 2011.

The Treatment Action Campaign (TAC) has called on the government to revise the Patents Act to alleviate strict pharmaceutical patent protection, which the organisation claims is driving the high cost of medicine and delaying the availability of affordable generic medicines...[Read More »](#)

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Green paper on NHI 'contains inaccuracies, lacks evidence'

Business Day. Published: 18 November 2011.

The green paper on National Health Insurance (NHI) came in for criticism this week, with Wits University professor Alex van der Heever saying it did not provide a framework for turning around the health system, that there was no detail on critical reforms mentioned and that it appeared to be asking for a blank cheque.
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R19bn backlog cripples EC health

Dispatch. Published: 16 November 2011

The Eastern Cape department of health faces a massive R19-billion infrastructure and maintenance backlog that is slowly crippling service delivery in the province...[Read More »](#)

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KwaZulu Natal: Province in good health

The New Age. Published: 15 November 2011.

The province is preparing for the implementation of the National Health Insurance (NHI) policy, with the official opening of three health institutions this month alone. Today, the provincial health department will open a community clinic in Ladysmith, which will be one of the first institutions to benefit from the NHI in the province.
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Teenage pregnancy rate declines in Gauteng

Buaneews. Published: 22 November 2011.

Teenage pregnancies have seen a slight drop in Gauteng. According to a report tabled by the Gauteng Department of Health and Social Development before the Gender Youth and Disability committee in the provincial legislature...[Read More »](#)

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SA children stunted and obese

Health-e News. Published: 14 November 2011.

South Africa's overburdened health and education systems will struggle to cope in future if the current obesity and stunting trends among young people continues, according to health experts. Already, a staggering 35% of high school girls in South Africa are found to be overweight or obese, putting the country on par with the United States where obesity has more than tripled in the last 30 years...[Read More »](#)

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Training and Resources

Where Women Have No Doctor

Hesperian Health Guides.

An essential resource for any woman or health worker who wants to improve her health and the health of her community, and for anyone to learn about problems that affect women differently from men. Topics include reproductive health, concerns of girls and older women, violence, mental health, and more.

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President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief: Fellowship - Community AIDS Response

PEPFAR.

Opportunity closing date: Wednesday 30 November 2011.

The President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) Fellowship Programme (PFP) is an exciting initiative launched by PEPFAR and administered by the Foundation for Professional Development. This programme gives young, skilled individuals with master's level education the opportunity to make a substantial difference in the South African healthcare environment. [Click Here](#) for more information.

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Reports and Publications

World AIDS Day Report

UNAIDS. Published: 2011.

A new report by the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) has been released and shows that 2011 was a game changing year for the AIDS response with unprecedented progress in science, political leadership and results.

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Global AIDS Response Progress Reporting 2012

UNAIDS. Published: 2011.

In order to help countries produce standardized reports to effectively measure the state of the epidemic, UNAIDS has released the new guidelines on Global AIDS Response Progress Reporting 2012.

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Technical Support Facilities: Helping to build an efficient and sustainable AIDS response

UNAIDS. Published: 2011.

This report highlights the role that the Technical Support Facilities (TSF) have played in Africa and Asia to strengthen countries capacities to fund, plan, manage and coordinate effective, larger scale HIV programs.

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Combination HIV Prevention: Tailoring and Coordinating Biomedical, Behavioural and Structural Strategies to Reduce New HIV Infections

UNAIDS. Published: 2011.

This discussion paper summarizes the approach to HIV prevention programming known as "combination prevention" that UNAIDS recommends to achieve the greatest and most lasting impact on reducing HIV incidence and on improving the well-being of affected communities around the world. [Click Here for Full Report »](#)

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DOHA+10 TRIPS flexibilities and access to antiretroviral therapy: lessons from the past, opportunities for the future

UNAIDS. Published: 2011.

The transformation of HIV from almost certain death to a chronic condition for many people living with HIV in low- and middle-income countries is a significant public health achievement. By the end of 2010, 6.6 million people in low- and middle-income countries – 47% of the total number eligible – had access to antiretroviral therapy. This represents a dramatic increase from the 300,000 (2.7% of those eligible) on antiretroviral therapy in 2002.

