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## Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

### **What healthcare financing changes are needed to reach universal coverage in South Africa**

*Diane McIntyre. South African Medical Journal, Vol 102, No 6 (2012).*

The national health insurance proposed for South Africa aims to achieve a universal health system. The best way to identify the financing mechanism that is best suited to achieving this goal is to consider international evidence on funding in universal health systems...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.samj.org.za/index.php/samj/article/view/5611>

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### **Stepped care for maternal mental health: A case study of the Perinatal Mental Health Project in South Africa**

*Simone Honikman, Thandi van Heyningen, Sally Field, Emily Baron, Mark Tomlinson. PLoS Med 9(5): e1001222. Published: 29 May 2012.*

Common mental disorders such as anxiety and depression are the third leading causes of disease burden globally for women between 14 and 44 years of age. By 2030, these are expected to rise to first place, ranked above heart disease and road traffic injuries...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.plosmedicine.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pmed.1001222>

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### **Predictors of condom use and refusal among the population of Free State province in South Africa**

*Thoovakkunon Moorkoth Chandran, Dirk Berkvens, Perpetual Chikobvu, Christiana Nöstlinger, Robert Colebunders, Brian Gerard Williams and Niko Speybroeck. BMC Public Health 2012, 12:381. Published: 28 May 2012.*

This study investigated the extent and predictors of condom use and condom refusal in the Free State province in South Africa. Through a household survey conducted in the Free State province of South Africa, 5,837 adults were interviewed...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/12/381/abstract>

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### **Global cancer transitions according to the Human Development Index (2008–2030): a population-based study**

*Dr Freddie Bray, Ahmedin Jemal, Nathan Grey, Jacques Ferlay, David Forman. The Lancet Oncology. Published: 1 June 2012.*

Cancer is set to become a major cause of morbidity and mortality in the coming decades in every region of the world. We aimed to assess the changing patterns of cancer according to varying levels of human development...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanonc/article/PIIS1470-2045%2812%2970211-5/abstract>

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## Recent News

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### **KZN tackles maternal deaths**

*BuaNews. Published: 7 June 2012.*

In an effort to reduce maternal deaths and strengthen mother and child health in KwaZulu- Natal, the provincial Health Department is developing centres of excellence for mother and child services...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.buanews.gov.za/news/12/12060716051001> [Accessed: 8 June 2012]

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### **KwaZulu-Natal: Hospital to be rebuilt on new site**

*IOL. Published: 6 June 2012*

Despite an R87-million upgrade, Durban's King Edward VIII hospital would be rebuilt but elsewhere, and the existing buildings downgraded to a public healthcare services hospital, officials said...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.iol.co.za/> [Accessed: 8 June 2012]

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### **Gauteng earmarks R1.4bn for medicine**

*BuaNews. Published: 3 June 2012.*

The Gauteng Health Department has set aside R1.4 billion to ensure a steady supply of medicine, with the bulk of the amount to be allocated to the Medical Supplies Depot...[Read More »](#)

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### **Western Cape: Healthcare to go mobile?**

*The New Age. Published: 1 June 2012.*

Deputy Minister of Health Gwen Ramokgopa said yesterday that South Africa was committed to the use of technology to improve the delivery of health services...[Read More »](#)

Source: [http://thenewage.co.za/52449-1011-53-Healthcare\\_to\\_go\\_mobile](http://thenewage.co.za/52449-1011-53-Healthcare_to_go_mobile)[Accessed: 8 June 2012]

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### **Red lights flash for Eastern Cape health**

*Business Day. Published: 31 May 2012.*

The Eastern Cape health department is in a financial crisis, to put it mildly, with a budget shortfall of more than R2,5bn putting patients at risk, superintendent-general Siva Pillay says...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.businessday.co.za/articles/Content.aspx?id=173006> [Accessed: 8 June 2012]

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### **Interns to boost health dept's human resources**

*BuaNews. Published: 31 May 2012.*

The Health Department is on a mission to improve the country's healthcare system and to get a clean audit this financial year, and it has enlisted the help of 400 interns to help it achieve this...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.buanews.gov.za/news/12/12053116251003>  
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### **SA-Cuba agreement to boost healthcare**

*BuaNews. Published: 1 June 2012.*

Cabinet has noted the signing of an agreement between the South African and Cuban Ministries of Health. Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi and his Cuban counterpart Roberto Morales Ojeda signed the collaborative agreement in Pretoria last week...[Read More »](#)

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### **Minister seeks private doctors**

*IOL. Published: 28 May 2012.*

Hundreds of private sector doctors in KZN have been asked to set aside four hours a week to work in under-staffed public clinics, according to national Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.iol.co.za/news/politics/minister-seeks-private-doctors-1.1305717> [Accessed: 8 June 2012]

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### **KwaZulu-Natal: Call for all to support NHI**

*The New Age. Published: 5 June 2012.*

The KwaZulu-Natal health department is roping in everyone from traditional leaders to school principals, and church elders to private doctors in a quest to make the National Health Insurance (NHI) rollout work in Umgungundlovu and two other districts...[Read More »](#)

