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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Health promotion services for patients having non-communicable diseases: feedback from patients and health care providers in Cape Town, South Africa

Whadi-ah Parker, Nelia P Steyn, Carl J Lombard and Naomi S Levitt. BMC Public Health 2012. Published: 4 July 2012.

The aim of this paper is to conduct an audit of the availability and efficacy of equipment, health promotion methods and materials currently used by health professionals for the management of patients with non-communicable diseases (NCDs) at primary health care (PHC) facilities in Cape Town...[Read More »](#)

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Socioeconomic inequality in the prevalence of non-communicable diseases in low- and middle-income countries: Results from the World Health Survey

Ahmad Reza Hosseinpoor, Nicole Bergen, Shanthi Mendis, Sam Harper, Emese Verdes, Anton Kunst and Somnath Chatterji. BMC Public Health 2012, 12:474. Published: 22 June 2012.

Non-communicable diseases are an increasing health concern worldwide, but particularly in low- and middle-income countries. This study quantified and compared education- and wealth-based inequalities in the prevalence of five noncommunicable diseases (angina, arthritis, asthma, depression and diabetes) and comorbidity in low- and middle-income country groups...[Read More »](#)

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Transferability of interventions in health education: a review

Linda Cambon, Laetitia Minary, Valery Ridde and François Alla. BMC Public Health 2012. Published: 2 July 2012.

Health education interventions are generally complex interventions. Their outcomes result from the intervention itself and from the context for which they are developed. Thus, the transferability is questioned when one reproduces in a given context an intervention carried out in another context. We performed a systematic review to analyze the definitions, factors and measurement of transferability used in health education...[Read More »](#)

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A framework convention on global health: Health for all, justice for all

Gostin, Lawrence O. Journal of the American Medical Association, Vol. 307, No. 19, pp. 2087-2092, 2012 ; Georgetown Public Law Research Paper No. 12-066; Georgetown Law and Economics Research Paper No. 12-019. Published: 16 May 2012.

Health inequalities represent perhaps the most consequential global health challenge and yet they persist despite increased funding and innovative programs. The United Nations is revising the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) that will shape the world for many years to come...[Read More »](#)

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Low acceptability of medical male circumcision as an HIV/AIDS prevention intervention within a South African community that practises traditional circumcision

Daniella Mark, Keren Middelkoop, Samantha Black, Surita Roux, Llewellyn Fleurs, Robin Wood, Linda-Gail Bekker. South African Medical Journal, Vol 102, No 6 (2012). Published: July 2012.

Traditional circumcision is practised among some indigenous tribes in South Africa (SA) such as the Xhosa. Recent experimental evidence has demonstrated the benefits of male circumcision for the prevention of HIV infection in heterosexual men. The acceptability of circumcision as a biomedical intervention mirroring an ingrained cultural practice, as well as the age and extent of the procedure, are poorly understood...[Read More »](#)

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Recent News

Meetings aim to address root causes of poor health

Health-e News. Published: 4 July 2012

Health and social justice activists as well as health ministers and key policy makers from across the world will meet in Cape Town this week to address the drivers of inequity which fundamentally impact on the health of the poor...[Read More »](#)

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Doctors will get NHI pay – minister

Business Day. Published: 6 July 2012.

The Department of Health would guarantee the payment of private general practitioners (GPs) who worked in public clinics in the National Health Insurance (NHI) pilot districts, said Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi...[Read More »](#)

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NHI will not solve SA's healthcare problems, PwC survey says

Business Day Published: 3 July 2012.

Respondents to firm's survey say National Health Insurance alone cannot overhaul healthcare, with working conditions and primary healthcare also needing attention The National Health Insurance (NHI) would not necessarily resolve the current state of health services, according to a survey by professional services firm PwC...[Read More »](#)

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Addington hospital bosses given ultimatum

IOL. Published: 4 July 2012

Addington Hospital's management had been given three months to clean up the facility and restore it to its former glory or face the consequences, the KwaZulu-Natal health portfolio committee said on Tuesday. On a visit to the beleaguered hospital the committee gave the management team until September to clean up its act...[Read More »](#)

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Academic hospitals under central control: ANC

Times Live. Published: 29 June 2012

Academic hospitals should be centrally controlled, and 1000 doctors will start training in Cuba later this year, the ANC commission on health policy resolved in Midrand on Friday. "These are central assets which service across provinces... these are hospitals attached to universities," said Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi...[Read More »](#)

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Emergencies only at hospitals' theatres

Business Day. Published: 29 June 2012.

The Port Elizabeth Hospital Complex is to offer only emergency surgery – and only before 5pm on some days of the week – due to what it says is a severe staff shortage. The Eastern Cape health department is facing a budget shortfall of R2,5bn-R3bn, while some doctors have not been paid since January...[Read More »](#)

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Northern areas clinics hit by medication crisis

Herald Online. Published: 28 June 2012.

Hundreds of residents in Nelson Mandela Bay's northern areas who depend on metro clinics as their primary source of healthcare have had to turn to private pharmacies because of a shortage of state-issued medication.

Up to 10 clinics are believed to have run short of medication ranging from contraception pills to chronic medication...[Read More »](#)

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Gauteng warns counsellors to return to work

Health-e News. Published: 28 June 2012.

