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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Measles resurgence in southern Africa: Challenges to measles elimination

Shibeshi ME, Masresha BG, Smit SB, Biellik RJ, Nicholson JL, Muitherero C, Shivute N, Walker O, Reggis K, Goodson JL. Vaccine. Published: 12 February 2014.

In seven southern African countries (Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland and Zimbabwe), following implementation of a measles mortality reduction strategy starting in 1996, the number of annually reported measles cases decreased sharply...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0264410X14001522>[Accessed: 28 February 2014]

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Same Strategy Different Industry: Corporate Influence on Public Policy

Shelley D, Ogedegbe G, Elbel B. Pubmed. Published: 13 February 2014.

In March 2013 a state judge invalidated New York City's proposal to ban sales of sugar-sweetened beverages larger than 16 ounces; the case is under appeal...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/24524535>[Accessed: 28 February 2014]

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Why behavioural health promotion endures despite its failure to reduce health inequities

Fran Baum, Matthew Fisher Sociology of Health & Illness. Published online: 15 February 2014.

Increasing rates of chronic conditions have resulted in governments targeting health behaviour such as smoking, eating high-fat diets, or physical inactivity known to increase risk for these conditions...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/1467-9566.12112/abstract>[Accessed: 28 February 2014]

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Public Health and Primary Care: Competition or Collaboration

Adalsteinn D. Brown, Ross Upshur and Terrence J. Sullivan Healthcare Papers. Published: 2014.

In this commentary, the authors summarize and discuss some of the concerns presented in the papers herein, including issues of funding, skill sets and education...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.longwoods.com/content/23690>[Accessed: 28 February 2014]

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Male partner involvements in PMTCT: A cross sectional study, Mekelle, Northern Ethiopia

Fisaha Haile, Yemane Brhan BMC. Published: 12 February 2014.

Male partner participation is a crucial component to optimize antenatal care/ prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV (ANC/PMTCT) service...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2393/14/65>[Accessed: 28 February 2014]

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Recent News

NHI details promised before election in May

BDLive. Published: 27 February 2014.

The long-awaited details of the government's plans for National Health Insurance (NHI) should be revealed before the election on May 7, Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan said on Wednesday...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/health/2014/02/27/nhi-details-promised-before-election-in-may>[Accessed: 28 February 2014]

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New hospitals and clinics for NHI on the cards

BDLive. Published: 18 February 2014.

The government plans to build 43 new hospitals over the next five years and at least 213 clinics in the 11 pilot districts for National Health Insurance (NHI), Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi announced on Tuesday...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/health/2014/02/18/new-hospitals-and-clinics-for-nhi-on-the-cards>[Accessed: 28 February 2014]

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'Disappointing' budget leaves little room for health boost

Aidsmap. Published: 24 February 2014.

The Rural Health Advocacy Project says the budget was "disappointing" as it does not make provision for improvements in healthcare service delivery...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2014-02-26-disappointing-budget-leaves-little-room-for-health-boost>[Accessed: 28 February 2014]

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Health Ministry aims to resolve problems at Laboratory Service

SABC. Published: 19 February 2014.

The National Health Laboratory Service plays an important role within the national and provincial health industry. But through the years it has had an uphill battle with provincial health departments not paying for its services...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.sabc.co.za/news/a/145bfd0042fc0e6ba0f2bf895990ad13/-Health-Ministry-aims-to-resolve-problems-at-Laboratory-Service-20140219>[Accessed: 28 February 2014]

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New regulatory institute 'a boost' for medicines council

BDLive. Published: 19 February 2014.

The Department of Health will launch a specialised institute of regulatory medicine in April as one of the measures to improve the capacity of the Medicines Control Council (MCC) to approve new drugs and clinical trials, health Director General Precious Matsoso said on Tuesday...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/business/healthcare/2014/02/19/new-regulatory-institute-a-boost-for-medicines-council>[Accessed: 28 February 2014]

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Alternative medicine deadline missed

BDLive. Published: 17 February 2014.

