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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Nurse and manager perceptions of nurse initiated and managed antiretroviral therapy (NIMART) implementation in South Africa: a qualitative study

Natasha Elaine Claire Garai Davies, Mike Homfray, Emilie Charlotte Venables. *BMJ Open* 2013;3. Published 15 November 2013.

The objective of this paper was to explore nurse and facility and programme manager perceptions of nurse initiated and managed antiretroviral therapy (NIMART) implementation in Gauteng, South Africa... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://bmiopen.bmj.com/content/3/11/e003840.long>[Accessed: 29 November 2013]

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Framing maternal morbidity: WHO scoping exercise

Rachel C Vanderkruik, Özge Tunçalp, Doris Chou and Lale Say. *BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth* 2013, 13:213. Published: 19 November 2013.

Maternal morbidity estimations are not based on well-documented methodologies and thus have limited validity for informing efforts to address the issue and improve maternal health. To fill this gap, maternal morbidity needs to be clearly defined, driving the development of tools and indicators to measure and monitor maternal health... [Read More »](#)

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Child-focused state cash transfers and adolescent risk of HIV infection in South Africa: a propensity-score-matched case-control study

Lucie Cluver, Mark Boyes, Mark Orkin, Marija Pantelic, Thembele Molwena, Lorraine Sherr. *The Lancet Global Health, Volume 1, Issue 6, Pages e362 - e370. Published: November 2013.*

Effective and scalable HIV prevention for adolescents in sub-Saharan Africa is needed. Cash transfers can reduce HIV incidence through reducing risk behaviours. However, questions remain about their effectiveness within national poverty-alleviation programmes, and their effects on different behaviours in boys and girls... [Read More »](#)

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The Third Global Forum: framing the health workforce agenda for universal health coverage

Giorgio Cometto, Ties Boerma, James Campbell, Lola Dare, Tim Evans. *The Lancet Global Health, Volume 1, Issue 6, Pages e324 - e325. Published: November 2013.*

Despite encouraging progress towards the health targets of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) - including improved child mortality and coverage of antiretroviral treatment and malaria interventions - many health systems in low-income and middle-income countries face structural challenges... [Read More »](#)

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Recent News

Health Systems Trust launches its HIV Counselling and Testing Media Campaign

Health Systems Trust. Published: 29 November 2013.

Already known for its flagship publications, Health Systems Trust (HST) this week ventured into the broadcast arena with the launch of its HIV Counselling and Testing (HCT) radio campaign... [Read More »](#)

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Necessity drives Innovation: KZN AIDS researchers ignite hope

Health Systems Trust. Published: 27 November 2013.

Ahead of World AIDS Day 2013, leading HIV/AIDS researchers in Durban have urged society to focus on

insights, innovation and integrity in the journey into an HIV-free future...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.hst.org.za/news/world-aids-day-2013-necessity-drives-innovation-kzn-aids-researchers-ignite-hope>[Accessed: 29 November 2013]

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Wits researchers make major progress with HIV vaccine

City Press. Published: 21 November 2013.

Two local researchers have made major progress into research on an HIV vaccine to prevent infection...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.citypress.co.za/news/wits-researchers-make-major-progress-hiv-vaccine/>[Accessed: 29 November 2013]

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Villagers flock to take HIV tests

Mail&Guardian. Published: 29 November 2013.

An NGO in the Eastern Cape is using incentives to encourage people to check their status...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2013-11-29-villagers-flock-to-take-hiv-tests/>[Accessed: 29 November 2013]

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Not feeling the female condom

Health-e News. Published: 20 November 2013.

A National Health Insurance pilot district, Dr Kenneth Kaunda district health office distributes 200 female condoms to every clinic in its Matlosana area...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2013/11/20/feeling-femidom/>[Accessed: 29 November 2013]

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Child support grant keeps sugar daddies away

Health-e News. Published: 26 November 2013.

Child support grant may help protect young women from contracting HIV by keeping sugar daddies away, according to a new study released today...[Read More »](#)

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Automated pharmacy brings relief

The Citizen. Published: 26 November 2013.

More than 17 000 patients who receive their Antiretroviral treatment at Helen Joseph's Ithemba Lethu Clinic no longer wait in long queues since the installation of an automation pharmacy dispensing unit...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://citizen.co.za/90385/automated-pharmacy-brings-relief/>[Accessed: 29 November 2013]

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State moves on 'miracle cure' drugs

BDLive. Published: 22 November 2013.

Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi is tightening the screws on the R8.5bn complementary medicine industry, as he published regulations that require these remedies to meet the same standards as conventional medicines...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/business/healthcare/2013/11/22/state-moves-on-miracle-cure-drugs>[Accessed: 29 November 2013]

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South Africa gears up to tackle cancer, non-communicable diseases

Health-e News. Published: 26 November 2013.

For years, HIV and tuberculosis have dominated South Africa's health care programmes but the country is looking to pay more attention to cancer and other non-communicable diseases (NDCs) with the introduction of a new national plan...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2013/11/26/south-africa-gears-tackle-cancer-non-communicable-diseases/>[Accessed: 29 November 2013]

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State unveils cancer control plan

IOL. Published: 27 November 2013.

For years HIV and tuberculosis have dominated South Africa's health-care programmes, but the country is looking to pay more attention to cancer and other non-communicable diseases (NCDs) with the introduction of a new national plan... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.iol.co.za/lifestyle/state-unveils-cancer-control-plan-1.1613217>[Accessed: 29 November 2013]

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A call on African governments to boost the fight against childhood cancer

Desmond Tutu TB Centre, Stellenbosch University. Published: 21 November 2013.

