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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Causes of deaths in children under-five years old at a tertiary hospital in Limpopo province of South Africa

Sam Thembelihle, Ntuli Ntambwe Malangu & Marianne Alberts. Global Journal of Health Science Vol. 5, No. 3. Published: 2013.

The purpose of this study was to identify causes of death in children younger than 5 years-old in a tertiary hospital in South Africa.... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.hst.org.za/publications/>
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Predictors of tuberculosis (TB) and antiretroviral (ARV) medication non-adherence in public primary care patients in South Africa: a cross sectional study

Pamela Naidoo, Karl Peltzer, Julia Louw, Gladys Matseke, Gugu Mchunu and Bomkazi Tutshana. BMC Public Health 2013, 13:396. Published: 26 April 2013.

Despite the downward trend in the absolute number of tuberculosis (TB) cases since 2006 and the fall in the incidence rates since 2001, the burden of disease caused by TB remains a global health challenge... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/13/396/abstract>
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Health care provider adoption of eHealth: Systematic literature review

Junhua Li, Amir Talaei-Khoei, Holly Seale, Pradeep Ray, and C Raina MacIntyre. Interact J Med Res. 2013 Jan-Jun; 2(1): e7. Published: 16 April 2013.

eHealth is an application of information and communication technologies across the whole range of functions that affect health. The benefits of eHealth (eg, improvement of health care operational efficiency and quality of patient care) have previously been documented in the literature..... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3628149/>
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Emerging threats to public health from regional trade agreements

Deborah Gleeson and Sharon Friel. The Lancet, Volume 381, Issue 9876, Pages 1507 - 1509. published: 27 April 2013.

The ability of governments worldwide to introduce and implement public health policies and laws is increasingly threatened by trade and investment treaties that privilege investors over governments and provide avenues for international corporations to challenge democratically enacted public health policies in different countries... [Read More »](#)

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Recent News

Playing catch-up to immunise kids against polio and measles

BusinessDay. Published: 3 May 2013.

The Department of Health has launched a catch-up campaign in an effort to ensure all children under five are protected against measles and polio, offering free immunisation in both the public and private sector...[Read More »](#)

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No immunisation at Limpopo clinics, hospitals

Health-e News. Published: 25 April 2013.

The Department of Health and Social Development in Limpopo is urging everyone who was turned away from clinics and hospitals in the region because of medicine stock outs to go back and get assistance...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/news/article.php?uid=20034195>[Accessed: 3 May 2013]

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Mpumalanga district falling behind NSP targets

Health-e News. Published: 30 April 2013.

The Gert Sibande district municipality is working hard at implementing the National Strategic Plan (NSP) for 2012-2015 that promotes zero new infections, zero HIV/AIDS related deaths and zero stigma....[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/news/article.php?uid=20034206>[Accessed: 3 May 2013]

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Public health facilities in a dire state

Health-e News. Published: 30 April 2013.

For most of last year, 20 data collection teams visited 3 880 public health facilities, throughout the country, ranging from tiny clinics to national central hospitals...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/news/article.php?uid=20034208>[Accessed: 3 May 2013]

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Awards for scientists for work on HIV/AIDS

Business Day. Published: 23 April 2013.

In yet another sign of President Jacob Zuma's break with the AIDS denialism of former president Thabo Mbeki, the Presidency announced that three medical scientists whose work challenged Mr Mbeki's dogma are to receive national orders on April 27.. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/health/2013/04/23/awards-for-scientists-for-work-on-hivaid>s[Accessed: 3 May 2013]

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Health publications awards for UCT students

UCT News. Published: 26 April 2013.

UCT health science students Oluwatoyin Adeleke and Nadia Hussey have won a prestigious award from Health Systems Trust (HST) for articles they submitted for inclusion in the South African Health Review (SAHR)... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health.uct.ac.za/news/?id=8438&t=dn>[Accessed: 3 May 2013]

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SA joins global bid to publish all clinical studies

Business Day. Published: 29 April 2013.

The Medical Research Council (MRC) has signed the global AllTrials campaign to get pharmaceutical

manufacturers and scientists to publish all their research on medicines, and not just the studies with favourable results... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/health/2013/04/29/sa-joins-global-bid-to-publish-all-clinical-studies>[Accessed: 3 May 2013]

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'Let private skills come to NHI's aid'

Mail&Guardian. Published: 3 May 2013.

This article reports on the challenges of involving medical schemes in the administration of the National Health Insurance scheme.... [Read More »](#)

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Doctors give NHI a qualified thumbs up

Mail&Guardian. Published: 3 May 2013.

Last week, Bhekisisa reported that 350 private doctors will start working part time for the country's National Health Insurance (NHI) system this month at public health facilities. The clinics and hospitals are based at the NHI scheme's 11 pilot sites... [Read More »](#)

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NHI pioneers new payment system

Mail&Guardian. Published: 26 April 2013.

In the first of a two-part series about the NHI, Mia Malan reports on state plans to change the rigid reimbursement formula for private doctors... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2013-04-26-00-nhi-pioneers-new-payment-system>[Accessed: 3 May 2013]

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SA making progress in tackling HIV – Motlanthe

SANews.gov.za. Published: 25 April 2013.

South Africa is moving closer to reducing the infection rate of HIV, with the country having experienced a decline in Aids-related deaths in the last three years, Deputy President Kgalema Motlanthe said... [Read More »](#)

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Durban gets International AIDS Congress for second time

IOL. Published: 25 April 2013.