The Medicines Control Council (MCC) is giving South Africa's R8.5bn complementary medicines industry extra time, after virtually no manufacturers met its February 15 deadline for introducing new labels warning consumers that the products had not been evaluated for safety and efficacy...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/health/2014/02/17/alternative-medicine-deadline-missed>[Accessed: 28 February 2014]

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SA school girls to be vaccinated against cervical cancer

SABC. Published: 18 February 2014.

The Department of Health says it will target girls who are not sexually active when it rolls out the Human Papilloma Virus vaccine next month. Girls in all public primary schools will be vaccinated to prevent cervical cancer...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.sabc.co.za/news/a/f5580f8042f9d23eb00cbf895990ad13/SA-school-girls-to-be-vaccinated-against-cervical-cancer-20140218>[Accessed: 28 February 2014]

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Gauteng healthier, residents live longer - Nomvula Mokonyane

City Press. Published: 25 February 2014.

The life expectancy of people living in Gauteng has improved, Gauteng Premier Nomvula Mokonyane has said... [Read More »](#)

Source: http://www.citypress.co.za/politics/gauteng-healthier-residents-live-longer-nomvula-mokonyane/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=gauteng-healthier-residents-live-longer-nomvula-mokonyane[Accessed: 28 February 2014]

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The future of aid: UNICEF Executive Board addresses funding and partnerships

UNICEF. Published: 6 February 2014.

The challenge of securing development funding was a major theme of this week's UNICEF Executive Board session, as resource requirements face diminished government contributions and a shifting donor landscape... [Read More »](#)

Source: http://www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_24874.html[Accessed: 28 February 2014]

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'Lifestyle diseases' plaguing poor

Health-e News. Published: 12 February 2014.

High blood pressure, diabetes and other 'lifestyle diseases' are no longer just for the rich and are wreaking havoc among South Africa's poor. 'Lifestyle diseases' refers to illnesses we can prevent by changing the way we live, like eating better, drinking less alcohol and quitting smoking... [Read More »](#)

Source: http://www.health-e.org.za/2014/02/12/lifestyle-diseases-plaguing-poor/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=lifestyle-diseases-plaguing-poor[Accessed: 28 February 2014]

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Call made for sugar to be classified as a drug

SABC. Published: 15 February 2014.

Bad sugars are processed, highly refined and chemically laden foods such as cookies. In light of Healthy Lifestyles Awareness Day, nutritionist Vanessa Ascencao and many others are calling for sugar to be classified as a Class A drug... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.sabc.co.za/news/a/4f7f768042efd24c9a6d9f895990ad13/Call-made-for-sugar-to-be-classified-as-a-drug-20140215>[Accessed: 28 February 2014]

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Tshwane support workers go unpaid

Health-e News. Published: 11 February 2014.

Many Tshwane health care workers have gone up to five months without payment from the Gauteng Department of Health and are battling to put food on the table and pay school fees... [Read More »](#)

Source: http://www.health-e.org.za/2014/02/11/vital-tshwane-support-workers-go-months-without-pay/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=vital-tshwane-support-workers-go-months-without-pay[Accessed: 28 February 2014]

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Medicine goes mobile with smartphone apps

News24. Published: 19 February 2014.

Thanks to smartphones, e-mail, video games and photo sharing are available at the touch of a finger. But attach a special case and that same phone can produce an electrocardiogram (EKG) from the electrical impulses in your hand and send it to a doctor... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.news24.com/Technology/News/Medicine-goes-mobile-with-smartphone-apps-20140219>[Accessed: 28 February 2014]

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Training and Resources

Virtual Leadership Development Program for teams working in Social and Behavior Change

Communication

When: 7 April to 4 July 2014

Where: Internet based

USAID's Health Communication Capacity Collaborative (HC3) project is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications for the Virtual Leadership Development Program (VLDP) focused on strengthening the leadership and management skills of teams working in Social and Behavior Change Communication (SBCC). [Click Here>>](#)

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NPO Leadership and Strategy Programme

When: 10 to 14 March 2014

Where: The Forum at The Campus, Bryanston, Johannesburg

The Centre for Business in Society at USB Executive Development of the University of Stellenbosch Business School will be running another NPO Leadership and Strategy Programme in Johannesburg. [Click Here>>](#)

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Reports and Publications

Research: The politics of transition and the economics of HIV

Health-e News. Published: 29 January 2014.

