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 - International Mesothelioma Interest Group Conference
 - Inaugural HIV Research for Prevention Conference (HIVR4P)

Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Upcoming election could rekindle health debate in Brazil

The Lancet. Published: 23 August 2014.

Last year's mass protests in Brazil drew attention to health-care spending—an issue that could be in the spotlight again ahead of October's national election. Michael Kepp reports from Rio de Janeiro. [Read More »](#)

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Public health challenges for universal health coverage

Radha Madhab Tripathy. Indian Journal of Public Health. Published: 13 August 2014.

The effective functioning of any health system requires an efficient public health service. Every human being has the right to enjoy "the highest attainable standard of health,"... [Read More »](#)

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Croatia: Health System Review

Dzakula A, Sagan A, Pavic N, Loncarek K, Sekelj-Kauzlaric K. Health Systems in Transition/WHO. Published: 16 May 2014.

Croatia is a small central European country on the Balkan peninsula, with a population of approximately 4.3 million and a gross domestic product (GDP) of 62% of the European Union (EU) average (expressed in purchasing power parity; PPP) in 2012... [Read More »](#)

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Health systems research in the time of health system reform in India: A review

Krishna D Rao, Radhika Arora and Abdul Ghaffar. Health Research Policy and Systems. Published: 9 August 2014.

Research on health systems is an important contributor to improving health system performance. Importantly, research on program and policy implementation can also create a culture of public accountability... [Read More »](#)

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Advancing the application of systems thinking in health: Understanding the dynamics of neonatal mortality in Uganda

Agnes Semwanga Rwashana, Sarah Nakubulwa, Margaret Nakakeeto-Kijjambu and Taghreed Adam. Health Research Policy and Systems. Published: 8 August 2014.

Of the three million newborns that die each year, Uganda ranks fifth highest in neonatal mortality rates, with 43,000 neonatal deaths each year... [Read More »](#)

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Comparing a paper based monitoring and evaluation system to a mHealth system to support the national community health worker programme, South Africa: An evaluation

Sunisha Neupane, Willem Odendaal, Irwin Friedman, Waasila Jassat, Helen Schneider and Tanya Doherty. BMC Medical Informatics and Decision Making. Published: 9 August 2014.

In an attempt to address a complex disease burden, including improving progress towards MDGs 4 and 5, South Africa recently introduced a re-engineered Primary Health Care (PHC) strategy... [Read More »](#)

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Addressing the shortage of health professionals in South Africa through the development of a new cadre of health worker: The creation of Clinical Associates

ID Couper, JFM Hugo. Rural and Remote Health. Published: 16 August 2014.

South Africa made a decision in 2002 to develop so-called mid-level medical workers, now known as clinical associates... [Read More »](#)

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Task shifting for non-communicable disease management in low and middle income countries – A systematic review

Rohina Joshi, Mohammed Alim, Andre Pascal Kengne, Stephen Jan, Pallab K. Maulik, David Peiris, Anushka A. Patel. Plos One. Published: 14 August 2014.

One potential solution to limited healthcare access in low and middle income countries (LMIC) is task-shifting... [Read More »](#)

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The impact of HIV/SRH service integration on workload: Analysis from the Integra Initiative in two African settings

Sedona Sweeney, Carol Dayo Obure, Fern Terris-Prestholt, Vanessa Darsamo, Christine Michaels-Igbokwe, Esther Muketo, Zelda Nhlabatsi, Charlotte Warren, Susannah Mayhew, Charlotte Watts, Anna Vassall and the Integra Research Team. Human Resources for Health. Published: 7 August 2014.

There is growing interest in integration of HIV and sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services as a way to improve the efficiency of human resources (HR) for health in low- and middle-income countries... [Read More »](#)

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Building public health capacity in Madhya Pradesh through academic partnership

Ritika Tiwari, Anjali Sharma, Himanshu Negandhi, Sanjay Zodpey, Nidhi Vyas, Manohar Agnani. Global Health Action. Published: 13 August 2014.

Engaging in partnerships is a strategic means of achieving objectives common to each partner. The Post Graduate Diploma in Public Health Management (PGDPHM) partners in consultation with the government and aims to strengthen the public health managerial capacity... [Read More »](#)

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Recent News

Call for chapters – South African Health Review

Health Systems Trust

Researchers, educators, students, policy-makers, planners, capacity-builders, managers and specialist practitioners in the field of health systems and related health development disciplines are invited to submit abstracts for the 2014/2015 South African Health Review. [Read More »](#)

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Call for submissions – Emerging Public Health Practitioner Award

Health Systems Trust

The South African Health Review Emerging Public Health Practitioner Award is offered to South African candidates under the age of 35 to submit a chapter dealing with public health or policy in South Africa for publication in the South African Health Review. [Read More »](#)

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Private sector must help improve public healthcare – Aaron Motsoaledi

City Press. Published: 25 August 2014.

Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi has appealed to the private healthcare sector to work with the government to strengthen South Africa's health system... [Read More »](#)

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US-sponsored MomConnect app provides free antenatal information

BDlive. Published: 21 August 2014.

Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi on Friday launched MomConnect - a messaging service meant to provide South Africa's current 1.2-million pregnant women with vital antenatal information for free... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/health/2014/08/21/us-sponsored-momconnect-app-provides-free-antenatal-information>[Accessed: 29 August 2014]

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Hospital project reduces waiting period for surgeries

SABC. Published: 19 August 2014.

Doctors at Cape Town's Red Cross Children's Hospital say an initiative to reduce the waiting period for certain life-changing surgeries for their young patients is beginning to yield good results... [Read More »](#)

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Zimbabwe's health system in crisis

IRIN News. Published: 11 August 2014.

