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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

The importance of providing counselling and financial support to patients receiving treatment for multi-drug resistant TB: Mixed method qualitative and pilot intervention studies

Sushil C Baral, Yeshoda Aryal, Rekha Bhattarai, Rebecca King and James N Newell. BMC Public Health 2014. Published: 17 January 2014.

The purpose of the study was (a) to identify and document the problems experienced by people receiving care for MDR-TB, and how they cope when support is not provided, to inform development of strategies; (b) to estimate the effectiveness of two resultant strategies, counselling alone, and joint counselling and financial support, of increasing DOTS-plus treatment success under routine programme conditions... [Read More »](#)

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Validation of public health competencies and impact variables for low- and middle-income countries

Prisca A Zwanikken, Lucy Alexander, Nguyen Thanh Huong, Xu Qian, Laura Magana Valladares, Nazar A Mohamed, Xiao Hua Ying, Maria Cecilia Robledo, Le Cuu Linh, Marwa SE Wadidi, Hanan Tahir, Sunisha Neupane and Albert Scherpbier. BMC Public Health 2014. Published: 20 January 2014.

Although processes for validating public health competencies have taken place in recent years in many high-income countries, validation in LMICs is needed... [Read More »](#)

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Costs of promoting exclusive breastfeeding at community level in three sites in South Africa

Lungiswa Leonora Nkonki, Emmanuelle Daviaud, Debra Jackson, Lumbwe Chola, Tanya Doherty, Mickey Chopra, Bjarne Robberstad, for the Promise-EBF Study Group. PLoS ONE 9(1): e79784. Published: 10 January 2014.

Community-based peer support has been shown to be effective in improving exclusive breastfeeding rates in a variety of settings... [Read More »](#)

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Expanding contraceptive options for PMTCT clients: A mixed methods implementation study in Cape Town, South Africa

Theresa Hoke, Jane Harries, Sarah Crede, Mackenzie Green, Deborah Constant, Tricia Petruney and Jennifer Moodley. Reproductive Health 2014. Published: 10 January 2014.

Clients of prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) services in South Africa who use contraception following childbirth rely primarily on short-acting methods like condoms, pills, and injectables, even when they desire no future pregnancies. Evidence is needed on strategies for expanding contraceptive options for postpartum PMTCT clients to include long-acting and permanent methods... [Read More »](#)

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Mobile HIV screening in Cape Town, South Africa: Clinical impact, cost and cost-effectiveness

Bassett IV, Govindasamy D, Erlwanger AS, Hyle EP, Kranzer K, van Schaik N, Noubary F, Paltiel AD, Wood R, Walensky RP, Losina E, Bekker LG, Freedberg KA. PLoS ONE 9(1):e85197. Published: 22 January 2014.

Mobile HIV screening may facilitate early HIV diagnosis. Our objective was to examine the cost-effectiveness of adding a mobile screening unit to current medical facility-based HIV testing in Cape Town, South Africa... [Read More »](#)

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An exploratory survey measuring stigma and discrimination experienced by people living with HIV/AIDS in South Africa: The people living with HIV stigma index

Monika ML dos Santos, Pieter Kruger, Shaun E Mellors, Gustaaf Wolvaardt and Elna van der Ryst. *BMC Public Health* 2014. Published: 27 January 2014.

The study aimed to assess current and emerging HIV/AIDS stigma and discrimination trends in South Africa as experienced by people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV)... [Read More »](#)

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Narratives of distress about birth in South African public maternity settings: A qualitative study

Rachelle J. Chadwick MA PhD, Affiliations Corresponding author. Diane Cooper PhD, Jane Harries PhD Midwifery. Published: 22 January 2014.

The study explores the factors associated with negative birth experiences in South African public maternity settings from the perspective of women's birth narratives... [Read More »](#)

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Why the MDGs need good governance in pharmaceutical systems to promote global health

Jillian Clare Kohler, Tim Ken Mackey and Natalia Ovtcharenko. *BMC Public Health* 2014. Published: 21 January 2014.

Corruption in the health sector can hurt health outcomes. Improving good governance can in turn help prevent health-related corruption. We understand good governance as having the following characteristics: it is consensus-oriented, accountable, transparent, responsive, equitable and inclusive, effective and efficient, follows the rule of law, is participatory and should in theory be less vulnerable to corruption... [Read More »](#)

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Recent News

Motsoaledi names board of new Office of Health Standards Compliance

BDFive. Published: 30 January 2014.

Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi on Wednesday unveiled the board of the newly established Office of Health Standards Compliance, a statutory body created through the amendment of the National Health Act to monitor compliance with norms and standards for healthcare delivery... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdfive.co.za/national/health/2014/01/30/motsoaledi-names-board-of-new-office-of-health-standards-compliance>[Accessed: 31 January 2014]

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Crack team to probe private health costs

Mail & Guardian. Published: 31 January 2014.

