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## ACADEMIC AND PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

### **Including the Household: Individual, Community and Household Factors Affecting Antiretroviral Therapy Adherence After ART Initiation in Cape Town, South Africa**

*AIDS and Behavior* | 25 July 2024

*Linda S. Campbell, Lucia Knight, Caroline Masquillier & Edwin Wouters*

Antiretroviral therapy (ART) adherence is crucial for health outcomes of people living with HIV (PLHIV), influenced by a complex interplay of individual, community, and household factors. This article focuses on the influence of household factors, as well as individual and community factors, on ART adherence among PLHIV in Cape Town who have recently initiated ART. Baseline data for a cluster-randomized controlled trial were collected from 316 PLHIV in 12 districts in Cape Town between 6th May 2021 and 22nd May 2022. Zero-inflated Poisson models, with cluster-adjusted standard errors, were used to analyse the association between individual, household, and community factors and ART adherence measures.

### **Interventions for tobacco use cessation in people living with HIV**

*National Library of Medicine* | 5 August 2024

*Noreen D Mdege, Sarwat Shah, Omara Dogar, Erica Rm Pool, Peter Weatherburn, et al.*

The prevalence of tobacco use among people living with HIV (PLWH) is up to four times higher than in the general population. Unfortunately, tobacco use increases the risk of progression to AIDS and death. Individual- and group-level interventions, and system-change interventions that are effective in helping PLWH stop using tobacco can markedly improve the health and quality of life of this population. However, clear evidence to guide policy and practice is lacking, which hinders the integration of tobacco use cessation interventions into routine HIV care. This is an update of a review that was published in 2016. We include 11 new studies.

### **Can global health security frameworks measure One Health implementation in West Africa? A mixed-methods study**

*BMC Public Health* | 5 August 2024

Dalanda Cham, Amadou Barrow, Rupal Shah-Rohlfis & Claire J. Standley

The 2014 outbreak of the Ebola virus disease highlighted the importance of overhauling and transforming healthcare systems in West Africa to improve the ability of individual countries to deal with infectious diseases. As part of this effort, in November 2016 the West African Health Organization (WAHO) began the process of institutionalizing the One Health (OH) approach to health security across the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS). The lack of clear metrics and evaluation frameworks to measure the progress of OH implementation in West Africa has been reported as a challenge. Therefore, this study sought to assess and explore whether the existing metrics of global health security frameworks can measure the successful implementation of OH activities, evaluate the progress made since 2016, and identify key areas for improvement in the region.

### **Preconception care use and associated factors among HIV positive reproductive age women attending ART clinics at public hospitals in the Hadiya zone, southern Ethiopia: a mixed method approach**

*BMC Public Health* | 5 August 2024

Bezabih Fikire, Tagesse Sedoro, Habtamu Hasen & Dejene Ermias Mekango

Globally, the HIV pandemic makes preconception care even more crucial due to the additional risks for sexual and vertical transmission of HIV. However, there is limited evidence on the utilization of preconception care among high-risk women in Ethiopia. The purpose of this research is to assess preconception care utilization and associated factors among HIV-positive women of reproductive age who attend ART clinics in public hospitals in the Hadiya zone of Southern Ethiopia in 2023.

### **Domestic violence and associated factors among pregnant women in Sub-Saharan African countries from the recent Demographic and Health Survey data; A multilevel analysis**

*Frontiers Public Health* | 5 August 2024

Mamaru Melkam, Setegn Fentahun, Gidey Ritbey, Fantahun Andualem, Girum Nakie, et al.

Intimate partner violence is a human rights violation that often involves violence against women, which appears to be the most prevalent type of abuse. Intimate partner violence is a global public health issue with major human rights violations. Pregnant women's intimate partner violence needs special consideration because of the possible harm that might happen to mothers and their fetuses. The enormous global public health issue of intimate partner violence affects physical, mental, and sexual transgressions. Even though there were studies conducted on intimate partner violence among women few studies are conducted among pregnant women in Sub-Saharan Africa countries.

### **Structural equation modeling analysis of health belief model-based determinants of COVID-19 preventive behavior of academic staff: a cross-sectional study**

*BMC Infectious Diseases* | 6 August 2024

Amare Zewdie, Adane Nigusie & Maereg Wolde

Despite COVID-19 being highly contagious and spreading to several countries, the university community has overlooked prevention measures. For more than five decades, the Health Belief Model (HBM) has been a widely used conceptual framework in health behavior. structural equation modelling (SEM) analysis is an advanced statistical method capable of rectifying failures of the basic models and showing complex relations Thus this study aimed to determine the magnitude of COVID-19 prevention behavior and identify its associated factors using HBM and SEM analysis.

### **Management and outcome of intracranial fungal infections in children and adults in Africa: a scoping review**

*BMC Infectious Diseases* | 6 August 2024

Berjo Dongmo Takoutsing, Setthasorn Zhi Yang Ooi, Chinedu Egu, Conor S. Gillespie, David Ulrich Dalle, et al.

