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## Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

### **Violence against women and girls: how far have we come?**

*The Lancet. Published: 21 November 2015.*

A year ago, The Lancet published a Series on violence against women and girls ahead of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on Nov 25. The day marks the start of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, which this year, for the first time, has prevention as its theme. [Read More »](#)

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**Strengthening HIV surveillance in the antiretroviral therapy era: rationale and design of a longitudinal study to monitor HIV prevalence and incidence in the uMgungundlovu District, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa**

Ayesha BM Kharsany, Cherie Cawood, David Khanyile, Anneke Grobler, Lyle R. Mckinnon, et al. *BioMed Central*. Published: 20 November 2015.

South Africa has over 6,000,000 HIV infected individuals and the province of KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) is the most severely affected. As public health initiatives to better control the HIV epidemic are implemented, timely, detailed and robust surveillance data are needed to monitor, evaluate and inform the programmatic interventions and policies over time. We describe the rationale and design of the HIV Incidence Provincial Surveillance System (HIPSS) to monitor HIV prevalence and incidence. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/15/1149/abstract>[Accessed: 27 November 2015]

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### **Family planning in South Africa: Missing essentials and desirables**

Goldstuck N. *South African Medical Journal*. Published: November 2015.

In common with most developing countries, South Africa (SA) has a rapidly expanding population. Family planning has a central role in slowing population growth. Successful use of birth control relies on many factors, including economic, medical and social. [Read More »](#)

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### **Global health leadership training in resource-limited settings: A collaborative approach by academic institutions and local health care programs in Uganda**

Damalie Nakanjako, Elizabeth Namagala, Aggrey Semeere, Joanitor Kigozi, Joseph Sempa, et al. *Human Resources for Health*. Published: 18 November 2015.

Due to a limited health workforce, many health care providers in Africa must take on health leadership roles with minimal formal training in leadership. Hence, the need to equip health care providers with practical skills required to lead high-impact health care programs. [Read More »](#)

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### **Exploring the function and effectiveness of knowledge brokers as facilitators of knowledge translation in health-related settings: A systematic review and thematic analysis**

Catherine C. Bornbaum, Kathy Kornas, Leslea Peirson and Laura C. Rosella. *Implementation Science*. Published: 20 November 2015.

Knowledge brokers (KBs) work collaboratively with key stakeholders to facilitate the transfer and exchange of information in a given context. Currently, there is a perceived lack of evidence about the effectiveness of knowledge brokering and the factors that influence its success as a knowledge translation (KT) mechanism. Thus, the goal of this review was to systematically gather evidence regarding the nature of knowledge brokering in health-related settings and determine if KBs effectively contributed to KT in these settings. [Read More »](#)

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## **Recent News**

### **HST Conference: Final call for abstracts**

HST: 30 November 2015.

The abstract submission deadline of 10 January 2016 is fast approaching. Our reviewers are looking forward to receiving outlines for oral and poster presentations demonstrating innovations and good practice in Primary Health Care projects and programmes. Knowledge sharing and skills transfer are an important component of the Conference. To this end, we also invite abstract submissions for the pre-conference workshops which should include interactive participation and offer practical outcomes to the delegates. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://hstconference2016.org.za/news/30-11-2015/hst-conference-final-call-abstracts>[Accessed: 27 November 2015]

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### **WHO calls on countries to protect health from climate change**

WHO: 17 November 2015.

According to WHO estimates, climate change is already causing tens of thousands of deaths every year - from shifting patterns of disease, from extreme weather events, such as heat-waves and floods, and from the degradation of air quality, food and water supplies, and sanitation. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/statements/2015/climate-change/en/> [Accessed: 27 November 2015]

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## **SA's HIV treatment programme has saved 1.3-million lives**

*Mail & Guardian. Published: 24 November 2015.*

South Africa's HIV treatment programme has saved 1.3-million lives over the past two decades, according to the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and Aids' (UNAIDS) latest Aids report that was released on Tuesday. South Africa has the largest number of people - 3.2-million - on antiretroviral treatment in the world. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2015-11-24-hiv-treatment-programme-saves-13-million-lives>[Accessed: 27 November 2015]

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## **Eliminating stigma and discrimination in health-care systems**

*UNAIDS. Published: 13 November 2015.*

Widespread HIV-related stigma and discrimination in the health-care sector impedes access to services and impairs the quality of health-care delivery for people living with HIV and other key populations. It also undermines efforts to achieve the highest attainable standard of health for everybody. [Read More »](#)

Source:

[http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/presscentre/featurestories/2015/november/20151113\\_healthcare](http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/presscentre/featurestories/2015/november/20151113_healthcare)[Accessed: 27 November 2015]

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## **Dreams initiative for adolescent girls and young women in South Africa**

