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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Effect of nutritional supplementation of breastfeeding HIV positive mothers on maternal and child health: findings from a randomized controlled clinical trial

Gurpreet Kindra, Anna Coutoudis and Francesca Esposito. *BMC Public Health* 2011, 11:946. Published: 22 December 2011.

It has been well established that breastfeeding is beneficial for child health, however there has been debate regarding the effect of lactation on maternal health in the presence of HIV infection and the need for nutritional supplementation in HIV positive lactating mothers...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/11/946/abstract>[Accessed: 6 January 2012]

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Interactive web-based mapping: bridging technology and data for health

Linda Highfield, Jutas Arthasarnprasit, Cecelia A Ottenweller and Arnaud Dasprez. *International Journal of Health Geographics* 2011, 10:69. Published: 23 December 2011.

The Community Health Information System (CHIS) online mapping system was first launched in 1998. Its overarching goal was to provide researchers, residents and organizations access to health related data reflecting the overall health and well-being of their communities within the Greater Houston area. In September 2009, initial planning and development began for the next generation of CHIS. The overarching goal for the new version remained to make health data easily accessible for a wide variety of research audiences. However, in the new version we specifically sought to make the CHIS truly interactive and give the user more control over data selection and reporting...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.ij-healthgeographics.com/content/10/1/69/abstract>
[Accessed: 6 January 2012]

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Reflections on health-care reforms in South Africa

Brian Ruff, Mandi Mzimba, Simon Hendrie and Jonathan Broomberg. *Journal of Public Health Policy* (2011) 32, S184–S192. Published: July 2011.

This article describes an economic framework, including demand- and supply-side factors, for approaching the analysis and planning of health system reform in South Africa...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.palgrave-journals.com/jphp/journal/v32/n1s/full/jphp201131a.html> [Accessed: 6 January 2012]

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Health research systems: promoting health equity or economic competitiveness?

Bulletin of the World Health Organization 2012;90:55-62. Published: 7 December 2011.

International collaborative health research is justifiably expected to help reduce global health inequities. Investment in health policy and systems research in developing countries is essential to this process but, currently, funding for international research is mainly channelled towards the development of new medical interventions. This imbalance is largely due to research legislation and policies used in high-income countries...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/90/1/11-092007/en/index.html>[Accessed: 6 January 2012]

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Recent News

2011 in review: key health issues

WHO. Published: 30 December 2011.

In 2011, there was important progress in a number of areas. Reports published by WHO on AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria all indicated fewer deaths— and fewer new infections. The UN General Assembly met to agree a global agenda for noncommunicable diseases – only the second time (after HIV/AIDS) that a health-related theme was selected as the topic for a UN high-level meeting... [Read More »](#)

Source: http://www.who.int/features/2011/year_review/en/index.html
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HIV/AIDS: Ten big stories in 2011

Plus News. Published: 29 December 2011.

It's been a roller coaster of a year in HIV and AIDS. AIDS turned 30 in 2011, and with new evidence of the effectiveness of HIV treatment as prevention, experts are increasingly talking about "the end of AIDS". At the same time, however, funding for HIV has become ever more uncertain, jeopardizing efforts to put new, life-saving science into action. IRIN/PlusNews brings you 10 HIV-related stories that made headlines in 2011...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.plusnews.org/report.aspx?ReportID=94562>

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No date set for school HIV testing programme

Mail & Guardian. Published: 27 December 2011.

A number of issues remained unresolved before the HIV testing of learners could start during the first school term of 2012, said the basic education ministry...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2011-12-27-no-date-set-for-school-hiv-testing-programme/> [Accessed: 6 January 2012]

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Nation's health hinges on HIV and NHI policies

Times Live. Published: 19 December 2011.

In the first of a four-part series on service delivery during President Jacob Zuma's tenure, Chris Vick looks at the progress that has been made in healthcare... [Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.timeslive.co.za/politics/2011/12/19/nation-s-health-hinges-on-hiv-and-nhi-policies> [Accessed: 6 January 2012]

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Competition Commission may probe healthcare

Business Day. Published: 30 December 2011.

The Competition Commission is considering initiating a market inquiry into the private healthcare industry reminiscent of its probe into the banking sector a few years ago, which recommended lower banking costs. Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi has declared war on high healthcare costs and accused the private health sector of engaging in "uncontrolled commercialism" and "destructive, unsustainable practices"...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.businessday.co.za/articles/Content.aspx?id=161831> [Accessed: 6 January 2012]

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KwaZulu-Natal to prioritise health infrastructure

Business Day. Published: 4 January 2012.

