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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Financing universal health coverage – effects of alternative tax structures on public health systems: Cross-national modelling in 89 low-income and middle-income countries

Aaron Reeves, Yannis Gourtsoyannis, Sanjay Basu, David McCoy, Martin McKee, David Stuckler. *The Lancet*. Published: 14 May 2015.

How to finance progress towards universal health coverage in low-income and middle-income countries is a subject of intense debate. We investigated how alternative tax systems affect the breadth, depth, and height of

health system coverage...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736%2815%2960574-8/abstract>[Accessed: 29 May 2015]

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Rising wealth, improving health? Adolescents and inequality

John S Santelli, Wendy Baldwin, Jennifer Heitel. The Lancet. Published: 3 February 2015.

The linkage between social inequalities and health disparities is well established. Less well described are the connections between social inequalities during childhood and adolescence and adult health status...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/>[Accessed: 29 May 2015]

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What do community health workers have to say about their work, and how can this inform improved programme design? A case study with CHWs within Kenya

Martin Oliver, Anne Geniets, Niall Winters, Isabella Rega and Simon M. Mbae. Global Health Action. Published: 22 May 2015.

Community health workers (CHWs) are used increasingly in the world to address shortages of health workers and the lack of a pervasive national health system...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.globalhealthaction.net/index.php/gha/article/view/27168>[Accessed: 29 May 2015]

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Handling healthcare workforce planning with care: Where do we stand?

Mário Amorim Lopes, Álvaro Santos Almeida and Bernardo Almada-Lobo. Human Resources for Health 2015. Published: 24 May 2015.

Planning the healthcare workforce required to meet the health needs of the population, while providing service levels that maximize the outcome and minimize the financial costs, is a complex task...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.human-resources-health.com/content/13/1/38/abstract>[Accessed: 29 May 2015]

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National student sexual health HIV knowledge, attitude and behaviour survey: Focusing on student men who have sex with men at 14 higher education institutions in South Africa

Networking HIV/AIDS Community of South Africa (NACOSA)/Higher Education and Training HIV/AIDS Programme (HEAIDS). Published: November 2014.

The study explored knowledge, attitudes and behaviour in relation to sexual health and HIV among students at higher education institutions in South Africa.[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.unisa.ac.za/news/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Finalised-MSM-publicatiion-28042015.pdf>[Accessed: 29 May 2015]

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Towards an international taxonomy of integrated primary care: A Delphi consensus approach

Pim P. Valentijn, Hubertus J. M. Vrijhoef, Dirk Ruwaard, Inge Boesveld, Rosa Y. Arends and Marc A. Bruijnzeels. BioMed Central Family Practice. Published: 22 May 2015.

Developing integrated service models in a primary care setting is considered an essential strategy for establishing a sustainable and affordable health care system.[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2296/16/64>[Accessed: 29 May 2015]

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The impacts of maternal mortality and cause of death on children's risk of dying in rural South Africa: Evidence from a population based surveillance study (1992-2013)

Brian Houle, Samuel J Clark, Kathleen Kahn, Stephen Tollman and Alicia Ely Yamin. Reproductive Health. Published: 6 May 2015.

Maternal mortality, the HIV/AIDS pandemic, and child survival are closely linked. This study contributes evidence on the impact of maternal death on children's risk of dying in an HIV-endemic population in rural South Africa.[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.reproductive-health-journal.com/content/12/S1/S7>[Accessed: 29 May 2015]

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Projected lifetime healthcare costs associated with HIV infection

Fumiyo Nakagawa, Alec Miners, Colette J. Smith, Ruth Simmons, Rebecca K. Lodwick, Valentina Cambiano, Jens D. Lundgren, Valerie Delpech, Andrew N. Phillips. Plos One. Published: 22 April 2015.

Estimates of healthcare costs associated with HIV infection would provide valuable insight for evaluating the cost-effectiveness of possible prevention interventions. We evaluate the additional lifetime healthcare cost incurred due to living with HIV...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0125018>[Accessed: 29 May 2015]

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Recent News

Ensuring universal health coverage for key populations

UNAIDS. Published: 20 May 2015.

Without addressing HIV among marginalized populations and human rights, it will not be possible to end the AIDS epidemic as a public health threat by 2030, according to experts at a World Health Assembly side event...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/presscentre/featurestories>[Accessed: 29 May 2015]

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World Health Assembly closes, passing resolutions on air pollution and epilepsy

WHO. Published: 26 May 2015.

