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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Client characteristics and acceptability of a home-based HIV counselling and testing intervention in rural South Africa

Reshma Naik, Hanani Tabana, Tanya Doherty, Wanga Zembe and Debra Jackson. *BMC Public Health* 2012, 12:824. Published: 25 September 2012.

HIV counselling and testing (HCT) is a critical gateway for addressing HIV prevention, and linking people to treatment, care, and support. Since national testing rates are often less than optimal, there is growing interest in expanding testing coverage through the implementation of innovative models such as home-based HIV counselling and testing (HBHCT)...[Read More »](#)

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Economic evaluation of task-shifting approaches to the dispensing of anti-retroviral therapy

Nicola Foster and Diane McIntyre. *Human Resources for Health* 2012, 10:32. Published: 13 September 2012.

A scarcity of human resources for health has been identified as one of the primary constraints to the scale-up of the provision of Anti-Retroviral Treatment (ART). In South Africa there is a particularly severe lack of pharmacists. The study aims to compare two task-shifting approaches to the dispensing of ART: Indirectly Supervised Pharmacist's Assistants (ISPA) and Nurse-based pharmaceutical care models against the standard of care which involves a pharmacist dispensing ART...[Read More »](#)

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Increasing the evidence base on the role of the community in response to HIV/AIDS

Rosalía Rodríguez-García, René Bonnel. *J Epidemiol Community Health* 2012;66:ii7-ii8. Published: September 2012.

'Effectiveness' became a rallying cry for the international development community a decade ago, as governments and major aid donors recognised that spending more money on health and other projects in developing countries was not always achieving the desired results...[Read More »](#)

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Guidelines for antiretroviral therapy in adults

Southern African HIV Clinicians Society. *S Afr J HIV Med* 2012;13(3):114-133. Published: September 2012.

These guidelines are intended as an update to those published in the Southern African Journal of HIV Medicine in January 2008. Since the release of the previous guidelines, the scale-up of antiretroviral therapy (ART) in Southern Africa has continued to grow...[Read More »](#)

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"HealthKick": Formative assessment of the health environment in low-resource primary schools in the Western Cape Province of South Africa

Anniza De Villiers, Nelia P Steyn, Catherine E Draper, Jean M Fourie, Gerhard Barkhuizen, Carl J Lombard, Lucinda Dalais, Zulfa Abrahams and Estelle V Lambert. *BMC Public Health* 2012, 12:794. Published: 17 September 2012.

This study evaluated the primary school environment in terms of being conducive to good nutrition practices, sufficient physical activity and prevention of nicotine use, with the view of planning a school-based health intervention...[Read More »](#)

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Recent News

Hospital crises: Litigation looms in Eastern Cape

Health-e News. Published: 25 September 2012.

The Eastern Cape Health and Treasury MECs have been given an ultimatum to either reply to a set of questions related to the staffing crises at Madwaleni and Livingstone hospitals, or face litigation...[Read More »](#)

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Matsoso wants to contract private GPs

Health-e News. Published: 20 September 2012.

Health Director-General Precious Matsoso has launched a strong appeal to the private health sector to come up with good "contracting models" whereby the state could as an example partner with private doctors to deliver services...[Read More »](#)

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Motsoaledi urges private hospitals to play ball

Health-e News. Published: 20 September 2012.

South Africa cannot afford to shy away from the uncomfortable truth that poor regulatory control of private healthcare and weak financing was punishing the poor, Health minister Dr Aaron Motsoaledi told a meeting of private hospitals...[Read More »](#)

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Health insurance regulations 'provide inadequate protection'

Health-e News. Published: 20 September 2012.

Civil society groups have appealed to the ministers of health and of finance to reconsider the government's plans for regulating health insurance products, saying they don't go far enough to protect consumers...[Read More »](#)

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Gauteng becoming safe for pregnant women

Business Day. Published: 20 September 2012.

The ratio of maternal deaths in Gauteng's public health facilities has decreased from 167.7/100 000 live births in the period 2005 – 2007 to 145/100 000 live births for the period 2008 – 2010...[Read More »](#)

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The Global Fund adopts new funding model

PlusNews. Published: 25 September 2012.

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria has released initial details on its new funding model, which will change the way countries apply for money. But as the Fund works to finalize the model before next year, civil society is criticizing the process for being untransparent and rushed...[Read More »](#)

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HIV budgets come under pressure

Mail and Guardian. Published: 21 September 2012.

