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## Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

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### **A qualitative study of governance of evolving response to non-communicable diseases in low-and middle- income countries: current status, risks and options**

Manju Rani, Sharmin Nusrat and Laura H Hawken. *BMC Public Health* 2012, 12:877. Published: 16 October 2012.

Segmented service delivery with consequent inefficiencies in health systems was one of the main concerns raised during scaling up of disease-specific programs in the last two decades. The organized response to NCD is in infancy in most LMICs with little evidence on how the response is evolving in terms of institutional arrangements and policy development processes...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/12/877/abstract>  
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### **Gender differences in survival among adult patients starting antiretroviral therapy in South Africa: A multicentre cohort study**

Cornell M, Schomaker M, Garone DB, Giddy J, Hoffmann CJ, et al. *PLoS Med* 9(9): e1001304. Published: 4 September 2012.

Increased mortality among men on antiretroviral therapy (ART) has been documented but remains poorly understood. We examined the magnitude of and risk factors for gender differences in mortality on ART...

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### **Hypertension and obesity in adults living in a high HIV prevalence rural area in South Africa**

Abraham Malaza, Joel Mossong, Till Barnighausen, and Marie-Louise Newell. *PLoS One*. 2012; 7(10): e47761. Published: 17 October 2012.

In countries with a high HIV prevalence, it is unknown how increased antiretroviral treatment and care (ART) coverage has affected the prevalence of overweight, obesity, and hypertension. We conducted a health survey in 2010 based on the WHO STEPwise approach in 14,198 adult resident participants of a demographic surveillance area in rural South Africa to investigate factors associated with hypertension and excess weight including HIV infection and ART status...[Read More »](#)

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### **Correlates of HIV infection among people visiting public HIV counseling and testing clinics in Mpumalanga, South Africa**

K Peltzer. *Afr Health Sci*. 2012 March; 12(1): 8–16.

HIV voluntary counselling and testing (VCT) reduces high-risk sexual behaviour. Factors associated with HIV infection in VCT clients have not been well characterized in South Africa. A case-control study was carried out to determine the association between socio-demographic and HIV risk variables and HIV infection among people visiting HIV counseling and testing centers in two districts in Mpumalanga province, South Africa...

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## Recent News

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### **NHI funding proposals 'due out by February'**

*Business Day. Published: 26 October 2012.*

The Treasury expects to publish its delayed discussion document on financing options for National Health Insurance (NHI) before next year's February budget, its head of public finance Andrew Donaldson said on Thursday. ...[Read More »](#)

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### **Public health to receive funding injection next year**

*Business Day. Published: 25 October 2012.*

The Treasury is planning to increase the amount of money available to the public-health sector in next year's budget, despite the tight fiscal environment. ...[Read More »](#)

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### **Antibodies offer AIDS vaccine clue**

*Health-e News. Published: 22 October 2012.*

A response to the HI-Virus in two HIV positive women, which enabled them to make potent antibodies that would kill most of the HIV types from around the world, has provided South African researchers with potential clues for the development of an AIDS vaccine ...[Read More »](#)

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### **HIV vaccine 'must come from SA'**

*Business Day. Published: 23 October 2012.*

When an HIV vaccine is developed, it must come from South Africa and be available and affordable for all South Africans, Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi said..[Read More »](#)

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### **Aids takes heavier toll on men**

*Mail and Guardian. Published: 26 October 2012.*

Findings that appeared in PLOS Medicine suggest the gender differences in deaths of people on antiretrovirals in South Africa are not related to the HI virus ...[Read More »](#)

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### **Burying the ghost of past AIDS policies**

*Business Day. Published: 25 October 2012.*

The government is finally laying the ghosts of the previous administration's HIV policies to rest. Figures released by the Medical Research Council (MRC) earlier this month show a surge in life expectancy largely attributable to the provision of antiretroviral drugs through the public health system..[Read More »](#)