*UNAIDS. Published: 17 November 2015.*

Adolescent girls and young women must be empowered to provide the leadership that is needed to reduce new HIV infections in the highest burden countries in eastern and southern Africa. This is the message that Luiz Loures, UNAIDS Deputy Executive Director, shared during the launch of an international initiative in Johannesburg, South Africa, on 17 November that aims to keep adolescent girls and young women free from HIV. [Read More »](#)

Source:

[http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/presscentre/featurestories/2015/november/20151117\\_dreams](http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/presscentre/featurestories/2015/november/20151117_dreams)[Accessed: 27 November 2015]

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## **SA still battling to reduce rates of HIV**

*Times Live. Published: 15 November 2015.*

South Africa is still battling to reduce rates of HIV transmission, particularly among young women, says Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.timeslive.co.za/local/2015/11/15/SA-still-battling-to-reduce-rates-of-HIV-transmission/>[Accessed: 27 November 2015]

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## **4 things South Africa is doing to safeguard medicines**

*Health-e News. Published: 23 November 2015.*

In an effort to combat medicine shortages, South Africa will roll out a first of its kind early warning system to identify drug stock outs before they happen. See what else the country is doing to keep pills in patients' hands. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2015/11/23/4-things-south-africa-is-doing-to-safeguard-medicines/>[Accessed: 27 November 2015]

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## **Speak up for affordable medicine**

*IOL. Published: 19 November 2015.*

Imagine that a diagnosis has turned your life upside down. Perhaps it is HIV and you must now take daily treatment for the rest of your life to remain healthy - but sometimes the pills are not available in the clinic because the single company supplying the medicine could not deliver enough. [Read More »](#)

Source: [http://www.iol.co.za/news/speak-up-for-affordable-medicine-1.1947579#\\_VlgR7XYrJQJ](http://www.iol.co.za/news/speak-up-for-affordable-medicine-1.1947579#_VlgR7XYrJQJ)[Accessed: 27 November 2015]

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## **Treatment Action Campaign receives R14m**

*Health-e News. Published: 23 November 2015.*

The Treatment Action Campaign (TAC) has received a R14 million pledge from Canadian non-profit organisation the Stephen Lewis Foundation that will save it from closing its doors, but will not save jobs already on the cutting board. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2015/11/23/treatment-action-campaign-receives-r14m/> [Accessed: 27 November 2015]

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## Training and Resources

### **National Department of Health: Primary Health Care Standard Treatment Guidelines (STG) and Essential Medicines List (EML) 2014 Mobile App**

Apple: <https://itunes.apple.com/za/app/phc-clinical-guide/id990809414?mt=8>

Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=omp.guidance.phc&hl=en>

This app contains the Primary Health Care Standard Treatment Guidelines and Essential Medicines List for 2015, of the National Department of Health of South Africa. It includes a searchable list of the latest guidelines, decision-support tools and a directory service. A medication stock-out reporting feature is also included. Content updates will follow. This app is aimed at doctors, nurses and pharmacists working in the primary care setting of the South African public sector health service. For any queries, please contact Dr Janine Jugathpal, Deputy Director: Essential Drugs Programme, National Department of Health, Tel: 012 395 8449 or 083 782 6962, Email: Munsaj@health.gov.za

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### **UNAIDS: World AIDS Day 2015 Resources and Materials**

When: November 2015

URL: <http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/campaigns/WAD2015/materials>

The UNAIDS WAD 2015 campaign material 'Fast-Track to end AIDS', including logo, postcard, poster and social media messages are available for downloading and sharing.

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### **Primary Health Care Performance Initiative (PHCPI) Website**

When: November 2015

Venue: Johannesburg.

URL: <http://phcperformanceinitiative.org/about-us/about-phcpi>

The Primary Health Care Performance Initiative (PHCPI) is a new partnership that brings together country policymakers, health system managers, practitioners, advocates and other development partners to catalyse improvements in primary health care (PHC) in low- and middle-income countries through better measurement and knowledge-sharing.

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## Books, Publications, Reports and Manuals

### **The Global Plan to End TB 2016 - 2020**

Stop TB Partnership. Published: 2015

The Global Plan is a 5-year investment plan that represents the roadmap to accelerating impact on the TB epidemic and reaching the targets of the WHO End TB Strategy. [Click Here»](#)

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### **World AIDS Day Report 2015**

UNAIDS. Published: 24 November 2015.

The world has committed to end the AIDS epidemic by 2030 as part of the Sustainable Development Goals. This ambitious yet wholly attainable objective represents an unparalleled opportunity to change the course of history for ever - something our generation must do for the generations to come. [Click Here»](#)

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### **UNAIDS Guideline: Conducting HIV surveillance based on routine programme data among pregnant women attending antenatal clinics**

UNAIDS. Published: November 2015.

