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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Public perception of drinking water safety in South Africa 2002-2009: a repeated cross-sectional study

Jim A Wright, Hong Yang, Ulrike Rivett and Stephen W Gundry. BMC Public Health 2012, 12:556. Published: 27 July 2012.

In low and middle income countries, public perceptions of drinking water safety are relevant to promotion of household water treatment and to household choices over drinking water sources. However, most studies of this topic have been cross-sectional and not considered temporal variation in drinking water safety perceptions. The objective of this study is to explore trends in perceived drinking water safety in South Africa and its association with disease outbreaks, water supply and household characteristics...[Read More »](#)

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Early cessation of breastfeeding amongst women in South Africa: an area needing urgent attention to improve child health

Tanya Doherty, David Sanders, Debra Jackson, Sonja Swanevelder, Carl Lombard, Wanga Zembe, Mickey Chopra, Ameena Goga, Mark Colvin, Lars T Fadnes, Ingunn MS Engebretsen, Eva-Charlotte Ekström and Thorkild Tylleskar. BMC Pediatrics 2012, 12:105. Published: 24 July 2012.

Breastfeeding is a critical component of interventions to reduce child mortality. Exclusive breastfeeding practice is extremely low in South Africa and there has been no improvement in this over the past ten years largely due to fears of HIV transmission. Early cessation of breastfeeding has been found to have negative effects on child morbidity and survival in several studies in Africa. This paper reports on determinants of early breastfeeding cessation among women in South Africa...[Read More »](#)

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The experiences of women of reproductive age regarding health-promoting behaviours: A qualitative study

Azam Baheiraei, Mojgan Mirghafourvand, Eesa Mohammadi and Sakineh Mohammad-Alizadeh Charandabi. BMC Public Health 2012, 12:573. Published: 30 July 2012.

Health promotion is critical for community and family health. Health-promoting behaviours provide solutions for maintaining and promoting health. Although several studies have addressed the frequency and different types of health-promoting behaviours in women, little information is available about their experiences. This study aimed to explore the experiences of women of reproductive age regarding health-promoting behaviours...[Read More »](#)

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Advances in childhood immunisation in South Africa: where to now? Programme managers' views and evidence from systematic reviews

Charles S. Wiysonge, Nthombenhle J Ngcobo, Prakash M Jeena, Shabir A Madhi, Barry D Schoub, Anthony Hawkrige, Muki S Shey and Gregory D Hussey. BMC Public Health 2012, 12:578. Published: 31 July 2012.

The Expanded Programme on Immunisation (EPI) is one of the most powerful and cost-effective public health programmes to improve child survival. We assessed challenges and enablers for the programme in South Africa, as we approach the 2015 deadline for the Millennium Development Goals...[Read More »](#)

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Analysis of pan-African Centres of excellence in health innovation highlights opportunities and challenges for local innovation and financing in the continent

Solomon Nwaka, Alexander Ochem, Dominique Besson, Bernadette Ramirez, Foluke Fakorede, Sanaa Botros, Uford Inyang, Charles Mgone, Ivan Aday-Mensah, Victor Konde, Barthelemy Nyasse, Blessed Okole, Anastasia Guantai, Glaudina Loots, Peter Atadja, Peter Ndumbe, Issa Sanou, Ole Olesen, Robert Ridley and Tshinko Ilunga. *BMC International Health and Human Rights* 2012, 12:11. Published: 27 July 2012.

A pool of 38 pan-African Centers of Excellence (CoEs) in health innovation has been selected and recognized by the African Network for Drugs and Diagnostics Innovation (ANDI), through a competitive criteria based process. The process identified a number of opportunities and challenges for health R&D and innovation in the continent...[Read More »](#)

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Recent News

HPCSA acts to curb specialist fees' free-for-all

IOL. Published: 1 August 2012.

The Health Professions Council of SA (HPCSA) intends to introduce a temporary tariff guideline for specialist doctors as its absence has seen some charging up to 700 percent above what medical schemes reimburse...[Read More »](#)

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Minister warns of soaring health costs

Business Report. Published: 31 July 2012.

Minister of Health Aaron Motsoaledi wanted the Competition Commission to reverse its ruling and allow medical schemes to enter into price bargaining negotiations with the service providers because the absence of a bargaining forum was the route to spiralling health care costs in the country...[Read More »](#)

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Nursing colleges to get R1.2bn upgrade

IOL. Published: 31 July 2012.

The national Health Department will spend over R1.2 billion on revamping nursing colleges between now and 2014 in a plan to ready the country for the start of the proposed National Healthcare Insurance plan (NHI)..
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SA ranks lowest of Brics members in health

News 24. Published: 31 July 2012.

South Africa fares worse on health than the residents of any other Brics country, Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi said on Monday. On aggregate, standard health indicators show South Africa is worse than Brazil, Russia, India and China, he said in Winterton in KwaZulu-Natal...[Read More »](#)

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Namibia court in landmark HIV ruling

Telegraph. Published: 30 July 2012.

IA court in Namibia has ruled that the southwest African country's government violated the human rights of three HIV-positive pregnant women who were forcibly sterilised while giving birth...[Read More »](#)

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How lack of funding affects AIDS programmes

Health-e News. Published: 26 July 2012.

