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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Honouring the value of people in public health: a different kind of p-value

David Bishai, Abdul Ghaffar, Ed Kelley & Marie-Paule Kiemy. *World Health Organization*. Published: 27 July 2015.

When faced with a complex public health problem there is a natural urge to find solutions. We hire consultants, gather data, test hypotheses and examine P-values to identify risk factors: data-driven technological fixes get implemented every day. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/93/9/14-149369/en/>[Accessed: 30 October 2015]

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Universal Health Coverage's evolving location in the post-2015 development agenda: Key informant perspectives within multilateral and related agencies during the first phase of post-2015 negotiations

Claire E Brolan, Peter S Hill. *Health Policy and Planning*. Published: 22 October 2015.

In 2001, technocrats from four multilateral organizations selected the Millennium Development Goals mainly from the previous decade of United Nations (UN) summits and conferences. Few accounts are available of that significant yet cloistered synthesis process: None contemporaneous. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://heapol.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2015/10/21/>[Accessed: 30 October 2015]

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Health workforce governance: Processes, tools and actors towards a competent workforce for integrated health services delivery

Erica Barbazza, Margrieta Langins, Hans Kluge, Juan Tello. *Health Policy*. Published: 8 October 2015.

A competent health workforce is a vital resource for health services delivery, dictating the extent to which services are capable of responding to health needs. In the context of the changing health landscape, an integrated approach to service provision has taken precedence...[Read More »](#)

Source: [http://www.healthpolicyjrn.com/article/S0168-8510\(15\)00246-8/abstract](http://www.healthpolicyjrn.com/article/S0168-8510(15)00246-8/abstract) [Accessed: 30 October 2015]

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Obesity trends and risk factors in the South African adult population

Annibale Cois, Candy Day. *BMC Obesity*. Published: 13 October 2015.

Obesity prevalence is increasing globally and contributes substantially to the burgeoning burden of non-communicable diseases. South Africa is particularly affected by this increasing trend and cross-sectional evidence suggests socioeconomic and behavioural variables as possible drivers.[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/2052-9538/2/42> [Accessed: 30 October 2015]

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Recent News

SA makes major strides in HIV treatment and prevention

Mail & Guardian. Published: 21 October 2015.

The latest health barometer suggests mother-to-child transmissions and maternal mortalities are decreasing among other significant improvements made.[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2015-10-21-00-sa-makes-major-strides-in-hiv-treatment-and-prevention> [Accessed: 30 October 2015]

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Exodus of Free State doctors

Health-e News. Published: 21 October 2015.

Newly released Free State health indicators show all is not well in the troubled province as the province loses a unprecedented 177 medical doctors in the last year.[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2015/10/21/exodus-of-free-state-doctors/> [Accessed: 30 October 2015]

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The good, bad and ugly in district health

Health-e News. Published: 21 October 2015.

The SA Health Review and District Health Barometer, produced annually by Health Systems Trust, was launched last night. Important gains have been made, but huge challenges remain. In the past year, over 90 percent of pregnant women with HIV started antiretroviral medicine - a leap of 15 percent in a year - and this helped to drive the mother-to-child HIV transmission to its lowest level ever, a mere 1,5 percent.[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/2015/10/21/the-good-bad-and-ugly-in-district-health/> [Accessed: 30 October 2015]

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Step forward as cabinet insists on single NHI proposal

BDlive. Published: 22 October 2015.

The Cabinet has asked the Treasury and the Department of Health to consolidate their proposals for National Health Insurance (NHI) into a single document that would be published before the end of the financial year, the Treasury indicated on Wednesday.[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/2015/10/22/step-forward-as-cabinet-insists-on-single-nhi-proposal>

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WHO issues statements on use of reversible hormonal contraception

WHO. Published: 21 October 2015.

WHO has issued two statements which address concerns about the use of two different hormonal contraceptives: Progestogen-only implants and depot-medroxyprogesterone acetate (DMPA).[Read More »](#)

Source: http://www.who.int/reproductivehealth/topics/family_planning/statements-reversible-hc/en/ [Accessed: 30 October 2015]

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Low-cost medical schemes delayed

BDlive. Published: 16 October 2015.

The Council for Medical Schemes (CMS) has withdrawn its guidelines for low-income medical schemes in response to criticism from key stakeholders such as the South African Medical Association, dealing a blow to medical schemes that planned to launch such products early next year. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/business/healthcare/2015/10/16/low-cost-medical-schemes-delayed>[Accessed: 30 October 2015]

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Rising antibiotic resistance increasing risks of routine surgery – study

The Guardian. Published: 16 October 2015.

Common procedures and chemotherapy will be virtually impossible if problem is not tackled urgently. [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.theguardian.com/society/2015/oct/16/antibiotic-resistance-routine-surgery-impossible-study>[Accessed: 30 October 2015]

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Training and Resources

USAID: AIDS Free website

USAID

The challenge to achieve an AIDS-free generation had been issued. By virtue of the significant strides made across the HIV continuum in the past decade, it was realisable. But first, PEPFAR needed a strategy that would encourage donors and country governments to stand behind the international effort to end AIDS now that this distant goal was finally attainable. [Click Here»](#)

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Books, Publications, Reports and Manuals

South African Health Review 2014/15 – Call for chapters

Health Systems Trust. Published: 20 October 2015.