The World Health Assembly closed today, with Director-General Dr Margaret Chan noting that it had passed several "landmark resolutions and decisions".[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2015/wha-26-may-2015/en/>[Accessed: 29 May 2015]

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In Namibia, reaching rural communities with good health practices

UNICEF. Published: 14 May 2015.

Neither the loud music nor the sight of his peers catching up on gossip can detract Abner Shivute from his daily mission. While men his age are making merry and relaxing at the shebeens...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.unicef.org>[Accessed: 29 May 2015]

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We have enough medics, but they're in the cities

BDlive. Published: 21 May 2015.

Millions of South Africans are missing out on basic healthcare because of a skewed system that fails to make use of all the country's skilled health professionals.[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/opinion/2015/05/21/we-have-enough-medics-but-theyre-in-the-cities>[Accessed: 29 May 2015]

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MPs grill commission on 'sanitised' health services

BDlive. Published: 21 May 2015.

MPs grilled the Public Service Commission (PSC) on Wednesday on its findings about the state of public health services in four provinces, and suggested patients faced a far bleaker picture than that painted by the institution...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/health/2015/05/21/mps-grill-commission-on-sanitised-health-services-report>[Accessed: 29 May 2015]

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SA hosts world's first study into better XDR-TB treatment

Health-e News. Published: 14 May 2015.

South African scientists are spearheading the world's first trial into shorter and better treatment for tuberculosis (XDR-TB), which kills about half of all those diagnosed with the condition in South Africa.[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2015/05/14/sa-hosts-worlds-first-study-into-better-xdr-tb-treatment/>[Accessed: 29 May 2015]

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Birth control implant needs a shot in the arm

Mail&Guardian. Published: 22 May 2015.

When Ntombi-khona Ndlovu (28), from Volksrust in the Pixley ka Seme district of Mpumalanga, went to the local clinic to get contraception, she was introduced to the Implanon NXT – a hormonal contraception device inserted under the skin on the inside of the nondominant upper arm...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2015-05-21-birth-control-implant-needs-a-shot-in-the-arm>[Accessed: 29 May 2015]

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Comment: Mother and child health must improve

Mail&Guardian. Published: 15 May 2015.

As a young journalist in Johannesburg in the early 1990s, I wrote a story about South Africa's looming HIV crisis, citing predictions from epidemiologists that, without urgent action, cases could top five million by 2000...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2015-05-14-comment-mother-and-child-health-must-improve>[Accessed: 29 May 2015]

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NW Department of Health introduces EMR

The New Age. Published: 22 May 2015.

The pharmacist challenge of misreading a doctor's script will now be a thing of the past with the introduction of a new device, the Electronic Medical Records (EMR) system in North West...[Read More »](#)

Source: http://www.thenewage.co.za/159849-1007-53-NW_dept_of_health_introduces_EMR[Accessed: 29 May 2015]

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Poor management blamed for bulk of drug stock outs

Health-e News. Published: 25 May 2015.

According to Motsaedi, recent reports by Times Live and eNCA regarding alleged widespread drug shortages promoted the minister's early return last week from the World Health Organisation's on-going, annual World Health Assembly in Geneva.[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2015/05/25/poor-management-behind-bulk-of-drug-stock-outs/>[Accessed: 29 May 2015]

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Training and Resources

Change is good: Fostering change eLearning course now updated

Global Health eLearning Center

Change occurs frequently in health settings in many different ways. Even the best kind of change can be disruptive to service delivery, and many people are naturally resistant.[Click Here»](#)

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Online Rational Medicines Use module

University of the Western Cape

A new online Rational Medicines Use module will be offered by the University of the Western Cape Schools of Public Health and Pharmacy, in collaboration with the SIAPS, Prof Richard Laing (BUSPH and ex-WHO) and other partners. [Click Here»](#)

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Books, Publications, Reports and Manuals

Call for submissions - Emerging Public Health Practitioner Award

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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...[Click Here»](#)

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Call for papers - Health and sustainable development

The Lancet. Published: 30 April 2015.

