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## Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

### Exploring corruption in the South African health sector

*Laetitia C Rispel, Pieter de Jager and Sharon Fonn. Oxford University Press. Published: 22 June 2015.*

Recent scholarly attention has focused on weak governance and the negative effects of corruption on the provision of health services. Employing agency theory, this article discusses corruption in the South African health sector. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://heapol.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2015/06/22/heapol.czv047.short?rss=1> [Accessed: 26 June 2015]

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### What do District Health Managers in Ghana use their working time for? A case study of three districts

*Moses Aikins, Patricia Akweongo, Xavier Bosch-Capblanch, Kaspar Wyss. Plos One. Published: 11 June 2015.*

Ineffective district health management potentially impacts on health system performance and service delivery. However, little is known about district health managing practices and time allocation in resource-constrained health systems...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0130633>[Accessed: 26 June 2015]

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### **The many meanings of 'Quality' in healthcare: Interdisciplinary perspectives**

*Series Editor: Deborah Swinglehurst. BioMed Central. Published: 23 April 2015.*

A series of papers discussing the complexity of notions of quality in healthcare from different perspectives...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/series/QualityinHealthcare>[Accessed: 26 June 2015]

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### **Treatment with misoprostol by midwives is safe and effective**

*Ahmed M Badawy, Aboubakr M Elnashar. The Lancet. Published: 26 March 2015.*

Incomplete abortion is defined as the presence of retained products of conception with no well-defined gestation sac. It is a potentially life-threatening condition that without well-timed and proper treatment can lead to severe complications such as haemorrhagic shock, sepsis, and death.[Read More »](#)

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### **Do loss to follow-up and death rates from ART care vary across primary health care facilities and hospitals in south Ethiopia? A retrospective follow-up study**

*Teshome W, Belayneh M, Moges M, Mekonnen E, Endrias M, Ayele S, Misganaw T, Shiferaw M, Tesema T. HIV/AIDS – Research & Palliative Care. Published: 28 May 2015.*

Decentralization and task shifting has significantly improved access to antiretroviral therapy (ART). Many studies conducted to determine the attrition rate in Ethiopia have not compared attrition rates between hospitals and health centers in a relatively recent cohort of patients...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.dovepress.com/do-loss-to-follow-up-and-death-rates-from-art-care-vary-across-primary-peer-reviewed-article-HIV>[Accessed: 26 June 2015]

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### **Rising school enrolment and declining HIV and pregnancy risk among adolescents in Rakai District, Uganda, 1994-2013**

*John S. Santelli, Sanyukta Mathur, Xiaoyu Song, Tzu Jung Huang, Ying Wei, Tom Lutalo, Fred Nalugoda, Ron Gray, David Serwadda. Global Social Welfare. Published: 8 May 2015.*

Poverty, family stability, and social policies influence the ability of adolescents to attend school. Likewise, being enrolled in school may shape an adolescent's risk for HIV and pregnancy.[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://download.springer.com/static/pdf/116/>[Accessed: 26 June 2015]

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## **Recent News**

### **Media Statement: Medicines Control Council to fast-track sourcing of active pharmaceutical ingredients pre-qualified by the World Health Organization, for the relevant medicines**

*GCIS. Published: 10 June 2015.*

During the meeting held with executives from a number of pharmaceutical companies on Friday 5 June 2015, the Minister of Health Dr Aaron Motsoaledi was informed that the pharmaceutical industry are experiencing problems supplying various medicines to both the private and public sectors.[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.hst.org.za/news/media-statement-medicines-control-council-fast-track-sourcing-active-pharmaceutical-ingredients>[Accessed: 26 June 2015]

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### **Drug stock outs cast long shadow over AIDS conference**

*Health-e News. Published: 15 June 2015.*

With more than one in 10 health facilities nationally reporting a drug stock out in the last nine months, this year's SA AIDS Conference may have been more about what's missing than what's been done in the country's HIV programme...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2015/06/15/drug-stock-outs-case-long-shadow-over-aids-conference/>[Accessed: 26 June 2015]

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### **Price tag of HIV response to more than double by 2033**

*Health-e News. Published: 12 June 2015.*

With 3.1 million people on antiretrovirals (ARV), South Africa has the world's largest ARV programme, but sustaining it - and the HIV response - will more than double in the next two decades, according to new research. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2015/06/12/price-tag-of-hiv-response-to-more-than-double-by-2033/>[Accessed: 26 June 2015]

