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## Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

### **Global Public-Private Health Partnerships: lessons learned from ten years of experience and evaluation**

*Kent Buse, Sonja Tanaka. International Dental Journal. Published: 20 July 2011.*

Global Health Partnerships (GHPs) have contributed significantly to improved global health outcomes as well as the manner in which global health is governed. Yet in a context of an increasingly complex global health landscape, resource scarcity and a shift from disease-specific to systems strengthening approaches, it is important to continually enhance and apply our understanding of how to improve GHP performance. The authors reviewed and synthesised findings from eight independent evaluations of GHPs as well as research projects conducted by the authors over the past several years, the most recent of which involved semi-structured discussions with 20 'partnership pioneers'...[Read More »](#)

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### **Analyzing the implementation of the rural allowance in hospitals in North West Province, South Africa**

Prudence Ditlopo, Duane Blaauw, Posy Bidwell and Steve Thomas. *Journal of Public Health Policy* (2011) 32, S80–S93. Published: July 2011.

Using a policy analysis framework, this report analyzes the implementation and perceived effectiveness of a rural allowance policy and its influence on the motivation and retention of health professionals in rural hospitals in the North West province of South Africa. They conducted 40 in-depth interviews with policy-makers, hospital managers, nurses, and doctors at five rural hospitals and found weaknesses in policy design and implementation. These weaknesses included: lack of evidence to guide policy formulation; restricting eligibility for the allowance to doctors and professional nurses; lack of clarity on the definition of rural areas; weak communication; and the absence of a monitoring and evaluation framework. Although the rural allowance was partially effective in the recruitment of health professionals, it has had unintended negative consequences of perceived divisiveness and staff dissatisfaction. Government should take more account of contextual and process factors in policy formulation and implementation so that policies have the intended impact...[Read More »](#)

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### **Delivering Health Care to the Global Poor: Solving the Accessibility Problem**

Marc J. Epstein and Eric G. Bing, *Innovations*, volume 6, number 2 MITpress. Published: August 2011.

Each year millions of children and adults in the world's poorest countries die from lack of access to medicine and health care. A new report from Rice University's Jones Graduate School of Business and the George W. Bush Institute offers a solution for improving distribution methods for health care information, products and services...[Read More »](#)

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### **The relationship between maternal education and mortality among women giving birth in health care institutions: analysis of the cross sectional WHO Global Survey on Maternal and Perinatal Health**

Saffron Karlsen, Lale Say, Joao-Paulo Souza, Carol J Hogue, Dinorah L Calles, A METIN Gulmezoglu and Rosalind Raine. *BMC Public Health* 2011, 11:606. Published: 29 July 2011.

Approximately one-third of a million women die each year from pregnancy-related conditions. Three-quarters of these deaths are considered avoidable. Millennium Development Goal five calls for a reduction in maternal mortality and the establishment of universal access to high quality reproductive health care. There is evidence of a relationship between lower levels of maternal education and higher maternal mortality. This study examines the relationship between maternal education and maternal mortality among women giving birth in health care institutions and investigates the association of maternal age, marital status, parity, institutional capacity and state-level investment in health care with these relationships...[Read More »](#)

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### **Public health in community pharmacy: A systematic review of community pharmacist and consumer views.**

Claire E Eades, Jill S Ferguson and Ronan E O'Carroll. *BMC Public Health* 2011, 11. Published: 21 July 2011

The increasing involvement of pharmacists in public health will require changes in the behaviour of both pharmacists and the general public. A great deal of research has shown that attitudes and beliefs are important determinants of behaviour. This review aims to examine the beliefs and attitudes of pharmacists and consumers towards pharmaceutical public health in order to inform how best to support and improve this service...[Read More »](#)

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### **The Impact of the New WHO Antiretroviral Treatment Guidelines on HIV Epidemic Dynamics and Cost in South Africa**

Hontelez JAC, de Vlas SJ, Tanser F, Bakker R, Bärnighausen T, et al. 2011 *The Impact of the New WHO Antiretroviral Treatment Guidelines on HIV Epidemic Dynamics and Cost in South Africa. PLoS ONE* 6(7). Published: July 2011..

Since November 2009, WHO recommends that adults infected with HIV should initiate antiretroviral therapy (ART) at CD4+ cell counts of 350 cells/μl rather than 200 cells/μl. South Africa decided to adopt this strategy for pregnant and TB co-infected patients only. We estimated the impact of fully adopting the new WHO guidelines on HIV epidemic dynamics and associated costs...[Read More »](#)

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## **Recent News**

### **ANC proposes new watchdog for private hospitals**

*Business Day*. Published: 28 July 2011.

The chairman of Parliament's health portfolio committee, Bevan Goqwana, is lobbying for a new, statutory body to oversee private hospitals, described yesterday as bordering on oligopolies. Members of his committee grilled the Hospital Association of SA (Hasa) yesterday on the prices charged by its members, which include more than 95% of private hospitals...[Read More »](#)

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### **Report reveals national healthcare well below par**

*New Age*. Published: 3 August 2011.