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### **'HIV/AIDS situation stabilising'**

*The New Age. Published: 18 October 2012.*

HIV/AIDS figures are stabilising throughout the country with the Department of Health saying more people are on antiretroviral (ARV) treatment. Acting director-general at the department, Yogan Pillay, told the health committee in Parliament...[Read More »](#)

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### **Life expectancy rises as HIV plans kick in**

*Business Day. Published: 18 October 2012.*

The government has made much better progress in improving life expectancy and reducing deaths among young children than it had hoped, largely due to the rapid expansion of its HIV-treatment programmes...[Read More »](#)

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### **International honour for HIV/Aids expert**

*IOL. Published: 16 October 2012.*

World-renowned Durban scientist and researcher Professor Salim Abdool Karim, has been elected to the American Institute of Medicine as a foreign associate in recognition of his pioneering contributions to research into HIV prevention and treatment...[Read More »](#)

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### **New TB vaccine on the horizon**

*PlusNews. Published: 16 October 2012.*

A research team at Oxford University in the UK is very close to determining the efficacy of their new tuberculosis (TB) vaccine. If current clinical trials are successful, it will be the first new TB vaccine in almost a century... [Read More »](#)

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### **Condom drive stirs South Africa's worries**

*The New Age. Published: 19 October 2012.*

A drive that would put more condoms in South Africa's classrooms has critics warning it will only stimulate sexual activity, a charge the country's health minister tells AFP is unfounded... [Read More »](#)

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### **Hospitals 'improving slightly'**

*The New Age. Published: 23 October 2012.*

A study that engages citizens to monitor and track the service delivery problems in 22 government hospitals in KwaZulu-Natal shows a marginal improvement in some categories of service delivery...[Read More »](#)

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### **Patients suffer as EC hospital workers' strike**

*Health-e News. Published: 18 October 2012.*

A wildcat strike has left patients at the Nelson Mandela Academic Hospital and surrounding clinics and hospitals without life-saving medicines and treatment....[Read More »](#)

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### **Great disparity in lives of SA children**

*Health-e News. Published: 18 October 2012.*

South African children have equal rights under the Constitution, but the worlds into which they are born and their opportunities in life are very unequal. This was the message Katharine Hall, senior researcher at the Children's Institute (CI) at the University of Cape Town... [Read More »](#)

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## **Training and Resources**

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### **Emerging Health Practitioner in Public Health Award**

*Health Systems Trust*

*Closing Date: 4 November 2012*

Health Systems Trust is pleased to announce the introduction of an annual Emerging Public Health Practitioner Award in recognition of the best article submitted by a young and emerging public health professional for inclusion in the South African Health Review (SAHR). [Click Here>>](#)

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### **Cancer Research Initiative of South Africa invites proposals to focus on childhood cancers in South Africa**

*CARISA*

*Closing Date: 11th January 2013*

Cancer Research Initiative of South Africa (CARISA) invites proposals for research in the fields of childhood cancer and prostate cancer screening. CARISA is a joint initiative between the South African Medical Research Council and the Cancer Association of South Africa. The purpose is to improve the health and well-being of South Africans by promoting, coordinating and facilitating cancer, and cancer-related, research. [Click Here>>](#)

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### **Postdoctoral Fellowship: Children's Healthcare Experiences**

*Stellenbosch Faculty of Health Sciences*

*Closing Date: 15 December 2012*

The postdoctoral project will focus on the qualitative analysis of the data, using well described and accepted qualitative assessment processes to add depth to the current study findings. An understanding of medical and healthcare terminology and the Western Cape public sector health system would aid developing the full potential of the data. The successful candidate will be expected to; draft a protocol for the qualitative analysis, carry out an appropriate literature review, carry out an analysis of a sample of the caregiver interviews data using appropriate tools, and write up the results in the form of a publishable paper or papers [Click Here>>](#)

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## **Reports and Publications**