In just under 5 months' time, the aspiration for the next 15 years of development efforts will be signed off at the UN General Assembly in New York, USA.[Click Here»](#)

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Conferences and Events

7th SA AIDS Conference: Reflection, Refocus and Renewal

When: 9-12 June 2015

Venue: Durban International Convention Centre, South Africa

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

This Conference comes at a critical time in global health, as 2015 marks the end of the MDGs and the beginning of the post-2015 sustainable development agenda. The theme of the Conference this year: Reflection, Refocus and Renewal provides a unique opportunity to reflect on what we have done across the entire spectrum of our programmes in the response to HIV, including the structural and social determinants which fuel this epidemic.

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Global Health Congress

When: 25-27 June 2015

Venue: Oxford, England

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

Chaired by Professor Angela Coulter of Oxford University's Nuffield Department of Population Health, this Oxford-based conference aims to bring together researchers who aim to promote health and wellbeing through improved health services in Europe and around the world.

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3rd International Association of Social Sciences and Humanities in HIV (ASSHH) Conference

When: 6-9 July 2015

Venue: Stellenbosch, South Africa

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

A warm welcome to the 3rd Conference of the Association for the Social Sciences and Humanities in HIV (ASSHH). As Conference Co-chairs, we have worked hard to develop an exciting programme for the meeting, which will bring together critically informed and theoretically engaged scholars and practitioners from a wide range of social science and humanities disciplines.

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Public Health Conference (PHC) 2015

When: 11-13 July 2015

Venue: Bangkok, Thailand

URL: <http://www.publichealth-conference.org>

The conference is organized by Tomorrow People Organization - internationally recognized non-profit organisation with head quarters in Belgrade, Serbia. The official language of the conference is English. Attendance of delegates from more than 40 countries is expected.

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AIDSImpact 2015 – 12th International Conference

When: 28-31 July 2015

Venue: Amsterdam, Netherlands

URL: <http://www.aidsimpact.com/2015/>

AIDSImpact is an international behavioral and psychosocial science conference that addresses issues related to HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care, focusing both globally and on specific communities and countries hardest hit by the HIV/AIDS epidemic. AIDSImpact first convened in Amsterdam in 1991. Now, in 2015 the 12th AIDSImpact conference returns to the city.

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Medicines Utilisation Research in Africa (MURIA Group) - Botswana Workshop and Symposium

When: 27-29 July 2015

Venue: University of Botswana

URL: <http://muria.nmmu.ac.za/Botswana-Workshop-and-Symposium-27-29-July-2015>

The workshop and symposium are intended to develop and progress medicines utilisation research in Africa. The workshop will cater for all personnel including those just starting research in this area and those already undertaking medicine utilisation research.

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Global Forum on Research and Innovation for Health 2015

When: 24-27 August 2015

Venue: Manila, Philippines

URL: <http://www.forum2015.org>

Forum 2015 is a unique global platform to promote the role of research and innovation in creating better health, enhancing equity and stimulating development. Join other policy-makers, business and non-profit leaders, international organizations, academic and research institutions, social entrepreneurs and key stakeholders, as we work together to shape the global health research agenda locally, regionally and globally.

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5th Conference of the International Society for Child Indicators

When: 2-4 September 2015

Venue: University of Cape Town, South Africa

URL: <http://isc2015.org/>

The 5th Conference of the International Society for Child Indicators will be held on 2-4 September 2015 in the Kramer Law Building, University of Cape Town. Researchers, practitioners, policy makers and child advocates from across the world will gather for three days to share and discuss the latest child indicator research and implications for policy and interventions.

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Rural Doctors Association of South Africa (RuDASA)

When: 23-26 September 2015

Venue: Mpumalanga, South Africa

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

An annual RuDASA conference has been organised almost every year since 1996, and attracts a range of rural health professionals from all over the country. The conference is a much-anticipated, vibrant forum which combines a mixture of sessions ranging from clinical skills updates for and by a wide range of health professionals to emotive discussions and workshops on issues such as justice and equity.

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Public Health Association of South Africa (PHASA) Conference

When: 7-9 October 2015

Venue: Southern Sun Elangeni, Durban, South Africa

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

The 11th Annual Conference of the Public Health Association of South Africa takes place between 7-9 October 2015 in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal. With 2015 being the target date for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, the conference will provide an opportunity to reflect on the challenges faced by South Africa and Africa in trying to achieve the MDGs.

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