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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

An alternative framework for analyzing financial protection in health

Jennifer Prah Ruger. *PLoS Med* 9(8): e1001294. Published: 21 August 2012.

This article proposes a multidimensional financial protection profile that offers a more holistic view of health spending, one that goes beyond the level of spending to cover aspects directly related to health care, such as health care access and insurance utilization, and examines broader impacts on current and longer-term household consumption....[Read More »](#)

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Nothing as practical as a good theory? The theoretical basis of HIV prevention interventions for young people in sub-Saharan Africa: A systematic review

Kristien Michielsen, Matthew Chersich, Marleen Temmerman, Tessa Dooms, and Ronan Van Rossem. *AIDS Res Treat.* 2012; 2012: 345327. Published: 1 August 2012.

This paper assesses the extent to which HIV prevention interventions for young people in sub-Saharan Africa are grounded in theory and if theory-based interventions are more effective...[Read More »](#)

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Effect of maternal obesity on neonatal death in sub-Saharan Africa: multivariable analysis of 27 national datasets

Jenny A Cresswell, Oona MR Campbell, Mary J De Silva, Véronique Filippi. *The Lancet, Early Online Publication.* Published: 9 August 2012..

Rates of obesity are increasing worldwide, including in sub-Saharan Africa. Neonates born to obese mothers in low-income settings are at increased risk of complications including admission to neonatal intensive care, macrosomia, low Apgar scores, and perinatal death. We investigated whether maternal obesity is a risk factor for neonatal death in sub-Saharan Africa and the effect on the detailed timing of death within the neonatal period...[Read More »](#)

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Recent News

TAC voices Tara KLamp circumcision concerns

Mail and Guardian. Published: 29 August 2012.

Since 2010 a total of 175 927 men were circumcised. Of these, 35 989 were circumcised using the Tara KLamp (TK) and there had been no problems, provincial health minister Sibongiseni Dhlomo told reporters in Pietermaritzburg on Wednesday. He was responding to the TAC's asking the public protector to investigate the TK's procurement and ongoing use...[Read More »](#)

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Homegrown malaria drug could offer single-dose cure

Business Day. Published: 28 August 2012.

Researchers at the University of Cape Town (UCT) have identified a compound that has the potential to treat malaria, the first time a drug candidate of this kind has been developed on African soil...[Read More »](#)

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Hold state accountable for TB infections in prison, court told

Business Day. Published: 29 August 2012..

The state has to be held accountable for its failure to limit the spread of tuberculosis (TB) in prisons, the Constitutional Court heard on Tuesday. TB is South Africa's biggest killer and thrives in badly ventilated, overcrowded conditions...[Read More »](#)

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TB drug resistance a fast-growing problem, researchers warn

The New Age. Published: 30 August 2012.

Researchers on Thursday sounded the alarm over drug-resistant tuberculosis, calling it a curse that was swiftly becoming more difficult and costly to treat. In eight countries they studied, 43.7% of TB patients did not respond to at least one second-line TB drug, a strategy used when the most powerful first-line drugs fail. [Read More »](#)

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FDA approves new combination pill for HIV treatment for some patients

US Food and Drug Administration. Published: 27 August 2012.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration today approved Stribild (elvitegravir, cobicistat, emtricitabine, tenofovir disoproxil fumarate), a new once-a-day combination pill to treat HIV-1 infection in adults who have never been treated for HIV infection... [Read More »](#)

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Anxious times for HIV patients as US cuts aid

Business Day. Published: 28 August 2012.

These are anxious times for Thelma Magudulela, a resident of Orange Farm, south of Johannesburg. For the past 12 years, the 43-year-old unemployed mother of three has been receiving state-of-the-art HIV care from a clinic run by the independent Perinatal HIV Research Unit at Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital in Soweto... [Read More »](#)

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'Tainted milk' from wet nurse HIV risk

IOL. Published: 26 August 2012.

A baby girl who contracted HIV after being breast-fed by a well-meaning aunt has become the first proven case in SA to have contracted HIV from a surrogate feeder or "wet nurse"... [Read More »](#)

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New bid to curb birth mortality rate

The New Age. Published: 27 August 2012.