Published by Health GAP, this 39-page report alleges that tens of thousands of HIV patients supported by the US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) may have been lost to follow up during the aid agency's shift towards more technical assistance in the country. [Click Here»](#)

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NSP Review: Engaging with South Africa's National Strategic Plan for HIV, STIs and TB

TAC. Published: 2013.

Published by the Treatment Action Campaign and Section27, the latest NSP Review looks at retention in care, health leadership and the role of citizen journalism in tracking progress against national targets. [Click Here»](#)

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Trends in national and provincial health and HIV/ AIDS budgeting and spending in South Africa

Centre for Economic Governance and AIDS in Africa (CEGAA). Published: 2013.

The endless fight against HIV and AIDS would not have been possible without financial investment and rigorous research in the HIV and AIDS field. The recent procurement and distribution of the triple combination therapy for AIDS in South Africa depicts the commitment by government to intensify the fight against the pandemic and to enhance good adherence among those taking AIDS treatment. [Click Here»](#)

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Conferences

4th Ethics, Human Rights and Medical Law Conference

When: 6-8 May 2014

Venue: Gallagher Convention Centre, Midrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

URL: <http://www.africahealthexhibition.com/en/Site-Root/Conference-Centre/Conferences2014/ETConference/>

The 4th Ethics, Human Rights and Medical Law Conference is a must attend event for healthcare professionals in South Africa and the surrounding region.

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4th SA TB Conference

When: 10-13 June 2014

Venue: ICC Durban

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

With the rollout of new molecular diagnostics and new TB drugs, we now bear witness to the dawn of a new age in the fight against TB. Meaningful impact will only be achieved with integration of all our efforts. We call on everyone working in all spheres of TB-HIV drug discovery, clinical management, patient advocacy, government policy and the basic sciences to attend this meeting.

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20th International AIDS Conference

When: 20-25 July 2014

Venue: Melbourne, Australia

URL: <http://www.aids2014.org/>

The AIDS 2014 programme will present new scientific knowledge and offer many opportunities for structured dialogue on the major issues facing the global response to HIV. A variety of session types - from abstract-driven presentations to symposia, bridging and plenary sessions - will meet the needs of various participants.

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10th Public Health Association of South Africa

When: 3-6 September 2014

Venue: Polokwane

URL: <http://www.phasa.org.za/10th-phaasa-conference-2014/>

The 10th anniversary of the Public Health Association of South Africa (PHASA) conference will be celebrated with the hosting of the conference in Polokwane (Limpopo) from 3 to 6 September 2014. The workshops will take place on the 3rd, the actual conference on the 4th and 5th, and the student symposium on the 6th of September.

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Third Global Symposium on Health Systems Research

When: 30 September to 3 October 2014

Venue: Cape Town, South Africa

URL: <http://hsr2014.healthsystemsresearch.org/>

The theme of the symposium is the science and practice of people-centred health systems, chosen to enable participants to address current and critical concerns of relevance across countries in all parts of the world. Researchers, policy-makers, funders, implementers and other stakeholders, from all regions and all socio-economic levels, will work together on the challenge of how to make health systems more responsive to the needs of individuals, families and communities.

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Job Opportunities

Nurse Assistant/ Health Services Assistant

Employer: Ubuntu Africa Child Healthcare

Closing Date: 5 March 2014

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/nurse-assistant-health-services-assistant>

Clinical Manager

Employer: Society for Family Health

Closing Date: 10 March 2014

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/clinical-manager>

Monitoring and Evaluation Technical Advisor

Employer: Africare

Closing Date: 24 March 2014

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