The Gauteng Health Department has warned protesting HIV counsellors and home-based care-givers that there will be consequences if they don't return to work immediately. But it also admits it might not be able to pay them on time if they do...[Read More »](#)

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Mouse studies show how body helps TB survive

Health-e News. Published: 27 June 2012.

Inhibiting a key immune response in mice during initial multi-drug treatment for tuberculosis could -- paradoxically -- shorten treatment time for the highly contagious lung infection, according to new research from Johns Hopkins Children's Center and the Center for TB Research...[Read More »](#)

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Training and Resources

District Health System Discussion List

Moderated by Health Systems Trust

The DHS-LG discussion list is aimed at managers whose work is linked to the DHS, especially district, sub-district and facility managers; developmental partners; NGOs and CBOs working in the district health system and academics doing health systems research or training primary health care workers. Join the discussion at <http://lists.hst.org.za/mailman/listinfo/dhs-lg>

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Management Development Institute (MDI) Program for Health Care Organisations

UCLA/Johnson & Johnson Management Development Institute

Deadline: 9 July 2012

This is a one-week intensive program to enhance the leadership and management skills of program managers and leaders of Sub-Saharan African organisations, governmental and non-governmental, that are devoted to delivering health care services to underserved populations. [Click here for more information»](#)

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Call for concept notes: Strengthening equity through applied research capacity building in eHealth

IDRC

Deadline: 20 July 2012

IDRC's Governance for Equity in Health Systems (GEHS) program is pleased to announce a call for concept notes. The focus of the call is on how and when technology can contribute toward strengthened and more equitable health systems in low-and middle-income countries (LMICs). [Click here for more information»](#)

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Programme in the Monitoring and Evaluation of HIV and AIDS Programs

When: 6 August 2012 - 17 August 2012

Where: School of Health Systems and Public Health (SHSPH), University of Pretoria

The course offers intensive training that will cover the fundamental concepts and tools for monitoring and evaluating HIV/AIDS programmes. The course will include sessions on the role of strategic information in decision-making, M&E frameworks, indicators, information systems, evaluation designs, developing M&E plans, calculating and interpreting indicators and facilitating the use of strategic information. [Click here for more information»](#)

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Reports and Publications

DHS News - Newsletter of the District Health System

Department of Health (South Africa). Published: 2012..

This is the first issue of the DHS News for 2012. In this issue the focus is largely on developments related to maternal and child health as well as provide an update on the progress the Department of Health is making in PHC re-engineering. [Click Here»](#)

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The Millennium Development Goals Report 2012

United Nations. Published: 2012.

This year's report on progress towards the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) highlights several milestones. The target of reducing extreme poverty by half has been reached five years ahead of the 2015 deadline, as has the target of halving the proportion of people who lack dependable access to improved sources of drinking water.. [Click Here»](#)

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Promising practices in community engagement for elimination of new HIV infections among children by 2015 and keeping their mothers alive

UNAIDS. Published: 2012.

Leaders from around the world attending the 2011 High Level Meeting on AIDS committed to work towards the elimination of new HIV infections among children by 2015 and reducing AIDS-related maternal mortality. This is to be accomplished through the implementation of a new Global Plan for scaling up comprehensive prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV (PMTCT) programmes. [Click Here»](#)

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Every woman's right How family planning saves children's lives

Save the Children. Published: 2012.

Family planning is a fundamental right. More surprisingly perhaps, it's also vital to improving children's chances of survival. Ensuring women are able to plan whether or when to have children means babies and young children are more likely to survive.

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Adding It Up: Costs and Benefits of Contraceptive Services Estimates for 2012

UNFPA . Published: 2012.

This report presents new 2012 estimates of the numbers and proportions of women in the developing world using modern methods and in need of modern contraception, as well as the cost and impact of meeting this need

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The War on Drugs and HIV/AIDS How the Criminalization of Drug Use Fuels the Global Pandemic

Global Commission on Drug Policy. Published: 2012.

The global war on drugs is driving the HIV/AIDS pandemic among people who use drugs and their sexual partners. Throughout the world, research has consistently shown that repressive drug law enforcement practices force drug users away from public health services and into hidden environments where HIV risk becomes markedly elevated.

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Conferences

Third People's Health Assembly

When: 6-11 July 2012

Venue: University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa.

URL: <http://www.phmovement.org/en/pha3>

The People's Health Assembly (PHA), organised by the People's Health Movement (PHM), is a global event bringing together health activists from across the world to share experiences, analyse global health situation, develop civil society positions and to develop strategies which promote health for all.

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11th World Down Syndrome Congress

When: 15-17th August 2012

Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC), Cape Town, South Africa

URL: <http://www.wdsc2012.org.za/>

Down Syndrome International together with local hosts Down Syndrome South Africa take pride in hosting the next World Down Syndrome Congress for the first time on African soil, giving us the opportunity of learning and

sharing experiences from across the globe. The aim of this congress is for all participants to gain experience on the latest developments and up to date knowledge and tools to improve the lives of people with Down syndrome.

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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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Project Manager (Health Systems Strengthening Project)

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Senior Programme Manager (Health Systems Strengthening Project)

Health Systems Trust

Closing date: 6 July 2012

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