New United Nations data shows great gains in AIDS treatment coverage, but countries most affected by the AIDS epidemic continue to struggle to place enough people on treatment, mainly due to cuts in donor funding...[Read More »](#)

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ARVs effective as an HIV prevention tool

Business Day. Published: 25 July 2012.

Treatment as prevention has arguably been the most significant shift in ideas around attempts to turn the tide against the HIV/Aids epidemic – and history will judge the world harshly if it fails to implement scientific findings as speedily as possible...[Read More »](#)

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The impact of communication on HIV

Health-e News. Published: 24 July 2012.

Results of a survey released today (Tues, 24 July) at the international AIDS conference in Washington shows that media communication programmes have a positive influence on people's behaviour...[Read More »](#)

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Hopeful results from study of new TB drug cocktails

Business Day. Published: 24 July 2012.

A new combination of drugs to treat tuberculosis (TB) may offer fresh hope for fighting the disease, according to local research published this week in the Lancet medical journal...[Read More »](#)

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Voluntary 'snip' tops HIV agenda at Aids conference

Mail and Guardian. Published: 20 July 2012.

They want 14 "priority countries", including South Africa, to "move with speed" to formulate "a detailed, costed, timeline-driven operational plan" by the end of the year...[Read More »](#)

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Drug-resistant HIV 'on increase' in sub-Saharan Africa

BBC News. Published: 22 July 2012.

Drug-resistant HIV has been increasing in parts of sub-Saharan Africa over the last decade, according to experts writing in the Lancet. Studies on 26,000 untreated HIV-positive people in developing countries were reviewed by the team...[Read More »](#)

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SA 'on track' to reduce mother-to-child transmission

Business Day. Published: 20 July 2012.

SA was on track to meet its target of ensuring that mother-to-child transmission of HIV in the country was below 2% by 2015, Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi and the South African Medical Research Council said in Johannesburg...[Read More »](#)

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Two UKZN researchers among Sub-Saharan African fellowship winners

The New Age. Published: 21 July 2012.

Two UKZN researchers are among 10 winners of the 2012 L'Oréal-UNESCO Regional Fellowships for Women in Science (FWIS) in Sub-Saharan Africa. According to University of Kwazulu Natal (UKZN) this was the second consecutive year that 10 inspiring women scientists from the region have been honoured for their work in the scientific field...[Read More »](#)

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Training and Resources

PHASA / RuDASA conference workshop: Building a community of practice for Health Policy and Systems Research & Analysis (HPSR+A) in South Africa

*Consortium for Health Policy & Systems Analysis in Africa
5 September 2012.*

This workshop aims to convene a discussion of the scope, value and priorities in Health Policy and Systems Research and Analysis in South Africa among interested health managers, policy-makers and researchers.

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Call for Proposal: Postdoctoral Research Fellowships - Health Policy and Systems Research

Collaboration for Health Systems Analysis and Innovation (CHESAI). School of Public Health and Family Medicine, University of Cape Town (UCT) & School of Public Health, University of Western Cape (UWC)

CHESAI is a four year collaborative endeavour between the University of Cape Town and the University of Western Cape, Schools of Public Health, funded by the Canadian International Development Research Centre. Over the life of CHESAI a total of four Postdoctoral Fellowships are available in the area of Health Policy and Systems Research for the Collaboration for Health Systems Analysis and Innovation (CHESAI) research project, over the period 2012-2016. This call is for two such Fellowships to commence January 2013.

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Reports and Publications

Community Dialogues: North West Province

Health Systems Trust. Published: 2012.

From October 2011 to March 2012 HST initiated and supported community dialogues in 18 of NW province's 19 sub-districts. These dialogues aimed to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of health care services through community involvement... [Click Here»](#)

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Third South African National HIV Communication Survey, 2012: Key Findings

UNAIDS. Published: 2012.

The 3rd South African National HIV Communication Survey (NCS) results, released at the XIX International AIDS Conference in Washington, D.C., revealed new data that show substantial increases in behaviors that reduce the risk of HIV. [Click Here»](#)

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Speed up, Scale-up: Strategies, tools and policies to get the best HIV treatment to more people, sooner

Medicins Sans Frontieres. Published: 2012.

This report outlines some of the strategies, tools and policies that have supported the scaling up of treatment during the past decade as well as those that can address persistent or new challenges. [Click Here»](#)

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WHO HIV drug resistance report 2012

World Health Organization. Published: 2012.

This report assesses the general levels of transmitted and acquired drug resistance in select geographical areas of low- and middle-income countries. [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/>

This year's conference will be running over the course of three days, 19 – 21 September, and will once again be held at the Cape Town International Convention Centre. 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. This is particularly relevant at this current juncture in the South African healthcare policy reform discourse.

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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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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PEPFAR Provincial Liaison

State PEPFAR

Closing date: 9 August 2012

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Public Health Specialist

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Pretoria

Closing date: 9 August 2012

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Senior Operations Manager

Faculty of Health, Wits University

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Senior Program Manager

ICAP-Lesotho program

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