Durban had beaten London and the Turkish city of Istanbul in the race to host the International Aids Congress in 2016.... [Read More »](#)

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AIDS council adopts National Strategic Plan for HIV, TB

Business Day. Published: 19 April 2013.

A National Strategic Plan for HIV, tuberculosis (TB) and sexually transmitted infections has been adopted on Friday, during South African National Aids Council (Sanac) meeting in Secunda, Mpumalanga... [Read More »](#)

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World Malaria Day: Gold speeds up malaria diagnosis

Health-e News. Published: 25 April 2013.

It's hard to imagine that gold is more than a rich person's trinket and actually plays a role in healthcare. But tiny nano-particles of gold are being used in rapid diagnostic tests (RDT) that can identify malaria in 20 minutes...

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40% of W Cape high school kids smoke

Health-e News. Published: 25 April 2013.

A third of high school pupils in the Western Cape are using tobacco, alcohol, and dagga, a survey by the Medical Research Council (MRC) revealed...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/news/article.php?uid=20034193>[Accessed: 3 May 2013]

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South Africa seeks to close drug patent loophole

Reuters. Published: 22 April 2013.

South Africa plans to overhaul its intellectual property laws to improve access to cheaper medicines by making it harder for pharmaceutical firms to register and roll-over patents for drugs.... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.trust.org/alertnet/news/interview-south-africa-seeks-to-close-drug-patent-loophole>[Accessed: 3 May 2013]

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Training and Resources

HIV & Contraception Tool

NAM Aidsmap.

This tool is designed to give personalised information about contraception, HIV treatment and the choices available. The tool will be ask a series of questions about health, contraception currently in use, HIV treatment and contraception preferences. Then the information will be used to compile a detailed, personal guide... [Click Here>>](#)

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The HSRC Seminar Series: NIMH Project Accept (Hptn 043): A cluster-randomized trial of community mobilization, mobile HIV testing, post-test support services and real-time performance feedback for HIV prevention in entire communities

When: 12:15 for 12:30 to 14:00 14 May 2013

Where: Pretoria, Durban and Cape Town.

Project Accept is the first community-randomized trial to test a combination of social, behavioral, and structural approaches for HIV prevention. Professor Linda Richter (Principal Investigator) and Dr Heidi van Rooyen (Project Director) will discuss the study findings, share lessons learned, and consider the implications of this groundbreaking study for HIV prevention. [Click Here>>](#)

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Reports and Publications

2011-2012 Education Sector HIV and AIDS: Global Progress Survey

UNAIDS. Published: 2013

A new survey provides a comprehensive snapshot of how countries' education sectors are responding to HIV and AIDS, assesses progress since the last survey in 2004, and points out the policy implications of the current situation...[Click Here»](#)

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A Review of Teenage Pregnancy in South Africa – Experiences of schooling, and knowledge and access to sexual & reproductive health services

Published: 2013.

Approximately 30% of teenagers in South Africa report 'ever having been pregnant', the majority, unplanned. While this number has decreased over the past few decades, it is still unacceptably high. [Click Here»](#)

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Young Men Who Have Sex with Men: Health, access, & HIV

The Global Forum on MSM & HIV (MSMGF). Published: 2013.

In every world region, men who have sex with men (MSM) face significantly higher rates of HIV than the general population. Young people are also at increased risk for HIV, comprising over 40% of new HIV infections worldwide. [Click Here»](#)

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Conferences

6th South African AIDS Conference

When: 18-21 June 2013

Venue: ICC Durban, South Africa

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

The 6th South African AIDS Conference will be held in Durban from 18-21 June 2013 and the conference theme is "Building on our successes: Integrating responses".

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UCT Rehabilitation Conference 2013

When: 2 September 2013 - 4 September 2013

Where: Cape Town

URL: <http://rehabconf2013.uct.ac.za/>

The Department of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences at the University of Cape Town is pleased to announce its first Rehabilitation Research Conference.

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Medical Humanities Conference

Medical Humanities Research Group at the Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research (WiSER)

When: 2-4 September 2013

Venue: University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg

URL: <http://wiserweb.wits.ac.za/>

The Medical Humanities research group at WiSER invites abstracts of up to 500 words for papers that speak to our broad, inclusive theme of 'Body Knowledge'. We welcome submissions from scholars and practitioners in a wide variety of disciplines, including the arts, literature, film, sociology, anthropology, history, medicine, philosophy, ethics, and psychology. In addition to panel sessions, we are planning a public event which will draw in a wider Johannesburg audience, as well as an art exhibition and film screening.

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Joint PHASA and AFPHA Conference 2013

Public Health Association of South Africa and the African Federation of Public Health Associations.

When: 24 -27 September 2013

Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre, Cape Town, South Africa

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

The 2013 joint PHASA/AFPHA conference will have as its focus, a scientific debate and discussion on strategies and action needed to move beyond the MDGs and on the public health legacy that we should leave, or want to, leave behind for the future generation.

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7th SAHARA Conference 2013

When: 7-10 October 2013

Venue: Dakar, Senegal

URL: <http://sahara.org.za/conferences/2013>

The Social Aspects of HIV and AIDS Research Alliance (SAHARA is an alliance of partners established to conduct, support and use social sciences research to prevent the further spread of HIV and mitigate the impact of its devastation in sub-Saharan Africa. The SAHARA 7 conference theme is "Translating evidence into action: Engaging with communities, policies, human rights, gender, service delivery".

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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 Theme: Now more than Ever: Targeting Zero.

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Employer: Health Systems Trust

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Postdoctoral Research Position

Employer: African Centre for Migration & Society, University of the Witwatersrand

Closing Date: 31 May 2013

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AHP - African Health Placements

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