Eighteen months of intensive consultation across all nine provinces has revealed serious deficiencies in the

national health care system, including a shortage of ambulances, clinics, medical personnel and medication. Patients also complained of verbal abuse, discrimination and violation of patient rights, especially with regard to confidentiality. These findings are part of a comprehensive report on the public healthcare provision compiled by advocacy and human rights group the Black Sash, the University of Cape Town's health economics unit and Health e-News...[Read More »](#)

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#### **Qualified CEOs to replace 'clerks'**

*Times Live. Published: 5 August 2011.*

Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi will retrench unqualified hospital CEOs, whom he blames for many of the problems with public healthcare. Speaking yesterday after a National Health Council meeting in Pretoria, Motsoaledi said he would be calling all CEOs. He did not give details of the managers likely to be asked to leave, but hinted that the vacant positions would be advertised in newspapers...[Read More »](#)

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#### **Forty more retired nurses to strengthen Gauteng health services**

*Business Day. Published: 3 August 2011.*

Forty more retired nurses are due to be deployed to health services in Gauteng, joining 200 already in service, the provincial department of health and social development said yesterday. This comes amid constant complaints about poor nursing standards and overworked staff in public hospitals ...[Read More »](#)

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#### **Council set to regulate alternative medicines**

*Business Day. Published: 27 July 2011.*

The Medicines Control Council is planning to tackle the big task of regulating complementary medicines by assessing the most high-risk products first, its registrar, Mandisa Hela, said yesterday. Draft regulations for complementary medicines were gazetted for public comment last Friday — the first step in regulating an industry that until now has been virtually free of government oversight...[Read More »](#)

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#### **Circumcision proves yet again that it can reduce HIV**

*Health-e News. Published: 4 August 2011.*

Medical male circumcision has helped reduce HIV acquisition among men in the Orange Farm area, south of Johannesburg, by about 76% since the rollout of the intervention three years ago...[Read More »](#)

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#### **Gauteng tests 3 million for HIV**

*Buanews. Published: 26 July 2011.*

More than three million people have tested for HIV in Gauteng's health facilities since the launch of HIV Counselling and Testing (HCT) in April 2010. According to the Gauteng Department of Health, as of 30 June 2011, 3 015 44 people tested for HIV in both public and private health institutions...[Read More »](#)

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#### **Western Cape Celebrates 100 000 ART Patients Milestone**

*Cape Gateway. Published: 26 July 2011.*

Ten years since the establishment of the first ART clinic in South Africa, the Western Cape Government is taking a moment to reflect back on the days when HIV/AIDS was seen as a death sentence. In stark contrast, today 100 000 patients with a new lease on life are receiving Anti-Retroviral Treatment (ART) in the Western Cape... [Read More »](#)

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#### **AIDS divides the globe**

*LA Times. Published: 3 August 2011.*

At the International AIDS Society's annual meeting in Rome last month, there was a lot of good news. Chief among it was the presentation of solid evidence that antiretroviral therapy does more than treat HIV — it can also prevent the virus...[Read More »](#)

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#### **Forced HIV tests probed**

*Times Live. Published: 3 August 2011.*

The department of health in North West has instituted an investigation into allegations of patients at a government clinic being forced to take HIV tests before getting treatment for any ailment. Staff at Ikhutseng Community Clinic in Klipgat Village in Brits have been accused of forcing patients to take HIV tests, and those who refused were allegedly denied access to treatment... [Read More »](#)

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#### **Prisons expand HIV services**

PlusNews. Published: 26 July 2011.

Obtaining HIV treatment in jail is becoming easier as about 9 percent of South African prisons now offer antiretroviral (ARV) drugs in-house. Leeuwkop Prison, north of Johannesburg, where minimum-security prisoners tend horses and cattle and raise crops, is the latest jail to launch its own antiretroviral clinic - one of 22 such in-house HIV treatment centres, according to the Department of Correctional Services' 2010 annual report...[Read More »](#)

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### **Young people key to reversing the global AIDS epidemic and leading the response**

*Aidsmap. Published: 27 July 2011.*

A new report highlights that global commitments will be achieved only if the unique needs of young women and men are acknowledged and their human rights fulfilled, respected, and protected...[Read More »](#)

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## **Training and Resources**

### **New Global Health Delivery Curricula - available at no cost to educators and students**

*Harvard Business Publishing.*

The Global Health Delivery Project and Harvard Business Publishing released 21 teaching case studies examining the principles of health care delivery in resource-poor settings. The multidisciplinary body of work spans 13 countries and addresses the complexity of delivering life-saving health care technologies and care. These 21 teaching case studies are available to global health educators, students and practitioners at no cost through Harvard Business Publishing.