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### **Crisis? What crisis? Africa Check tests Free State health claims**

*Mail&Guardian. Published: 12 June 2015.*

In a statement issued by Mvambi – and Makalo Mohale, who is the spokesperson for the Free State's health MEC, Benny Malakoane – several claims about the health department's "significant progress" were made. The data on which most of these assertions were based is now publicly available, and Africa Check has investigated whether the Free State government's claims match the available data. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2015-06-12-crisis-what-crisis-africa-check-tests-free-state-health-claims/>[Accessed: 26 June 2015]

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### **Central repository for safety reports – one year to go before mandatory use EMA Management Board confirms that repository is fit for use across EU**

*European Medicines Agency. Published: 12 June 2015.*

The European Medicines Agency (EMA) Management Board today gave its green light for the central repository for periodic safety update reports (PSURs) for medicines authorised in the European Union (EU). [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.ema.europa.eu>[Accessed: 26 June 2015]

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### **New AHRQ-funded centers to study health systems and their efforts to disseminate patient-centered outcomes research**

*PR Newswire. Published: 15 June 2015.*

Speaking today at Academy Health's Annual Research Meeting in Minneapolis, Richard Kronick, Ph.D., director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), announced plans to fund three Centers of Excellence to study how high-performing health care systems promote evidence-based practices in delivering care. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/new-ahrq-funded-centers-to-study-health-systems-and-their-efforts-to-disseminate-patient-centered-outcomes-research-300099376.html>[Accessed: 26 June 2015]

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### **Ebola outbreak: New cases in Freetown, Sierra Leone**

*BBC News. Published: 23 June 2015.*

Two new cases of Ebola have been recorded in the Sierra Leone capital Freetown, weeks after the city was thought to be free of the disease. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-33247554>[Accessed: 26 June 2015]

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### **Health labs back on even keel**

*BDlive. Published: 24 June 2015.*

Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi says he has "righted the troubled ship" of the National Health Laboratory Service (NHLS) as provinces are now paying their bills on time, and it is moving closer to resolving its disputes with Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/health/2015/06/24/health-labs-back-on-even-keel>[Accessed: 26 June 2015]

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## **Training and Resources**

### **Introduction to Dementia Training Course**

*When: Various dates until 12 November 2015*

*Venue: Various in South Africa*

URL: <http://www.dementiasa.org/downloads/intro.pdf>

This one-day course aims to provide Carers / Learners with a general understanding of Dementia and how to identify some of the signs and symptoms and that Dementia is not part of the "normal" ageing process. [Click Here»](#)

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### **CDC Factsheet: Tuberculosis and HIV**

*Centers for Disease Control. Published: March 2015.*

Updated fast facts on Tuberculosis and HIV. [Click Here»](#)

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## **Books, Publications, Reports and Manuals**

### **Sexual health, human rights and the law**

*World Health Organization. Published: June 2015.*

Drawing from a review of public health evidence and extensive research into human rights law at international, regional and national levels, the report shows how states in different parts of the world can and do support sexual health through legal and other mechanisms that are consistent with human rights standards and their own human rights obligations. [Click Here»](#)

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## **Conferences and Events**

### **3rd International Association of Social Sciences and Humanities in HIV (ASSHH) Conference**

*When: 6-9 July 2015*

*Venue: Stellenbosch, South Africa*

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

A warm welcome to the 3rd Conference of the Association for the Social Sciences and Humanities in HIV (ASSHH). As Conference Co-chairs, we have worked hard to develop an exciting programme for the meeting, which will bring together critically informed and theoretically engaged scholars and practitioners from a wide range of social science and humanities disciplines.

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### **Public Health Conference (PHC) 2015**

*When: 11-13 July 2015*

*Venue: Bangkok, Thailand*

*URL: <http://www.publichealth-conference.org>*

The conference is organized by Tomorrow People Organization - internationally recognized non-profit organisation with head quarters in Belgrade, Serbia. The official language of the conference is English. Attendance of delegates from more than 40 countries is expected.

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### **AIDSImpact 2015 – 12th International Conference**

*When: 28-31 July 2015*

*Venue: Amsterdam, Netherlands*

*URL: <http://www.aidsimpact.com/2015/>*

AIDSImpact is an international behavioral and psychosocial science conference that addresses issues related to HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care, focusing both globally and on specific communities and countries hardest hit by the HIV/AIDS epidemic. AIDSImpact first convened in Amsterdam in 1991. Now, in 2015 the 12th AIDSImpact conference returns to the city.