Intracranial fungal infections' (IcFIs) varying clinical manifestations lead to difficulties in diagnosis and treatment. African populations are disproportionately affected by the high burden of the disease. There is a lack of clarity as to the diagnostic and treatment modalities employed across the continent. In this review, we aim to detail the management, and outcome of IcFIs across Africa.

### **Enhancing maternal health in Zambia: a comprehensive approach to addressing**

## postpartum haemorrhage

*Frontiers in Global Women's Health | 6 August 2024*

*Mulaya Mubambe, Job Mwanza, Enos Moyo and Tafadzwa Dzinamarira*

Maternal mortality remains a pressing concern globally, with postpartum hemorrhage (PPH) being a significant contributor. PPH remains a significant public health challenge in Zambia, contributing to 34% of maternal deaths, as per a recent study. Zambia is a country in Southern Africa with a population of about 20 million. About 60% of the Zambian population lives in rural areas. 60% of Zambians were considered impoverished in 2022, making it one of the nations with the greatest rates of poverty. Due to logistical and physical obstacles like high transportation costs and extensive travel distances, access to healthcare services is restricted in rural areas of the country.

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## RECENT PUBLIC HEALTH NEWS

### Zero HIV infections for high-risk women with bi-annual jab – SA trial

*Juta Medical Brief | 31 July 2024*

The long-acting injectable antiretroviral drug lenacapavir (Sunlenca) was highly effective in preventing HIV infection in cisgender women in high-risk countries, according to an interim analysis of the phase III PURPOSE 1 trial, but questions remain about its affordability and safety in pregnancy. Among adolescent girls and young women in South Africa and Uganda, pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) with lenacapavir every 26 weeks reduced HIV incidence by 100% compared with daily oral emtricitabine/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (F/TDF; Truvada) and background HIV incidence ( $P < 0.001$  for both), reported Linda-Gail Bekker, MBChB, PhD, of the Desmond Tutu HIV Centre at the University of Cape Town, during the recent International AIDS Conference in Munich.

### What declining childhood vaccine rates mean for SA

*Juta Medical Brief | 31 July 2024*

New data from the WHO and Unicef show that globally childhood immunisation coverage stalled in 2023, while in South Africa it actually decreased, writes Elri Voigt for Spotlight, who asked local experts to put it in context. The report, published this month, found that vaccination coverage rates worldwide have still not returned to levels seen in 2019, before the pandemic disrupted immunisation programmes, and that there was no meaningful change in immunisation coverage between 2022 and 2023. It means progress in immunisation coverage has effectively stalled, leaving 2.7m additional children who are either unvaccinated or under-vaccinated compared with pre-pandemic levels in 2019.

### Lenacapavir: What it would take to get the 6-monthly anti-HIV jab to SA

*Bhekisisa | 31 July 2024*

Speed, scale and price would sway whether the drugmaker Gilead's twice-a-year anti-HIV jab, lenacapavir, will be able to markedly slow down the world — and SA's new infections. To slow down new HIV infections enough to really get us close to reaching the goal of ending Aids as a public health threat by 2030, SA would need millions of lenacapavir doses — and soon. A study released at the International Aids Conference in Munich last week, shows lenacapavir can be made for as little as \$40 (R733) per year per patient — but only if 10-million people take it up.

### EDITORIAL | Behind the Life Esidimeni headlines is the suffering of human beings who deserved better

*Spotlight | 1 August 2024*

While we focus here on the nine deaths that Judge Mmonoa Teffo found to be unnatural, there were 144 deaths associated with the Life Esidimeni tragedy. Ultimately, these were human beings and for the world to know what happened to them is better than the world not knowing.

## How we know a new medicine is so effective at preventing HIV transmission

*GroundUp | 1 August 2024*

A large clinical trial found that a twice-yearly injectable drug is extremely effective at preventing HIV transmission to HIV-negative women. The trial was conducted in South African and Uganda. Over 5,000 girls and young women participated. But the drug, lenacapavir, is currently only available in some high-income countries, at the whopping price of over R800,000 per person per year. Yet a study has found it could be produced for about R700 per year. For that to happen, pharmaceutical giant Gilead Sciences will have to allow other companies to manufacture generic versions of the drug.

## How medical research is failing women

*Financial Times | 2 August 2024*

Kate Womersley was a medical student at Cambridge university, nervously dissecting her first cadaver, when she noticed an odd lacuna in her anatomy course handbook: there was no mention of breasts. Puzzlement swiftly turned to anger. Not until 2016, a year after she and a female classmate first raised concerns, were their entreaties heeded and the curriculum adjusted.

## Concern as children left behind in treatment of HIV

*Nation | 3 August 2024*

Every Friday of the month, Immaculate Mwendé\*, a community health promoter in Embu, hosts a merry-go-round chama at her house. While the women gather to share their financial burdens and goals, the conversations often veer into intimate exchanges about their children's welfare, the very issue that brought them together in the first place. Each of the women has a child living with HIV.