Many women have thrown their weight behind efforts to stop maternal and infant deaths in the province and a call has been made for men to play an active role in supporting the health and welfare of their women and children... [Read More »](#)

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Phelophepa health train rolls into Limpopo

BuaNews. Published: 27 August 2012.

Poor Limpopo communities will from today get easy access to health care when the Phelophepa health train rolls in. They will also be able to get services from the Departments of Home Affairs and Labour and the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA)... [Read More »](#)

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Gauteng accelerates spending to meet service delivery obligations

BuaNews. Published: 27 August 2012.

The Gauteng Provincial Government departments have spent R18 billion in the first quarter of 2012, the Provincial Treasury said in its Revenue, Expenditure and Cash Flow Report. [Read More »](#)

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Gauteng counsellors get paid - slowly

Health-e News. Published: 23 August 2012.

The Health Department in Gauteng has started processing payment of striking AIDS counsellors and home-based carers, but has failed to fulfill its undertaking that all workers would have been paid by now. And the

workers say they will remain on strike until all of them have been paid..[Read More »](#)

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Private doctors, hospitals to be probed

Money Web. Published: 22 August 2012.

The inquiry into healthcare is likely to be conducted along the lines of the banking one. The Competition Commission is developing the framework for a market inquiry into the private healthcare industry that is reminiscent of its probe into the banking sector a few years ago...[Read More »](#)

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Health Director-General replaces Compensation Commissioner

Business Day. Published: 22 August 2012.

Department of Health director-general Precious Matsoso told Parliament on Wednesday that she had appointed a new commissioner to overhaul the Compensation Commission for Occupational Disease (CCOD), which has for years laboured with a massive backlog in claims and struggled to fill vacant posts...[Read More »](#)

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Training and Resources

Fellowship for journalists - 2nd Global Symposium on Health Systems Resear

2nd Global Symposium on Health Systems Research

Deadline: 31 August 2012

Journalists from low and middle income countries are invited to apply for support for travel, expenses and registration to attend a major global conference on health systems research, to be held in Beijing from the 31 October to 3 November 2012. Leading experts and speakers from across the world will be participating in the ground-breaking meeting centred on the theme of "Inclusion and Innovation towards Universal Health Coverage" and which will showcase research on the way health systems do and don't work. The meeting, the 2nd Global Symposium on Health Systems Research, is being hosted by the Peking University Health Science Center, and co-sponsored by the World Health Organization (WHO) through the Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research and Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR); and BRAC University in Bangladesh.

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Global Fund Observer

Aidspan

<http://www.aidspan.org/index.php>

Aidspan is an independent watchdog of the Global Fund and of the implementers of its grants. To reinforce the effectiveness of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, GFO Live contains news, analysis and commentary articles written by Aidspan about the Global Fund and related issues.

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Reports and Publications

Are women at the centre? A critical review of the new NSP response to women's sexual and reproductive rights

AIDS Legal Network (ALN). Published: 2012.

A critical review of the new NSP response to women's sexual and reproductive rights The protection and advancement of women's rights, especially women's sexual and reproductive rights, are critical aspects of effective responses to HIV...[Click Here»](#)

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KZN HIV-911 directory

UNAIDS. Published: 2012.

The latest edition of the KwaZulu-Natal HIV-911 Directory of HIV-Related Services is now available. The directory contains information on 2 297 organisations actively involved in HIV, TB and STI-related prevention, treatment and support in the province...[Click Here»](#)

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Conferences

Joint PHASA and RuDASA Conference

When: 5 - 7 September

Venue: President Hotel, Bloemfontein, Free State, South Africa

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

For the first time in history, the Public Health Association of South Africa (PHASA) and the Rural Doctors Association of South Africa (RuDASA) will have a joint conference with the theme: "Bridging the health divide: from Policy to Practice". The theme is inspired by the following: persistent inequalities in all dimensions of health, resource availability and in health care between urban and rural areas, the rich and the poor; gaps between policy intentions and community experiences; and the divide between our progressive laws and policies on the one hand, and implementation and practice on the other hand.

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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Organiser of the People's Health Movement, South Africa

People's Health Movement South Africa (PHM-SA)

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Deputy Country Director

ICAP, Swaziland - Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University

Closing date: 21 September 2012

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