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### **Rapid Mortality Surveillance Report**

*Medical Research Council. Published: 2012.*

A Rapid Mortality Surveillance (RMS) system was established to monitor the trend in the number of deaths recorded on the national population register at a time when there was a substantial time lag in the cause-of-death reports being produced by Stats SA. [Click Here»](#)

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### **South African Child Gauge 2012**

*University of Cape Town. Published: 2012*

The South African Child Gauge is published annually by the Children's Institute, University of Cape Town, to monitor government and civil society's progress towards realising children's rights. This issue focuses on children and inequality. [Click Here»](#)

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### **Global tuberculosis report 2012**

*World Health Organization. Published: 2012*

This is the seventeenth global report on tuberculosis (TB) published by WHO in a series that started in 1997. It provides a comprehensive and up-to-date assessment of the TB epidemic and progress in implementing and financing TB prevention, care and control at global, regional and country levels. [Click Here»](#)

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### **WHO discussion paper: Positioning Health in the Post-2015 Development Agenda**

*World Health Organization. Published: 2012*

This paper focuses on content, identifying a series of issues that need to be addressed in framing future health goals and discussing ways in which Universal Health Coverage might be used as a way of bringing all programmatic interests under an inclusive umbrella and explaining its relationship to the achievement of gains in healthy life expectancy. [Click Here»](#)

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## **Conferences**

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### **Second Global Symposium on Health Systems Research**

*When: 31 October-3 November 2012*

*Where: Beijing, People's Republic of China*

*URL: <http://www.hsr-symposium.org>*

The Symposium will focus on the science to accelerate universal health coverage around the world. It will cover three main themes: Knowledge Translation, State-of-the-Art Health Systems Research, and Health Systems Research Methodologies.

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### **Second Southern Africa Conference on Children's Rights**

*When: 1 - 2 November 2012*

*Where: Pan African Parliament in Midrand, Johannesburg, South Africa*

*URL: <http://childrensrightsconference2012.blogspot.com/>*

On 1 – 2 November 2012, the Second Southern Africa Conference on child rights will be held at the Pan African Parliament in Midrand, Johannesburg, South Africa. The theme for this year's conference is: Building child rights movements in Southern Africa.

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### **SA HIV Clinicians Society Conference 2012**

*When: 25 - 28 November 2012*

*Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC,) Cape Town*

*URL: <http://www.hst.org.za/events/sa-hiv-clinicians-society-conference-2012>*

The Conference will focus on clinical content, setting it apart from other conferences held to date in South Africa. Doctors, nurses, and pharmacists are welcome to attend the presentations of a stellar group of senior faculty from the region and abroad delivering talks relevant to clinical care.

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### **SOMSA 2012 Congress**

*When: 4 - 7 December 2012*

*Venue: St George Hotel, Tshwane*

*URL: <http://www.midwivessociety.co.za/congress/congress.html>*

The Society of Midwives of South Africa (SOMSA) invites you to attend the SOMSA 2012 Congress from 4 - 7 December 2012 in Tshwane, Guateng. The theme of this year's congress is "A new dawn in Midwifery: Seeking new approaches towards 2015 and beyond".

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### **Global Maternal Health Conference 2013**

When: 15-17 January 2013

Venue: Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

URL: <http://maternalhealthtaskforce.org/conference/conference-website>

GMHC2013 is a technical conference for scientists, researchers, and policy-makers to network, share knowledge, and build on progress toward eradicating preventable maternal mortality and morbidity by improving quality of care.

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## Job Opportunities

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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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### FACILITATORS: Supporting PHC Re-engineering through strengthening PHC management teams

Health Systems Trust

Closing date: 30 October 2012

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### RHAP Programme Manager: Rural-Proofing Policy and Budgeting (RPB) Programme for Improved Access to Quality Health Care in Rural South Africa

Wits Health Consortium

Closing date: 9 November 2012

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