This document is written for national HIV surveillance programme staff responsible for monitoring trends in country HIV epidemics. Its purpose is to describe how routine prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV (PMTCT) programme data can be used to conduct HIV surveillance among pregnant women attending antenatal clinics (ANC). [Click Here»](#)

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### **UNAIDS Guideline: Monitoring the impact of the HIV epidemic using populations-based surveys**

UNAIDS. Published: November 2015.

This publication is an update of the 2005 guidelines for measuring national HIV prevalence in population based surveys of the UNAIDS/WHO Working Group on Global HIV/AIDS and STI Surveillance. [Click Here»](#)

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## Conferences and Events

### **3rd Global Female Condom Conference 2015**

When: 1-3 December 2015

Venue: Coastlands Umhlanga Hotel and Convention Centre, Durban, South Africa

URL: <http://www.femalecondoms4all.org/conference2015/>

This workshop will present and review the existing evidence (published and unpublished) on the use of female condoms to prevent pregnancy, STIs and HIV. The discussions will focus on the gaps in research, developing a research agenda and the need for building a stronger evidence base for female condoms...

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### **Aid and International Development Forum (AIDF) Africa Summit 2016**

When: 2-3 February 2016

Venue: United Nations Conference Centre, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

URL: <http://africa.aidforum.org/>

The summit demonstrates best practice approaches, current initiatives and latest innovations, offering trans-disciplinary discussions with participants from all relevant stakeholder groups. The agenda has been developed in consultation with key organisations, such as WFP, IRFC, World Vision, USAID, UNICEF, World Bank, Save the Children, UN Habitat, CRS, FHI360, Oxfam, Habitat for Humanity International, IRD.

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### **Denosa 3rd South African Nurses' Conference**

When: 24-26 February 2016

Venue: Birchwood Conference Centre, Boksburg, Gauteng

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

DENOSA is hosting the Third South African Nurses' Conference from the 24th to the 26th February 2016. This is a biannual event born out of a need to build capacity and create an enabling environment for South African nurses to effectively and positively influence health policy. It further affords the cadre an opportunity to critically analyze the South African health system and propose solutions. Become part of history.

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### **Health and Environment Conference 2016**

When: 7-9 March 2016

Venue: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

URL: <http://innovationarabia.ae/tracks/health-and-environment>

Contemporary healthcare professionals need to integrate the rapid growth of knowledge and technologies while attempting to expand health sector functionsâ€™ task shifting, prevention of epidemics, and complex care management in multiple settings. Process redesign is crucial for healthcare and environmental innovation. In the healthcare sector, small scale (e.g. Total Quality Management) and large scale (e.g. re-engineering) design approaches facilitate significant improvements in healthcare quality and patient/public satisfaction. Technological innovations continue to transform healthcare in radical ways, from large data analyses to offer a better diagnosis and treatment.

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### **HST Conference 2016**

When: 4-6 May 2016

Venue: Birchwood Conference Centre, Boksburg, Gauteng

URL: <http://www.hstconference2016.org.za>

Health Systems Trust (HST) is hosting a conference from 4-6 May 2016 at the Birchwood Conference Centre, Boksburg, Gauteng. Under the banner of Strengthened health systems for sustainable development: sharing, supporting, synergising, the event is designed to advance the global public health agenda in improving health outcomes.

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### **Innovation in Medicine and Healthcare Systems**

When: 15-17 June 2016

Venue: Puerto de le Cruz, Tenerife, Spain

URL: <http://inmed-16.kesinternational.org/>

The KES International Conference on Innovation in Medicine and Healthcare (KES-InMed-16) will gather a multi-disciplinary group consisting of researchers and engineers, managers, students and practitioners from the medical arena, to discuss the ways that innovation, knowledge exchange and enterprise can be applied to issues relating to medicine, surgery, healthcare and the issues of an ageing population.

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### **International AIDS Conference**

When: 17-22 July 2016

Venue: International Convention Centre, Durban, South Africa  
URL: <http://www.aids2016.org/>

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

When: 14-18 November 2016

Venue: Vancouver, Canada

URL: <http://www.csih.org/en/events/fourth-global-symposium-on-health-systems-research/>

The Global Symposium on Health Systems Research is hosted every two years by HSG to bring together its members with the full range of players involved in health systems and policy research. There is currently no other international gathering that serves the needs of this community. Previous events have been held in Cape Town (2014), Beijing (2012) and Montreux (2010).

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## **Job Opportunities**

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### **Sonke Gender Justice: Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Specialist**

Closing date: 4 December 2015

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/monitoring-evaluation-and-learning-specialist>

### **Living Hope: Registered Nurse**

Closing date: 22 December 2015

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/registered-nurse>

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