Policy experts, specialists and activists have joined together to call for more action to provide treatment, care and support for children with cancer in African countries... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.hst.org.za/news/call-african-governments-boost-fight-against-childhood-cancer>[Accessed: 29 November 2013]

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Call for free cancer drugs for all

Times Live. Published: 19 November 2013.

Patients in the private sector are denied access to free medicines from state "donation" programmes when they have run out of medical funds... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.timeslive.co.za/thetimes/2013/11/19/call-for-free-cancer-drugs-for-all> [Accessed: 29 November 2013]

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Cancer groups threaten legal action against Gauteng Department of Health

Health-e News. Published: 20 November 2013.

As hundreds of cancer patients wait months for treatment in Gauteng hospitals, at least one patient group has threatened to take the province to court... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2013/11/20/cancer-groups-threaten-legal-action-gauteng-department-health/>[Accessed: 29 November 2013]

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National Health Insurance pilot district business plans

Health-e News. Published: 25 November 2013.

Business plans from South Africa's 11 National Health Insurance (NHI) pilot districts outlining proposed activities to be funded by the government-issued NHI conditional grant... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2013/11/25/national-health-insurance-pilot-district-business-plans>[Accessed: 29 November 2013]

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Africa's health could go up in smoke

Health-e News. Published: 19 November 2013.

While regulation and taxation have halved South African smoking rates in the past 20 years, rates in the rest of Africa are rising steadily... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2013/11/19/africas-health-go-smoke/>[Accessed: 29 November 2013]

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Training and Resources

Introduction to Global Health Online Course

When: 13 January 2014

Where: UMC Utrecht and Utrecht University

The course introduces participants to the history, origins and current trends in global health. [Click Here>>](#)

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Roundtable Discussion on Poverty and Disability

When: 2pm - 4pm, 2 December 2013

Where: School for Tourism and Hospitality, University of Johannesburg

In this Disability Awareness Month, the University of Johannesburg's Centre for Social Development in Africa (CSDA) invites you and members of your organisation to a roundtable discussion on findings from CSDA's research project A National Study on Poverty and Disability. [Click Here>>](#)

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Health Sites

National Department of Health, USAID, CDC and PEPFAR.

Health Sites contains an up-to-date database of health facilities in South Africa, which offer services such as free Medical Male Circumcision (MMC), HIV Treatment, HIV Counselling and HIV Testing (HCT). Find an MMC clinic and get circumcised. Find a HIV Testing Centre and get tested. [Click Here>>](#)

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Reports and Publications

UNAIDS 2013: AIDS by the numbers

UNAIDS. Published: 2013.

Latest estimates from the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) show that the world continues to close in on the goal of ending the AIDS epidemic by stopping HIV transmission and halting AIDS-related deaths. [Click Here»](#)

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South Africa's young children: their family and home environment, 2012 Statistics

Statistics South Africa. Published: 2013.

South Africa's Constitution recognises the rights of children and has enacted laws and regulations that are aimed at realising these rights. [Click Here»](#)

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Statistical Release: Recorded live births 2012

Statistics South Africa. Published: 2013.

This statistical release presents information on recorded live births in South Africa, based on data from the national birth registration system at the Department of Home Affairs. The release reports on birth registrations and birth occurrences for 2012. [Click Here»](#)

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HIV, TB and MNCWH News - Newsletter 2

Department of Health (South Africa). Published: 2013.

This is the second national newsletter from the Branch: HIV, TB and MNCWH in the National Department of Health. As noted in the first newsletter, many people have reported that we don't communicate enough about what we do, about progress and about key issues relating to maternal and child... [Click Here»](#)

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Stock Outs in South Africa - A National Crisis

Stop Stockouts. Published: 2013.

The Stop Stock Outs Project (SSP) is an independent civil society consortium that monitors and speaks out about medicine stock outs and shortages, with the aim of achieving a stock out free health system. [Click Here»](#)

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HIV and adolescents: Guidance for HIV testing and counselling and care for adolescents living with HIV

World Health Organization. Published: 2013.

Adolescents (10-19 years) and young people (20-24 years) continue to be vulnerable, both socially and economically, to HIV infection despite efforts to date. [Click Here»](#)

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Conferences

6th International Conference on Information and Communication Technologies and Development (ICTD 2013)

When: 7-10 December 2013

Venue: University of Cape Town, Cape Town

URL: <http://ictd.cs.uct.ac.za/index.html>

ICTD 2013 will provide an international forum for scholarly researchers exploring the role of information and communication technologies (ICTs) in social, political, and economic development.

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ICASA Conference 2013

When: 7-11 December 2013
Venue: CTICC, Cape Town, South Africa
URL: <http://www.icasa2013southafrica.org/>

The ICASA conference remains one of the most important events in the calendar of the year, contributing towards overcoming the HIV and TB epidemics that grip our region. Official 17th ICASA Conference 2013.

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Conference on Rights of Women in Africa

When: 9-10 December 2013
Venue: Pretoria, South Africa
URL: <http://www1.chr.up.ac.za/index.php/rights-of-women-in-africa.html/>

One of the most important provisions of the Protocol is article 14, dealing with the health and reproductive rights of women. The Centre for Human Rights will host a conference on 9 and 10 December 2013 (in Pretoria, South Africa) to reflect on these and other innovative aspects of the Protocol.

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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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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

General Manager

Employer: South African Medical Association (SAMA)
Closing Date: 13 December 2013
Please view our website for more details
<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/general-manager>

Programme Coordinator

Employer: Jabulani Rural Health Foundation
Closing Date: 27 December 2013
Please view our website for more details
<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/programme-coordinator>

AHP - Africa 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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