Zimbabwe's deepening economic crisis is severely affecting the government's ability to fund public health delivery and restricting poor people's access to health care...[Read More »](#)

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The weakest link of HIV prevention in Africa - Contraception

All Africa. Published: 18 August 2014.

In the rush to save babies from HIV infection and treat their mothers, experts warn that a key element of HIV prevention is being neglected in Africa...[Read More »](#)

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Nurses driven mainly by a desire to help others are more likely to burn out

American Sociological Association. Published: 19 August 2014.

Nurses who are motivated primarily by the desire to help others, rather than by enjoyment of the work itself...[Read More »](#)

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Sugar tax mooted to save lives and money

BDlive. Published: 20 August 2014.

A 20% tax on sugar-sweetened drinks could cut the number of obese South Africans by almost a quarter of a million, saving lives and money, local research has found...[Read More »](#)

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Human rights are important in health crises

BDlive. Published: 19 August 2014.

The outbreak of Ebola in West Africa has caused global hysteria and fear. Human rights should be our focus instead...[Read More »](#)

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Novartis hands over experimental TB drugs in antibiotic pullback

Reuters. Published: 20 August 2014.

Novartis has signed a licensing deal to hand over its experimental tuberculosis (TB) drugs to the Global Alliance for TB Drug Development...[Read More »](#)

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Training and Resources

British Chevening Scholarships for International Students

Opportunity closing date: 15 November 2014

Venue: UK

Chevening Scholarships are awarded to talented individuals with leadership potential. The scholarships offer financial support to study for a Master's degree at one of the UK's leading universities.[Click Here>>](#)

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University of Lausanne: Master's Grants in Switzerland for Foreign Students

Opportunity closing date: 15 December 2014

The University of Lausanne in Switzerland offers the UNIL Master's Grants to international students who wish to pursue a Masters Degree at the University.[Click Here>>](#)

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Public Participation Programme

When: 3-7 November 2014
Venue: School of Public Leadership (SPL), Stellenbosch University

This 5-day nationally accredited certification short course is committed to the international (1) **principles**, (2) **models** and (3) **strategies** of Public Participation as a foundation for human development; good governance; Developmental Local Government (DLG) and the implementation of Integrated Development Planning (IDP). [Click Here>>](#)

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Books, Publications, Reports and Manuals

Hormonal contraceptive methods for women at high risk of HIV and living with HIV - 2014 Guidance statement

WHO. Published: July 2014.

The publication contains recommendations concerning the use of hormonal contraceptive methods by women at high risk of HIV and women living with HIV, including women taking antiretroviral therapy (ART). [Click Here»](#)

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Conferences and Events

18th Rural Health Conference

When: 21-24 September 2014
Venue: Ukwanda Rural Clinical School, Worcester, South Africa
URL: <http://rudasa.org.za>

The 2014 conference will take place from 21-24 September in the Western Cape town of Worcester. The theme for this year's conference is: Building resilience in facing rural health realities.

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Southern African HIV Clinicians Society

When: 24-27 September 2014
Venue: Cape Town, South Africa
URL: <http://sahivsoc2014.co.za/>

Clear your diaries for 24-27 September 2014, as we head for Cape Town again and a dizzying array of excellent speakers, skills building sessions, debates, challenging cases and research findings.

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A collaborative effort to tackle complex health service delivery challenges: Addressing tuberculosis in the mining sector in southern Africa

When: 30 September 2014
Venue: Westin Hotel, Cape Town, South Africa
URL: <http://www.worldbank.org/content/dam/Worldbank/document/Africa/South%20Africa/Events/za-addressing-tuberculosis-in-the-mining-sector-in-southern-africa-a-capacity-building-workshop-brochure.pdf>

A Capacity Building Workshop: Co-sponsored by the World Bank Group, STOP TB Partnership, The Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

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Third Global Symposium on Health Systems Research

When: 30 September to 3 October 2014
Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre, 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.

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Hospital Association of South Africa 2014

When: 15-17 October 2014
Venue: Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa
URL: <http://www.conferencehasa.co.za>

The Hospital Association of South Africa (HASA) is a confederation of private hospitals and ambulatory clinics, operating on a non-profit basis, representing the collective interests of private hospitals in South Africa in respect of economic and social policy and other areas, as agreed to by its members.

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14th Association for Health Information and Libraries in Africa Congress

When: 20-24 October 2014
Venue: Mwalimu Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
URL: <http://www.ahila-tz.org/>

AHILA was founded in 1984 with the aim of improving provision of up-to-date and relevant health information; encourage professional development of health librarians; promote information resource sharing in Africa and exchange of experiences as well as promoting the development and standardization and exchange of health databases in Africa.

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International Mesothelioma Interest Group Conference

When: 21-24 October 2014

Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre, South Africa

URL: <http://imig2014.org/>

iMig cordially looks forward to welcoming you to Cape Town, South Africa from 21-24 October 2014 for the 12th International Mesothelioma Interest Group Conference - the world's premier medical congress on mesothelioma. Our theme is the ongoing quest for cure.

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Inaugural HIV Research for Prevention Conference (HIVR4P)

When: 28-31 October 2014

Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre, South Africa

URL: <http://hivr4p.org/>

HIV R4P is the world's first and only scientific meeting dedicated exclusively to biomedical HIV prevention research. Through both abstract and non-abstract driven sessions, the conference will support cross-fertilization between research on HIV vaccines, microbicides, PrEP, treatment as prevention and other biomedical prevention approaches, while also providing a venue to discuss the research findings, questions and priorities that are specific to advancing each modality.

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