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### **Medicines Utilisation Research in Africa (MURIA Group) - Botswana Workshop and Symposium**

*When: 27-29 July 2015*

*Venue: University of Botswana*

*URL: <http://muria.nmmu.ac.za/Botswana-Workshop-and-Symposium-27-29-July-2015>*

The workshop and symposium are intended to develop and progress medicines utilisation research in Africa. The workshop will cater for all personnel including those just starting research in this area and those already undertaking medicine utilisation research. This will be achieved through two workshop streams (parallel sessions) and a one day symposium for researchers to present their projects and findings.

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### **Global Forum on Research and Innovation for Health 2015**

*When: 24-27 August 2015*

*Venue: Manila, Philippines*

URL: <http://www.forum2015.org>

Forum 2015 is a unique global platform to promote the role of research and innovation in creating better health, enhancing equity and stimulating development. Join other policy-makers, business and non-profit leaders, international organizations, academic and research institutions, social entrepreneurs and key stakeholders, as we work together to shape the global health research agenda locally, regionally and globally.

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### **5th Conference of the International Society for Child Indicators**

*When: 2-4 September 2015*

*Venue: University of Cape Town, South Africa*

URL: <http://isc2015.org/>

The 5th Conference of the International Society for Child Indicators will be held on 2-4 September 2015 in the Kramer Law Building, University of Cape Town. Researchers, practitioners, policy makers and child advocates from across the world will gather for three days to share and discuss the latest child indicator research and implications for policy and interventions.

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### **South African Disability 2015 Expo and Conference**

*When: 17-19 September 2015*

*Venue: The Pavilion on the Waterfront, Cape Town, South Africa*

URL: <http://www.ingadaevents.co.za/current/disability-cape-town>

It is the only public showcase on the African continent where people with any kind of disability, their caregivers, families and friends can find the manufacturers, distributors, suppliers and service providers that offer everything necessary to improve the quality of life. The event advocates the full equality and participation of persons with disabilities into society and to empower and equip people by making a meaningful contribution to their lives.

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### **Rural Doctors Association of South Africa (RuDASA)**

*When: 23-26 September 2015*

*Venue: Mpumalanga, South Africa*

URL: <http://www.rudasa.org.za/>

An annual RuDASA conference has been organised almost every year since 1996, and attracts a range of rural health professionals from all over the country. The conference is a much-anticipated, vibrant forum which combines a mixture of sessions ranging from clinical skills updates for and by a wide range of health professionals to emotive discussions and workshops on issues such as justice and equity.

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### **Public Health Association of South Africa (PHASA) Conference**

*When: 7-9 October 2015*

*Venue: Southern Sun Elangeni, Durban, South Africa*

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

The 11th Annual Conference of the Public Health Association of South Africa takes place between 7-9 October 2015 in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal. With 2015 being the target date for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, the conference will provide an opportunity to reflect on the challenges faced by South Africa and Africa in trying to achieve the MDGs.

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### **9th Action Learning, Action Research (ALARA) and 13th Participatory Action Research World Congress**

*When: 4-7 November 2015*

*Venue: St. George Hotel and Conference Centre, Centurion (Pretoria), South Africa*

URL: <http://www.alarassociation.org/pages/events/alara-world-congress-2015>

The theme of this World Congress is a challenge to Action Learning / Action Research practitioners the world over, whether working in resource rich or more socio-economically challenged contexts, to explain how they are contributing to the creation of a fairer world.

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### **6th Child Health Priorities Conference: Walk the Talk**

*When: 3-5 December 2015*

*Venue: University of KwaZulu-Natal, Pietermaritzburg Campus, South Africa*

Contact: [infochpc2015@gmail.com](mailto:infochpc2015@gmail.com)

The theme of the conference this year is "Walk the Talk" and the focus will be the recommendations that have arisen from the Ministerial Committees looking at Maternal, Newborn and Child Mortality.

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## **Job Opportunities**

**Health Systems Trust: Data Capturer – HIV Prevention Study**

*Closing Date: 3 July 2015*

**Please view our website for more details**

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/data-capturer-hiv-prevention-study-0>

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