The content of the 18th edition of the Review (2014/15) begins with the standard 'Health Policy and Legislation' chapter, followed by a set of chapter providing updates on primary health care policy implementation (Chapter 2: progress of the Ideal Clinic Realisation and Maintenance initiative; Chapter 3: reference implementation of the eHealth Strategy; and Chapter 4: early implementation experiences of the District Clinical Specialist Teams in three districts)... [Click Here»](#)

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District Health Barometer 2014/15

Health Systems Trust. Published: 20 October 2015.

This 10th edition of the DHB presents data on 44 indicators, with trend illustrations and health profiles for South Africa as a whole, the nine provinces and the 52 districts, as well as a chapter on the country's burden of disease. [Click Here»](#)

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Annual Report 2015 – National Department of Health (South Africa)

National Department of Health. Published: 10 October 2015.

The purpose of this report is to give Parliament and the public an overview of the resources allocated to the Department of Health and to account for how, in broad terms, those resources have been used in fulfilling our statutory functions - the provision of health care and the promotion of health. [Click Here»](#)

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Guidelines on Couples HIV Testing and Counselling

World Health Organisation. Published: April 2012.

There are many potential benefits to supporting couples to test together for HIV infection and to mutually disclose their HIV status - most importantly, that together they can then make informed decisions about HIV prevention and reproductive health, including contraception and conception. [Click Here»](#)

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The Ideal Clinic Programme 2015/16

Health Systems Trust and Department of Health (South Africa). Published: September 2015.

The Ideal Clinic programme was initiated by the South African National Department of Health (NDoH) in July 2013 in order to systematically improve Primary Health Care (PHC) facilities and the quality of care they provide. [Click Here»](#)

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Conferences and Events

18th International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa

When: 29 November to 4 December 2015

Venue: Rainbow Towers Hotel & Conference Centre, Harare, Zimbabwe

URL: <http://icasa2015zimbabwe.org/overview/icasa-2015-background/>

As ICASA Zimbabwe coincides with the MDG target year, the International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa is offering the strategic first forum for post-MGD to leaders, activists, scientists and community to take stock of the outcomes of the MDG high level meeting challenges and to pave the way for a new, innovative and efficient approach towards an Africa AIDS free generation.

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3rd Global Female Condom Conference 2015

When: 1 - 3 December 2015

Venue: Coastlands Umhlanga Hotel and Convention Centre, Durban, South Africa

URL: <http://www.femalecondoms4all.org/conference2015/>

This workshop will present and review the existing evidence (published and unpublished) on the use of female condoms to prevent pregnancy, STIs and HIV. The discussions will focus on the gaps in research, developing a research agenda and the need for building a stronger evidence base for female condoms...

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6th Child Health Priorities Conference: Walk the Talk

When: 3-5 December 2015

Venue: University of KwaZulu-Natal, Pietermaritzburg Campus, South Africa

Contact: infochpc2015@gmail.com

The theme of the conference this year is "Walk the Talk" and the focus will be the recommendations that have arisen from the Ministerial Committees looking at Maternal, Newborn and Child Mortality.

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Third International Conference on Global Public Health 2015

When: 10 - 11 December 2015

Venue: Colombo, Sri Lanka

URL: <http://www.health3000.org>

Global Public Health 2015 is an interactive platform to connect and reconnect colleagues around the world. Meet the participants from 2012, 2014 conferences as well as new participants in our conferences. GPH 2015 conference is the premier knowledge building event and the largest annual public health gathering in the Global South.

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Denosa 3rd South African Nurses' Conference

When: 24 - 26 February 2016

Venue: Birchwood Conference Centre, Boksburg, Gauteng

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

DENOSA is hosting the Third South African Nurses' Conference from the 24th to the 26th February 2016. This is a biannual event born out of a need to build capacity and create an enabling environment for South African nurses to effectively and positively influence health policy. It further affords the cadre an opportunity to critically analyze the South African health system and propose solutions. Become part of history.

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HST Conference 2016

When: 4-6 May 2016

Venue: Birchwood Conference Centre, Boksburg, Gauteng

URL: <http://www.hstconference2016.org.za>

Health Systems Trust (HST) is hosting a conference from 4-6 May 2016 at the Birchwood Conference Centre, Boksburg, Gauteng. Under the banner of *Strengthened health systems for sustainable development: sharing, supporting, synergising*, the event is designed to advance the global public health agenda in improving health outcomes.

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Job Opportunities

Children of South Africa: Programmes Coordinator

Closing Date: 2 November 2015

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/programmes-coordinator>

Sonke Gender Justice: SRHR Portfolio Manager

Closing Date: 6 November 2015

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/srhr-portfolio-manager>

INMED South Africa: Project Coordinator - Health in Action Programme

Closing Date: 9 November 2015

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.ngopulse.org/opportunity/2015/10/25/project-coordinator-health-action-programme>

Ndlovu Care Group: Professional Nurse - NIMART

Closing Date: 13 November 2015

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.ngopulse.org/opportunity/2015/10/27/professional-nurse-nimart>

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