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## ACADEMIC AND PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

### **'First 1000 days' health interventions in low- and middle-income countries: alignment of South African policies with high-quality evidence**

*Global Health Action | Published: 18 July 2017.*

*René English, Nazia Peer, Simone Honikman, Aviva Tugendhaft, Karen J Hofman*

In South Africa (SA), despite adoption of international strategies and approaches, maternal, neonatal and child (MNC) morbidity and mortality rates have not sufficiently declined. [The study aimed] to conduct an umbrella review (UR) that identifies interventions in low- and middle-income countries, with a high-quality evidence base, that improve MNC morbidity and mortality outcomes within the first 1000 days of life; and to assess the incorporation of the evidence into local strategies, guidelines and documents.

### **90-90-90 and ending AIDS: necessary and feasible**

*The Lancet | Published: 22 July 2017.*

*Reuben Granich, Brian Williams, Julio Montaner, José M Zuniga*

More than three decades into the global HIV pandemic, there are still 2.1 million new infections each year and 36.7 million people are living with HIV. By mid-2016, 18.2 million people were on antiretroviral treatment—about 50% of people living with HIV. Yet in 2015, 15 million people living with HIV were estimated to be unaware of their status and 1.1 million died of AIDS-related complications, despite the fact that US\$19 billion was invested in HIV in low-income and middle-income countries.

### **Financing transformative health systems towards achievement of the health Sustainable Development Goals: a model for projected resource needs in 67 low-income and middle-income countries**

*The Lancet | Published: 17 July 2017.*

*Karin Stenberg, Odd Hanssen, Tessa Tan-Torres Edejer, Melanie Bertram, Callum Brindley, Andreia Meshreky, James E Rosen, John Stover et al*

The ambitious development agenda of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) requires substantial

investments across several sectors, including for SDG 3 (healthy lives and wellbeing). No estimates of the additional resources needed to strengthen comprehensive health service delivery towards the attainment of SDG 3 and universal health coverage in low-income and middle-income countries have been published.

### **Understanding the relationship between couple dynamics and engagement with HIV care services: insights from a qualitative study in Eastern and Southern Africa**

*British Medical Journal* | Published: 23 July 2017.

*Joyce Wamoyi, Jenny Renju, Mosa Moshabela, Estelle McLean, Daniel Nyato, Doris Mbata, Oliver Bonnington, Janet Seeley et al*

[A study] to explore the interplay between couple dynamics and the engagement of people living with HIV (PLHIV) with HIV care and treatment services in three health and demographic surveillance sites in Tanzania, Malawi and South Africa.

### **'I am treated well if I adhere to my HIV medication': putting patient-provider interactions in context through insights from qualitative research in five sub-Saharan African countries**

*British Medical Journal* | Published: 23 July 2017.

*Ken Ondenge, Jenny Renju, Oliver Bonnington, Mosa Moshabela, Joyce Wamoyi, Constance Nyamukapa, Janet Seeley, Alison Wringe et al*

The nature of patient-provider interactions and communication is widely documented to significantly impact on patient experiences, treatment adherence and health outcomes. Yet little is known about the broader contextual factors and dynamics that shape patient-provider interactions in high HIV prevalence and limited-resource settings. Drawing on qualitative research from five sub-Saharan African countries, we seek to unpack local dynamics that serve to hinder or facilitate productive patient-provider interactions.

### **Using social media to engage nurses in health policy development**

*Journal of Nursing Management* | Published: 23 July 2017.

*Siobhan O'Connor*

Nurses are often not directly involved in policy creation and some feel it is a process they cannot easily influence. [This study aimed] to explore nurses' views on future priorities for the profession and to examine social media as an engagement tool to aid policy discussion and development.

### **Systems science for universal health coverage**

*World Health Organisation* | Published: 7 July 2017.

*Timothy G Evans, Marie Paule Kieny*

It is 20 years since an international consultation in Lejondal, Sweden, highlighted the need for more and better research "to understand and improve how societies organize themselves in achieving collective health goals, and how different actors interact in the policy and implementation processes to contribute to policy outcomes." One outcome was the creation of the Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research.

### **Role for academic institutions and think tanks in speeding progress on sustainable development goals**

*British Medical Journal* | Published: 24 July 2017.

*Ilona Kickbusch, Johanna Hanefeld*

Academic institutions and think tanks are uniquely placed to broker links between different sectors and assist with cross cutting approaches to achieving the health related sustainable development goals, say Ilona Kickbusch and Johanna Hanefeld.

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## **RECENT NEWS**

**Child living with HIV maintains remission without drugs since 2008**

*National Institutes of Health | 24 July 2017.*

A nine-year-old South African child who was diagnosed with HIV infection at one month of age and received anti-HIV treatment during infancy has suppressed the virus without anti-HIV drugs for eight and a half years, scientists reported today at the 9th IAS Conference on HIV Science in Paris.