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The Global Gender Gap Report 2011

World Economic Forum. Published: 2011

Many of the world's women are moving closer to gender equality, but substantial gaps remain between men and women in health, education and, particularly, political and economic participation in a number of countries, including some of the most developed, according to a new global report. [Click Here for Full Report »](#)

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Conferences

7th PHASA 2011 Conference

When: 28 - 30 November 2011

Venue: Sandton Convention Centre, Gauteng, South Africa

URL: <http://www.phasaconference.org.za/index.html>

The 2011 PHASA conference will have as its focus, a scientific debate and discussion on health inequities and the role of public health leadership, education and practice in reducing health equity gaps. The theme of the conference is "Closing the health equity gap: Public health leadership, education and practice". An exciting programme of local and international speakers is being put together. Speakers will include policy-makers, leading local and international academics and representatives of international organizations.

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Climate and Health Summit

When: 4 December 2011

Venue: Tropicana Hotel, Durban, South Africa

URL: <http://www.climateandhealthcare.org/action/climate-and-health-summit/>

On December 4, 2011, Health Care Without Harm is co-organizing the First Climate and Health Summit, which will take place parallel to the UNFCCC meetings at the Tropicana Hotel in Durban, South Africa. The event will bring key health sector actors from around the world together to discuss the impacts of climate change on public health and solutions that promote greater health, as well as economic equity between and within nations.

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3rd Annual Healthcare Summit: Addressing the issues surrounding healthcare reform in South Africa

When: 24 – 26 January 2012

Venue: Convention Dynamics, Isando, Johannesburg

URL: <http://www.iir.co.za/detail.php?e=2394>

The Healthcare Summit is a three-day event that deals with all the current issues facing the stakeholders in the healthcare industry. This year's Summit will focus on the latest developments surrounding healthcare reform in South Africa in both private and public sectors and in particular the impact the NHI is likely to have on the industry.

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Future eHealth Leaders Summit

When: 21 - 25 February 2012

Venue: Cape Town, South Africa

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

Future eHealth Leaders provides you with a unique learning experience outside your familiar setting. It promotes collaboration between diverse countries and regions, mainly in Sub-Saharan Africa and Europe. This provides participants with rich opportunities and inspiration by linking with experienced colleagues who work in vastly different contexts and circumstances. You will be able to enhance your personal development and create new approaches to your leadership challenges.

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Healthcare in Africa

When: 6-7 March 2012

Venue: Cape Town, South Africa

URL: <http://cemea.economistconferences.com/event/healthcare-africa>

Healthcare in Africa will bring together influential healthcare stakeholders from government, providers, suppliers and patient groups to confront and explore key issues around healthcare systems in Africa. You'll be able to participate in interactive brainstorming sessions, hear cutting-edge case studies, and hear from a range of inspiring speakers.

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3rd SA TB Conference

When: 12-15 June 2012

Venue: ICC, Durban, South Africa

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

The 3rd TB Conference will build on the momentum of the previous TB conferences and give communities an opportunity to assess progress towards reaching TB/HIV targets. Thus, giving meaning to the theme for the 2012 TB Conference: "Reaching the target".

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Job Opportunities

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.

The following positions with AHP are currently available:

Please view the website for more details <http://www.ahp.org.za> or contact on 011 328 1300

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PMTCT HIV Clinical Advisor

University of Stellenbosch

Closing date: 30 November 2011

South to South (S2S) at the University of Stellenbosch (US) provides technical, programmatic, capacity building and systems support to various USAID-funded organisations to accelerate access to HIV Prevention, Care and Treatment services for high-risk groups, such as HIV-infected pregnant women and children. S2S seeks to appoint a Preventing Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT) HIV Clinical Advisor, based in Bellville, Cape Town

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<http://www.hst.org.za/content/pmtct-hiv-clinical-advisor>

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Head of Communications and Development

African Men for Sexual Health and Rights

Closing date: 10 December 2011

The African Men for Sexual Health and Rights (AMSHeR) is a coalition of 15 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex and Men who have Sex with Men (MSM) led organisations in 13 African countries. Founded in 2009, AMSHeR works to increase the protection of the sexual and health rights of gay men and other MSM, strengthen the capacity of member organisations, contribute to the development of effective HIV programming and facilitate research on gay men and other MSM.

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