Practitioners in the private healthcare industry have welcomed the Competition Commission panel members who will lead the inquiry into the sector... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2014-01-30-crack-team-to-probe-private-health-costs>[Accessed: 31 January 2014]

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Webcast the World Health Assembly

The Lancet. Published: 11 January 2014.

Once a year, delegates of WHO member states gather in Geneva for the World Health Assembly (WHA) to establish WHO's priorities and programmes for the coming year... [Read More »](#)

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Funding for science projects is a major challenge

SABC. Published: 27 January 2014.

The Science and Technology Department says funding breakthrough research projects remains a major challenge... [Read More »](#)

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Novartis, Roche deny backing plan to resist patent law changes

BDLive. Published: 30 January 2014.

Swiss drug manufacturers Novartis and Roche have distanced themselves from the row surrounding the Innovative Pharmaceutical Association of South Africa (Ipsa), saying they had not endorsed a controversial campaign proposed by a US lobby group to counter the government's plans to change its patent laws for medicines... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/national/health/2014/01/30/novartis-roche-deny-backing-plan-to-resist-patent-law-changes>[Accessed: 31 January 2014]

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Ipsa asks to meet Motsoaledi to discuss IP policy

BDLive. Published: 29 January 2014.

THE Innovative Pharmaceutical Association of South Africa (Ipsa) has requested a high-level meeting with Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi to clarify its position regarding the government's proposed intellectual property (IP) policy... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.bdlive.co.za/business/healthcare/2014/01/29/ipasa-asks-to-meet-motsoaledi-to-discuss-ip-policy>[Accessed: 31 January 2014]

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HIV/ Aids trial scoops USAID award

SAnews.gov.za. Published: 29 January 2014.

The Centre for the AIDS Programme of Research in South Africa (CAPRISA) 004 Tenofovir gel trial was on Wednesday announced as the winner of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Science and Technology Pioneers Prize... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://allafrica.com/stories/201401291359.html>[Accessed: 31 January 2014]

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Training and Resources

Human Rights e-Learning Courses

HREA

When: 1 May 2014 - 31 July 2014

Venue: By correspondence

HREA is pleased to issue a call for registrations for human rights e-learning courses offered in the second term (May-July) of 2014. These e-learning courses are usually six weeks in duration and involve approximately 30 hours of reading, interaction with participants and instructor(s) on discussion boards, webinars, quizzes and other assignments. [Click Here>>](#)

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Medicines Quality Database (MQDB)

Promoting the Quality of Medicines (PQM) Program, supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and implemented by the United States Pharmacopeial Convention (USP).

The availability of poor quality medicines has become an issue of public health concern. In 2011 the Promoting the Quality of Medicines (PQM) programme introduced the publicly accessible Medicines Quality Database (MQDB). [Click Here>>](#)

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Practicum on Monitoring and Evaluation of Health Communication programs

The African Network for Strategic Communication in Health and Development (AfriComNet)

When: 2-4 June 2014

Venue: Accra, Ghana

The African Network for Strategic Communication in Health and Development (AfriComNet), a network of health communication practitioners across 50 countries, proposes an interactive three-day practicum focused on health communication monitoring and evaluation. [Click Here>>](#)

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Structural Approaches to HIV Prevention Position Paper Series & Resource Tool

AIDSTAR

This set of five position papers was co-commissioned by AIDSTAR-One and the STRIVE research consortium to address critical issues within the field of structural interventions for prevention of sexual transmission of HIV in general populations. The papers present both academic and field-based perspectives on key concepts and definitions, operational approaches, programmatic experience, and the current evidence base linking structural factors to HIV risk. [Click Here>>](#)

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Reports and Publications

NSP Review: Engaging with South Africa's National Strategic Plan for HIV, STIs and TB

TAC. Published: 2013.

Published by the Treatment Action Campaign and Section27, the latest NSP Review looks at retention in care, health leadership and the role of citizen journalism in tracking progress against national targets. [Click Here»](#)

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Trends in national and provincial health and HIV/ AIDS budgeting and spending in South Africa

Centre for Economic Governance and AIDS in Africa (CEGAA). Published: 2013.

The endless fight against HIV and AIDS would not have been possible without financial investment and rigorous research in the HIV and AIDS field. The recent procurement and distribution of the triple combination therapy for AIDS in South Africa depicts the commitment by government to intensify the fight against the pandemic and to enhance good adherence among those taking AIDS treatment. [Click Here»](#)

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Conferences

4th Ethics, Human Rights and Medical Law Conference

When: 6-8 May 2014

Venue: Gallagher Convention Centre, Midrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

URL: <http://www.africahealthexhibition.com/en/Site-Root/Conference-Centre/Conferences2014/ETConference/>

The 4th Ethics, Human Rights and Medical Law Conference is a must attend event for healthcare professionals in South Africa and the surrounding region.

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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. 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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- **Quality Assurance Mentors**

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