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ACADEMIC AND PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

Developing and implementing national health identifiers in resource limited countries: why, what, who, when and how?

Global Health Action | Published: 5 March 2018.

Eduard J Beck, J Mark Shields, Gaurang Tanna, Gerrit Henning, Ian de Vega, Gail Andrews, Philippe Boucher, Lionel Benting, et al

Many resource-limited countries are scaling up health services and health-information systems (HISs). The HIV Cascade framework aims to link treatment services and programs to improve outcomes and impact. It has been adapted to HIV prevention services, other infectious and non-communicable diseases, and programs for specific populations. Where successful, it links the use of health services by individuals across different disease categories, time and space. Contemporary digital technology enables countries to develop and implement integrated HIS to support person centred services, a major aim of the Sustainable Development Goals. The key to link the diverse sources of information together is a national health identifier (NHID).

What constitutes meaningful engagement for patients and families as partners on research teams?

Journal of Health Services Research & Policy | Published: 4 March 2018.

Agnes Black, Kimberly Strain, Christine Wallsworth, Sara-Grey Charlton, Wilma Chang, Kate McNamee, Clayton Hamilton

There is growing emphasis on health care organizations to ensure that lay people are meaningfully engaged as partners on research teams. Our aim was to explore the perspectives of patients, family members and informal caregivers who have been involved on health care research teams in Canada and elicit their recommendations for meaningful engagement.

Progress towards the UNAIDS 90–90–90 goals by age and gender in a rural area of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa: a household-based community cross-sectional survey

BMC | Published: 2 March 2018.

Helena Huerga, Gilles Van Cutsem, Jihane Ben Farhat, Adrian Puren, Malika Bouhenia, Lubbe Wiesner, Linda Dlamini, David Maman

The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) has developed an ambitious strategy to end the AIDS epidemic. After eight years of antiretroviral therapy (ART) program we assessed progress towards the UNAIDS 90–90–90 targets in Mbongolwane and Eshowe, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.

The role of community health workers in supporting South Africa's HIV/ AIDS treatment programme

African Journal of AIDS Research | Published: 04 March 2018.

Shauna Mottiar, Tom Lodge

Community health workers deployed around South Africa's primary health care clinics, supply indispensable support for the world's largest HIV/AIDS treatment programme. Interviews with these workers illuminated the contribution they make to anti-retroviral treatment (ART) of HIV/AIDS patients and the motivations that sustain their engagement. Their testimony highlights points of stress in the programme and supplies insights into the quality of its implementation. Finally, the paper addresses issues about the sustainability of a programme that depends on a group of workers who are not yet fully incorporated into the public sector.

Frontloading HIV financing maximizes the achievable impact of HIV prevention

Journal of the International AIDS Society | Published: 2 March 2018.

Sarah-Jane Anderson, Peter D Ghys, Regina Ombam, Timothy B Hallett

Due to the nature of funding, national planners and international donors typically balance budgets over short time periods when designing HIV programmes (~5-year funding cycles). We aim to explicitly quantify the cost of short-term funding arrangements on the success of future HIV prevention programmes.

The epidemiology of adolescents living with perinatally acquired HIV: A cross-region global cohort analysis

PlosMedicine | Published: 1 March 2018.

The Collaborative Initiative for Paediatric HIV Education and Research (CIPHER) Global Cohort Collaboration, Amy L. Slogrove, Michael Schomaker, Mary-Ann Davies, Paige Williams, Suna Balkan, Jihane Ben-Farhat, Nancy Calles, et al

Globally, the population of adolescents living with perinatally acquired HIV (APHs) continues to expand. In this study, we pooled data from observational pediatric HIV cohorts and cohort networks, allowing comparisons of adolescents with perinatally acquired HIV in "real-life" settings across multiple regions. We describe the geographic and temporal characteristics and mortality outcomes of APHs across multiple regions, including South America and the Caribbean, North America, Europe, sub-Saharan Africa, and South and Southeast Asia.

The role of children in their HIV-positive parents' management of antiretroviral therapy in Uganda

African Journal of AIDS Research | Published: 4 March 2018.

Ruth Nalugya, Steven Russell, Flavia Zalwango, Janet Seeley

Adjustment to life on antiretroviral therapy (ART) and living with HIV as a long-term chronic condition, pose significant medical, social and economic challenges. We investigated children's role in supporting HIV-positive parents to self-manage life on ART. Between 2010 and 2012, we conducted a qualitative study using semi-structured interviews with 38 HIV-positive parents who had been on ART for over a year. Children were a source of happiness, self-worth, encouragement, and comfort. Both younger and older children supported parents' adherence to treatment through reminding them to take the drugs and honour clinic appointments. Older children provided money to buy medication, food and shelter. Parents reported that the encouragement they received after they disclosed to their children enhanced their survival.

Household point of care CD4 testing and isoniazid preventive therapy initiation in a household TB contact tracing programme in two districts of South Africa

PlosOne | Published: 2 March 2018.