The department of health in KwaZulu-Natal planned to fast-track infrastructure development and hospital revitalisation projects this year, says health MEC Sibongiseni Dhlomo...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.businessday.co.za/articles/Content.aspx?id=161930> [Accessed: 6 January 2012]

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A new category of health professionals

Health-e News. Published: 15 December 2011.

A new cadre of health care workers aimed at strengthening the health service will join the system next year. The first batch of a new category of health professionals, known as "clinical associates", recently graduated from Wits University, in Johannesburg...[Read More »](#)

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Training and Resources

Launch of the new Health Systems Evidence website: McMaster Health Forum

URL: <http://www.mcmasterhealthforum.org/healthsystemsevidence-en>

Health Systems Evidence is a valuable resource for policymakers, stakeholders and researchers seeking to address today's most pressing health challenges. It provides answers on questions about how to strengthen or reform health systems, or how to get cost-effective programs, services and drugs to those who need them. The redeveloped website offers numerous enhancements, including new open search and advanced search functionalities, and is available in seven languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.

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Fellowship in Population, Reproductive Health, and Economic Development

Where: *Hewlett Foundation/Institute of International Education Dissertation*

Closing Date: 5 March 2012

The Institute of International Education (IIE) is now accepting applications for the Dissertation Fellowship in Population, Reproductive Health, and Economic Development. Sponsored by The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, Fellows will receive stipends to support tuition and research expenses. In addition, Fellows will become part of a network of researchers and participate in professional development opportunities. Applicants should be currently enrolled in Ph.D. programs in either sub-Saharan Africa, the United States or Canada, and should have completed their coursework by the start of the fellowship. Students in economics, geography, population studies, and epidemiology are especially encouraged to apply.

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Reports and Publications

World Malaria Report 2010

World Health Organization. Published: 2011.

Overview The World Malaria Report 2010 summarizes information received from 106 malaria-endemic countries and other sources and updates the analyses presented in the 2009 Report.

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Essential Interventions, Commodities and Guidelines for Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health

World Health Organization. Published: 2011.

A global review of the key interventions related to reproductive, maternal, newborn and child Health Executive Summary Why reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health? Poor maternal, newborn and child health remains a significant problem in developing countries.

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Conferences

3rd Annual Healthcare Summit: Addressing the issues surrounding healthcare reform in South Africa

When: 24 – 26 January 2012

Venue: *Convention Dynamics, Isando, Johannesburg*

URL: <http://www.iir.co.za/index.php/third-annual-healthcare-summit-2>

The Healthcare Summit is a three-day event that deals with all the current issues facing the stakeholders in the healthcare industry. This year's Summit will focus on the latest developments surrounding healthcare reform in South Africa in both private and public sectors and in particular the impact the NHI is likely to have on the industry.

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Future eHealth Leaders Summit

When: 21 - 25 February 2012

Venue: Cape Town, South Africa

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

Future eHealth Leaders provides you with a unique learning experience outside your familiar setting. It promotes collaboration between diverse countries and regions, mainly in Sub-Saharan Africa and Europe. This provides participants with rich opportunities and inspiration by linking with experienced colleagues who work in vastly different contexts and circumstances. You will be able to enhance your personal development and create new approaches to your leadership challenges.

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Healthcare in Africa

When: 6-7 March 2012

Venue: Cape Town, South Africa

URL: <http://cemea.economistconferences.com/event/healthcare-africa>

Healthcare in Africa will bring together influential healthcare stakeholders from government, providers, suppliers and patient groups to confront and explore key issues around healthcare systems in Africa. You'll be able to participate in interactive brainstorming sessions, hear cutting-edge case studies, and hear from a range of inspiring speakers.

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3rd SA TB Conference

When: 12-15 June 2012

Venue: ICC, Durban, South Africa

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

The 3rd TB Conference will build on the momentum of the previous TB conferences and give communities an opportunity to assess progress towards reaching TB/HIV targets. Thus, giving meaning to the theme for the 2012 TB Conference: "Reaching the target".

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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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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.

The following positions with AHP are currently available:

Please view the website for more details <http://www.ahp.org.za> or contact on 011 328 1300

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Researcher

Health Systems Trust

Closing date: 09 January 2011

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Senior Researcher

Health Systems Trust

Closing date: 09 January 2011

Health Systems Trust (HST) wishes to appoint a Senior Researcher working from our Cape Town, Johannesburg or Durban office.

Please view our website for more details

<http://www.hst.org.za/content/senior-researcher>

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