Please visit: <http://www.gdonline.org/cases>

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### **Invitation: The Role of Leadership and Organisational Justice in Enhancing Critical Human Resource Outcomes: Propositions for Strengthening Healthcare Systems in Sub-Sahara Africa**

*The HSRC Seminar Series.*

*Venues in Pretoria, Durban and Cape Town.*

Africa has the worst health outcomes per dollar spent in the developing world and the IMF rates the efficiency of African health spending as the lowest in the world. One of the explanatory factors being offered as the "missing link" is leadership. Using Uganda as a case study of Sub-Sahara Africa the purpose of this study will be to examine the construct validity of transactional, transformational, and servant leadership models; and to further investigate the comparative and aggregate effect of transactional, transformational and servant leadership on organisational justice perceptions, public service motivation, turnover intention, and organisational citizenship behaviour (OCB) in the context of Public, Faith-Based, and Private-For-Profit health sectors.

For more information: <http://tiny.cc/osmt7>

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### **Read, reflect, respond: How to write a research paper and get it published**

*PLoS Medicine*

A guide by Gavin Yamey MD, who is a Senior Editor at PLoS Medicine ([www.plosmedicine.org](http://www.plosmedicine.org)) and Consulting Editor at PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases ([www.plosntds.org](http://www.plosntds.org)) on how to effectively write a research paper.

Please visit: <http://globalhealtheducation.org>

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## **Reports and Publications**

### **Getting to Success: Improving HIV Prevention Efforts in South Africa**

*South African National AIDS Council (SANAC). Published: 2011*

The purpose of this work is to assist South Africa in improving its HIV prevention response. In 2011, the South African government has the challenging task to draw up a new 5-year strategy: the National HIV Strategic Plan 2012 to 2016. This plan is to provide strategic direction on how to respond to HIV and AIDS in South Africa in the next five years...[Click Here for Full Report »](#)

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### **Securing the future today: Synthesis of Strategic Information on HIV and Young People**

*UNAIDS. Published: July 2011.*

This report shows that these global commitments will be achieved only if the unique needs of young women and men are acknowledged, and their human rights fulfilled, respected, and protected. In order to reduce new HIV infections among young people, achieve the broader equity goals set out in the MDGs, and begin to reverse the overall HIV epidemic, HIV prevention and treatment efforts must be tailored to the specific needs of young people...[Click Here for Full Report »](#)

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## **Conferences**

### **HISA 2011**

*When: 29-30 August 2011*

*Venue: Burchwood Hotel, Johannesburg*

*URL: <http://www.hisa.co.za/>*

HISA 2011 will take place from the 29th – 30th August 2011 in Johannesburg at the Birchwood Conference Centre. The programme is taking shape. Given the planned start-up of National Health Insurance by March

2012, we are putting together a programme where relevant ICT challenges and solutions are discussed.

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#### **RuDASA Rural Health Conference 2011**

*When: 8-10 September 2011*

*Venue: Village of Rhodes in the Eastern Cape.*

*URL: <http://www.ruralhealthconference2011.co.za/>*

This year's Rural Health Conference, titled "Making Primary Health Care Better". The conference will be focusing on primary health care and its integration into district systems, as well as on the role of the multidisciplinary team in primary health care. There will also be many practical skills sessions, as well as a track for student presentations and rural health advocacy.

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#### **2011 Gender Symposium**

*When: 1-3 November 2011*

*Venue: Cairo, Egypt*

*URL: <http://www.codesria.org>*

In line with its mandate to promote high-level scientific and academic debates on various aspects of socioeconomic development in Africa, the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) hereby announces the 2011 edition of its Gender Symposium which will be held from 1st to 3rd November, 2011 in Cairo, Egypt. The Gender Symposium is a forum organized annually by CODESRIA to discuss gender issues in Africa, and the theme of this year's edition is Gender and the Media in Africa.

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#### **7th PHASA 2011 Conference**

*When: 28 - 30 November 2011*

*Venue: Sandton Convention Centre, Gauteng, South Africa*

*URL: <http://www.phasaconference.org.za/index.html>*

The 2011 PHASA conference will have as its focus, a scientific debate and discussion on health inequities and the role of public health leadership, education and practice in reducing health equity gaps. The theme of the conference is "Closing the health equity gap: Public health leadership, education and practice". An exciting programme of local and international speakers is being put together. Speakers will include policy-makers, leading local and international academics and representatives of international organizations. Abstract submission deadline is closed.

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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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#### **Senior Technical Officer**

*EngenderHealth South Africa*

*Closing Date: 12 August 2011.*

EngenderHealth is an international reproductive health organisation that works to improve the quality of health care in the world's poorest communities. EngenderHealth seeks to appoint a Senior Technical Officer (STO) for Education Policy and Programme Implementation.

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#### **Community Care Coordinator**

*Tholulwazi Uzivikele*

*Closing Date: 12 August 2011.*

Tholulwazi Uzivikele is a NGO specialising in community-based orphan care, community advocacy, youth development and community health care. Tholulwazi Uzivikele seeks to appoint a Community Care Coordinator, based in Manguzi, for its Community Care Programme.

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#### **Gender Specialist**

*Canadian International Development Agency*

*Closing Date: 12 August 2011.*

The Programme Support Unit (PSU) is a bilateral project of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). The purpose of the PSU is to provide timely and cost-effective professional/technical and administrative support in the planning, implementation and monitoring of the South Africa-Canada Development Cooperation Programme. GRM seeks the services of a Gender Specialist.

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