Liesl Page-Shipp, James J. Lewis, Kavindhran Velen, Sedikanelo Senoge, Elizabeth Zishiri, Flora Popane, Violet N. Chihota, Dave Clark, et al

In South Africa, TB household contact tracing provides an opportunity for increased TB and HIV case finding. We aimed to determine the effect of two new potential interventions for TB contact tracing programmes: Point of Care CD4 (PoC CD4) on HIV linkage to care and household Isoniazid Preventive Therapy (IPT) provision on uptake and retention of IPT.

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RECENT NEWS

New SA smoking laws 'in 2 weeks'

Health-e News | 8 March 2018.

Regulations to ban smoking in all public spaces, remove branding from cigarettes packs and control electronic cigarettes will be published within two weeks.

Study finds that women are much more vulnerable to HIV infection during pregnancy and in the months after giving birth

AidsMap | 5 March 2018.

A study presented today at the Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (CROI 2018) found that women in two prevention studies were nearly three times more likely to become infected with HIV while they were pregnant, and four times as likely in the six months after giving birth, compared with the risk of HIV infection at other times.

One-month tuberculosis prophylaxis as effective as nine-month regimen for people living with HIV

U.S National Institutes of Health | 5 March 2018.

A one-month antibiotic regimen to prevent active tuberculosis (TB) disease was at least as safe and effective as the standard nine-month therapy for people living with HIV, according to the results of a large international clinical trial.

High uptake and use of vaginal ring for HIV prevention observed in open-label study

U.S National Institutes of Health | 6 March 2018.

Nearly 90 percent of participants in an open-label study of a vaginal ring infused with a drug to prevent HIV are using the monthly ring at least some of the time, according to an interim analysis of study data.

US studies underline importance of primary care physicians for people with HIV

AidsMap | 1 March 2018.

People with HIV who have other medical conditions such as high blood pressure or high lipids appear to do better if they have a primary care physician as well as an HIV physician, according to a study of people receiving care through UCLA Center for Clinical AIDS Research and Education, researchers report in *The Journal of Infectious Diseases*.

#Listeriosis: Six ways to keep calm and carry on

Bhekisisa | 6 March 2018.

The head of the National Institute for Communicable Diseases' listeria investigation, Juno Thomas, tells us which foods to bin and how.

Healthy outrage: the story of a pioneer of community healthcare in South Africa

The Conversation | 28 February 2018.

Healthy Outrage is an apt title for a story that describes the journey Dr Trudy Thomas travelled during the various stages of her life. Thomas was the pioneer of community health programmes in South Africa. Her work spanned more than half a century, stretching through the dark years of apartheid and into the democratic era when she was asked to run the department of health in the Eastern Cape province after the 1994 elections.

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TRAINING AND RESOURCES

Guidelines for the diagnosis, prevention and management of cryptococcal disease in HIV-infected adults, adolescents and children: Supplement to the 2016

consolidated guidelines on the use of antiretroviral drugs for treating and preventing HIV infection

World Health Organisation | March 2018.

Cryptococcal disease is an opportunistic infection that occurs primarily among people with advanced HIV disease and is an important cause of morbidity and mortality in this group. These guidelines provide recommendations and good practice guidance on the optimal approach to diagnosing cryptococcal meningitis, strategies for preventing invasive cryptococcal disease through cryptococcal antigen screening and pre-emptive fluconazole therapy, treating cryptococcal meningitis with combination antifungal therapy regimens, preventing, monitoring and managing amphotericin B drug toxicity, recommendations against adjunctive therapy with systemic corticosteroids and recommendations on the timing of antiretroviral therapy (ART) initiation.

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PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

Médecins Sans Frontières Access Campaign HIV & Opportunistic Infection Treatment: Spotlight on Access Gaps

Médecins Sans Frontières | July 2018.

This issue brief provides information regarding the changing product landscape, and updates on pricing and access to three critical medical interventions: optimal HIV therapy with dolutegravir; paediatric HIV therapy; and opportunities to improve treatment for two common opportunistic infections: cryptococcal meningitis and Kaposi's sarcoma.

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CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

People's Health Movement South Africa (PHM-SA) Annual General Meeting & Health for All Now! Bavuse! Launch

21 March 2018, 9:00 - 12:30

Mowbray, Cape Town, South Africa

RSVP to Tinashe Njanji, tinashe@phm-sa.org or 078 831 5809.

Africa Health

29 -31 May 2018

Gallagher Convention Centre, Midrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

Africa Innovation Summit 2018

6-8 June 2018

Kigali Conventions Centre, Kigali, Rwanda

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Please click on the job title for more information.

Ithemba Lobomi: Nurse Coordinator

Closing Date: 9 March 2018

Stats SA: Internship Opportunities

Closing Date: Not specified

OneSight: Finance Manager

Closing date: 23 March 2018

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