### **Quicker TB test available for HIV patients in SA**

*Health-E News | 27 July 2017.*

A quicker, simpler test for tuberculosis (TB) in people living with HIV is not being used widely enough in South Africa, despite new evidence of its benefits, according to international humanitarian organisation Doctors Without Borders (MSF).

### **World on track to meet HIV goals – UNAIDS**

*Health-E News | 20 July 2017.*

We are closer than ever before to ending AIDS but there is much still to do, according to a new report.

### **As NHI looms, should medical scheme members be worried?**

*MoneyWeb | 17 July 2017.*

Government medical schemes will be the first to be swallowed.

### **Gazetted NHI offers opportunity for collaborative solutions**

*IOL | 26 July 2017.*

In our response to the National Health Insurance White Paper that was released in December 2015, the Hospital Association of South Africa (HASA) argued for collaboration and for concurrent actions to the design of the Insurance that would address a number of urgent healthcare delivery issues, mainly the human resource and infrastructure shortages that are spread throughout the system.

### **Why sharing HIV treatment is dangerous**

*Health-e News | 18 July 2017.*

MPUMALANGA – When Philip Madonsela's HIV positive partner Duduzile Gumede defaulted on her antiretroviral treatment he was surprised to discover that she stopped collecting her medication from the clinic because she was taking their daughter's treatment.

### **WHO estimates cost of reaching global health targets by 2030**

*World Health Organisation | 17 July 2017.*

The SDG Health Price Tag, published today in The Lancet Global Health, estimates the costs and benefits of progressively expanding health services in order to reach 16 Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) health targets in 67 low- and middle-income countries that account for 75% of the world's population.

### **A 'lively' year for HIV research so far**

*Medical Brief | 19 July 2017.*

This has been a lively year for HIV research says an i-base report. Even though only one new drug was approved (a once-daily version of raltegravir) several key generic approvals (dolutegravir and tenofovir/FTC) are perhaps just as important.

### **Life Esidimeni: Justice at last? Dikgang Moseneke enters the tragedy**

*Daily Maverick | 21 July 2017.*

Justice Dikgang Moseneke has been appointed to lead a key redress process aiming to bring healing to the families of Life Esidimeni patients, after more than 100 people died when they were moved from the facility to NGOs last year. Moseneke is the ideal candidate to address the pain caused.

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## **TRAINING AND RESOURCES**

### **WHO implementation tool for pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) of HIV infection**

*World Health Organisation | July 2017.*

Following the WHO recommendation in September 2015 that “oral pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) should be offered as an additional prevention choice for people at substantial risk of HIV infection as part of combination HIV prevention approaches”, partners in countries expressed the need for practical advice on how to consider the introduction of PrEP and start implementation.

In response, WHO has developed this series of modules to support the implementation of PrEP among a range of populations in different settings.

### **Adult antiretroviral therapy guidelines 2017**

*Southern Africa HIV Clinicians Society | 14 July 2017.*

These guidelines are intended as an update to those published in the Southern African Journal of HIV Medicine in 2014 and the update on when to initiate antiretroviral therapy in 2015. Since the release of the previous guidelines, the scale-up of antiretroviral therapy (ART) in southern Africa has continued. New antiretroviral drugs have become available with improved efficacy, safety and more robustness. The guidelines are intended for countries in the southern African region, which vary between lower and middle income.

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## **PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS**

### **Ending AIDS: Progress towards the 90-90-90 Targets**

*UNAIDS | Published: July 2017.*

As the world approaches the midway point between the 2014 launch of the 90–90–90 targets and their December 2020 deadline, UNAIDS has reviewed the progress made. This has been done with the support of national AIDS programmes, which report data annually to the United Nations and the guidance of national programme managers, researchers and other experts within the UNAIDS Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) on 90–90–90.

### **HIV Drug Resistance Report 2017**

*World Health Organisation | Published: July 2017.*

The WHO HIV drug resistance report 2017 shows that in 6 of the 11 countries surveyed in Africa, Asia and Latin America, over 10% of people starting antiretroviral therapy had a strain of HIV that was resistant to some of the most widely used HIV medicines. Once the threshold of 10% has been reached, WHO recommends those countries urgently review their HIV treatment programmes.

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## **CONFERENCES AND EVENTS**

### **Global Evidence Summit: Using evidence. Improving lives.**

13-16 September 2017

Cape Town, South Africa

### **Rural Health Conference**

22-25 September 2017

Taung Hotel School & Convention Centre, North West, South Africa

### **HASA Conference (Hospital Association of South Africa)**

25-27 September 2017

Cape Town International Convention Centre, Cape Town, South Africa

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## **Health Systems Trust: Nurse Clinicians (eThekweni)**

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