Source: [http://www.thenewage.co.za/52812-1010-53-Call\\_for\\_all\\_to\\_support\\_NHI](http://www.thenewage.co.za/52812-1010-53-Call_for_all_to_support_NHI) [Accessed: 8 June 2012]

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### **NHI seen as catch-all solution**

*Mail and Guardian. Published: 30 May 2012.*

"To some extent in this document, NHI has become almost like a panacea to solve all the problems in the health system," Dr Duane Blaauw said during a debate on the ANC's policy discussion documents at the University of the Witwatersrand, in Johannesburg...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://mg.co.za/article/2012-05-30-nhi-seen-as-catch-all-solution> [Accessed: 8 June 2012]

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### **South Africa scores poorly on "Saving Mothers"**

*Health-e News. Published: 30 May 2012.*

Almost 5 000 women died while pregnant or within 42 days of giving birth in South Africa between 2008 and 2010, more than in any of the previous years. This is according to the Saving Mothers report that summarises findings on the confidential enquiries into maternal deaths in South Africa between 2008 to 2010...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/news/article.php?uid=20033553> [Accessed: 8 June 2012]

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### **Tenofovir shortage almost over**

*Health-e News. Published: 7 June 2012.*

The national health department has contracted additional pharmaceutical manufacturers to make up the critical shortage of the antiretroviral tenofovir across the country...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.health-e.org.za/news/article.php?uid=20033566>  
[Accessed: 8 June 2012]

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### **HIV prevalence beginning to fall in South African children**

*Aidsmap. Published: 29 May 2012.*

HIV prevalence fell sharply among children admitted to one of South Africa's largest hospitals in 2009 and 2010, but remained high at 19.3%, researchers from Chris Hani Baragwanath (CHB) hospital in Soweto report...[Read More »](#)

Source: <http://www.aidsmap.com/HIV-prevalence-beginning-to-fall-in-South-African-children/page/2356418/>  
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### **Child Support Grants prove critical to reducing child poverty in South Africa**

*UNICEF. Published: 31 May 2012.*

Newly published research reveals that South Africa's Child Support Grant – a key part of the country's social protection programme – has been critical in reducing poverty and vulnerability in children. Positive impact The Child Support Grant – approximately US\$32 per child per month – reaches over 10 million children in South Africa...[Read More »](#)

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## Training and Resources

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### Access to Medicines - New Call for Expressions of Interest

*Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research  
Deadline: 18 June 2012*

Results from the recent priority-setting exercise performed by the Alliance identified research questions in access to medicines that demonstrate the need to explore the relationships between medicines and the other building blocks of the health system and analyse the health system determinants of access to medicines. This call aims to explore the connections between medicines and three other functions of the health systems: health financing, governance and health information. [Click here for more information»](#)

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## Reports and Publications

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### Saving Mothers 2008-2010: Fifth report on the confidential enquiries into maternal deaths in South Africa

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

The report covers the maternal deaths that were reported to the NCCEMD secretariat by 15th April 2011, and that occurred in the triennium 2008-2010. [Click Here»](#)

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### Changes to ART guidelines

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

The DoH released important changes to ART guidelines applicable in all state facilities, some of which were already signalled in the NSP 2012-2016. [Click Here»](#)

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### Dimensions of gender equity in health in East and Southern Africa

*EQUINET. Published: 2012.*

This report was commissioned by the Regional Network for Equity in Health in East and Southern Africa (EQUINET). It highlights areas of concern for gender equity in health in East and Southern Africa (ESA), based on a review of published literature.

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### The potential impact of free trade agreements on public health

*UNICEF. Published: 2012.*

Over the past ten years, an increasing number of countries are initiating, negotiating and agreeing new trade agreements between two countries or amongst a group of countries.

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### National health insurance in Asia and Africa

*UNICEF. Published: 2012.*

There is widespread consensus that providing universal, sustainable, affordable and quality health services underpins efforts to achieve equitable health outcomes.

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## **WHO Watch Report on the 65th World Health Assembly**

*People's Health Movement. Published: 2012.*

WHO Watch is pleased to present this report on the debates and decisions taken at the 65th World Health Assembly and 131st Executive Board meeting.

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## **Conferences**

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### **SEYCOHAIDS 2012**

*When: 8-10 June 2012*

*Venue: Crests Crossroads Hotel, Lilongwe, Malawi*

*URL: <http://www.seyco2012.org/>*

SEYCOHAIDS 2012 is the largest international gathering for young people on HIV and AIDS in the Eastern and Southern Africa region, where young researchers, policy makers, activists, educators and people living with HIV will be able to link with people in other countries and meet to share and learn about HIV prevention methods, treatments, care policies and programmes relating to HIV and AIDS in Africa.

### **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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### **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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### **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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## 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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### Technical Support: Data Analyst

*Health Systems Trust*

*Closing date: 18 June 2012*

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### Technical Editor: District Health Barometer

*Health Systems Trust*

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### Clinical Advisor Site Support

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