The times of plenty funding for the fight against HIV are over, and the lean years come at a time when the need for funding is rising. This was the message to the 23 767 participants from 183 countries at the July 2012 Washington International Aids Conference...[Read More »](#)

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Water is life for HIV

The New Age. Published: 19 September 2012.

People living with HIV and Aids in informal settlements require more water than healthy people and therefore access to quality of water, sanitation and hygiene is critical for people living with HIV...[Read More »](#)

Source: http://www.thenewage.co.za/62712-1011-53-Water_is_life_for_HIV[Accessed: 28 September 2012]

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Taking HIV testing to homes

Health-e News. Published: 18 September 2012.

Home-based HIV testing, which enables you and your family to have an HIV test in the privacy of your own home without having to go to a health facility, is one of the newest efforts to be introduced to get people to know their HIV status...[Read More »](#)

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ARV clubs are an effective way of relieving the system

The Citizen Online. Published: 21 September 2012.

South Africa's health clinics are congested with thousands of patients burdened with the diseases of HIV, TB, and other infections...[Read More »](#)

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MCC continue to delay lifesaving drug

Health-e News. Published: 18 September 2012.

While it was revealed recently that the United States and European drug regulators are pulling out all the stops to register bedaquiline, or TMC207, the South African Medicines Control Council (MCC) has shown no intention of following suit...[Read More »](#)

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Training and Resources

Emerging Health Practitioner in Public Health Award

Health Systems Trust

Closing Date: 20 October 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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Call for Proposals: Development of Report - SWEAT National Sex Worker Programme Evaluation

The Sex Worker Education and Advocacy Task Force (SWEAT)

Closing Date: 28 September 2012

The Sex Worker Education and Advocacy Task Force (SWEAT), partnership with the Networking HIV, AIDS Community of South Africa (NACOSA), is calling for proposals for the development of an evaluation report for the National Sex Worker Programme, which is funded by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM).. [Click Here>>](#)

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Post Doctoral Fellowships

Collaboration for Health Systems Analysis and Innovation (CHESA)

Closing Date: 15 October 2012

A total of four Postdoctoral Fellowships are available in the area of Health Policy and Systems Research (HPSR) within the Collaboration for Health Systems Analysis and Innovation (CHESA) project, over the period 2012-2016). [Click Here>>](#)

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Reports and Publications

Business Plans For National Health Insurance Conditional Grant - All pilot district

Department of Health (South Africa). Published: 2012.

The Department of Health has released NHI business plans, for each pilot district, to develop frameworks and models that can be used to roll out NHI pilots in districts critical to achieving the phased implementation of NHI. [Click Here>>](#)

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WHO Global Health Expenditure Atlas

World Health Organization. Published: 2012.

The global health expenditure database that WHO has maintained for the past ten years, provides internationally comparable numbers on national health expenditures. WHO updates the data annually, taking, adjusting and estimating the numbers based on publicly available reports. [Click Here»](#)

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The Right to Food and Nutrition Watch 2012

Brot für die Welt (Bread for the World), FIAN International and Interchurch Organisation for Development Cooperation (ICCO). Published: 2012.

The Right to Food and Nutrition Watch 2012 addresses the decision making process on global food and nutrition from this human rights perspective. The question "who decides?" includes the question "who is excluded from decision making?" Food and power are related. [Click Here»](#)

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Conferences

HASA 2012 Annual Conference and Exhibition

When: 19-21 September

Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre

URL: <http://findavenue.co.za/Hasa/>

The theme for the conference: "Policy. Practice. Progress" will encourage stakeholders in the public and private healthcare sectors to find common ground on the way forward and ensure that policy reforms, when implemented and practiced, do result in healthcare advancement and progress.

The 5th Africa Conference on Sexual Health and Rights

When: 19-22 September 2012

Venue: Windhoek, Namibia.

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

The 5th Africa Conference on Sexual Health and Rights will take stock of responses to sexual health and rights on the continent since ICPD, and interrogate the status of sexual health and rights, with particular focus on women, girls, adolescents and youth.

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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 Second Global Symposium on Health Systems Research call for abstracts is now open. 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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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 theme of the conference is 'Striving for Clinical Excellence'. 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

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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Senior Researcher

Health Systems Trust

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Faculty of Community and Health Sciences

Closing date: 28 September 2012

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Country Program Leader

PATH, South Africa

Closing date: 30 September 2012

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Various Postings

South to South Programme for Comprehensive Family HIV Care & Treatment

Stellenbosch University (Tygerberg Campus)

Closing date: 5 October 2012

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- [Program Manager: Training & Development](#)
- [Paediatric Clinical Advisor](#)
- [HIV Nurse Advisor](#)

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