## [WATCH] This centre is a home to special needs kids — but it ends when they turn 18

*Bhekisisa | 5 August 2024*

When children with special needs turn 18, they often lose the round-the-clock care that community centres like Boikanyo Mentally and Disabled Children Centre in Temba, north of Tshwane are able to give, because the government's care dependency grant of R2 180 per child, as well a government subsidy, both of which cover the centre's costs, run out. Taking care of a child who has a severe disability like cerebral palsy and Down's syndrome is a full-time job — while parents can apply for a disability grant of R2 180 per month for a child over 18, few families can take home adult children who've become attached to the caregivers that made a home for them.

## Africa Makes Strides in Curbing New HIV Infections

*News Central | 5 August 2024*

Africa's HIV prevention measures are yielding results, with a new UN report revealing that for the first time, most new infections now occur outside the continent. Despite existing gaps, the report offers hope on the path toward 2030 targets. Africa's prevention measures in the fight against new HIV infections are paying off, according to a new report by UN AIDS. The report, "The Urgency of Now: AIDS at a Crossroads," unveiled on July 22 at the 25th International AIDS Conference in Munich, highlights that sub-Saharan Africa has achieved the steepest reduction in HIV cases compared to 2010.

## Effective mental health care takes varying forms, says new study

*Medical Xpress | 5 August 2024*

Dr. Kaaren Mathias has coordinated an international team studying the value of community mental health assets in Ghana, India, Occupied Palestine and South Africa. Dr. Mathias is a public health physician and Senior Lecturer in the School of Health Sciences at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury (UC). She was one of 39 academics and community-based collaborators from 24 countries brought together by King's College London to explore how mental health care is defined and delivered when medical or Western resources are not accessible or available.

## Ethnicity, race and health equity: 3 lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic

*The Conversation | 5 August 2024*

The COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the critical need for robust and equitable public health systems in Canada that address the population's diverse needs. One of the most glaring issues during the pandemic was the lack of standardized definitions and consistent data collection methods regarding

ethnicity and race within the health system. This gap was particularly evident in the discrepancies between federal and provincial systems.

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### **COVID-19 making worrying comeback WHO warns, amid summertime surge**

*Reliefweb* | 6 August 2024

COVID-19 infections are surging worldwide - including at the Olympics - and are unlikely to decline anytime soon, the World Health Organization (WHO) warned on Tuesday. The UN health agency is also concerned that more severe variants of the coronavirus may soon be on the horizon. "COVID-19 is still very much with us," and circulating in all countries, Dr. Maria Van Kerkhove of WHO told journalists in Geneva.

### **Updated COVID Vaccines Are Coming: Effectiveness, Who's Eligible And More**

*Forbes Africa* | 6 August 2024

Drug manufacturers have created updated monovalent COVID-19 vaccines to protect against currently circulating variants, and the shots—which have shown to be more effective than the now-available vaccines—are expected to be available as soon as this month.

### **AIDS 2024: Why are kids still dying from AIDS-related illnesses when we have the tools to save them?**

*Clinton Health Access Initiative* | 6 August 2024

One thing was clear at AIDS 2024, the 25th International AIDS Conference, which wrapped up last month in Munich, Germany: you can cut the numbers multiple ways. Daily news headlines swung from hope to crisis—sometimes even when referencing the same reports.

### **Mozambique: Vaccination Against Malaria Begins**

*Reliefweb* | 6 August 2024

The Mozambican health authorities on Monday introduced vaccination against malaria for all children aged between six and 18 months. By next year, it is estimated that over 300,000 children will have been vaccinated at an overall cost of 3.3 million US dollars. About 800,000 doses of the vaccine (known as vaccine R21) are already in the country.

### **Early detection starts with you: Why we need to talk about breast cancer**

*IOL* | 6 August 2024

Statistically, one in 27 South African women will be affected by breast cancer in their lifetime. The National Department of Health says breast cancer is the most prevalent cancer and a leading cause of death among South African women. The increasing incidence of breast cancer is a major health concern with 19.4 million women aged 15 years and older at risk of contracting the disease.

### **Wits professor granted R46m for Aids research**

*Sowetan Live* | 6 August 2024

There could be light at the end of the tunnel for people with HIV/Aids in Africa after a Wits professor got a R46m grant for research that focuses on reducing deaths from bacterial and fungal infections in people living with the diseases. This comes after professor Nelesh Govender of Wits University was awarded one of seven prestigious five-year UK National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) global research professorships.

## **Fight not yet over as case against Vertex is dropped after cystic fibrosis medicine price cut**

*Spotlight | 6 August 2024*

Last year a South African woman took a multibillion-dollar United States pharmaceutical company to court with the aim of securing access to life-changing cystic fibrosis medicines. That case has now been dropped following a reduction in the price charged for the medicines in South Africa.

## **City of Tshwane to host health outreach programmes on HIV, TB, STIs, substance abuse and non-communicable diseases**

*City of Tshwane | 6 August 2024*

I am pleased to announce that the City of Tshwane Health Department will host health outreaches in selected areas across all seven regions of Tshwane over the next seven weeks. Beginning on 8 August 2024 at The Orchards in Ward 110, Region 1, this initiative is informed by our long-standing objective to bring services closer to communities.

## **Lethal outbreak of new Mpox strain erupts in central Africa**

*Moneyweb | 6 August 2024*

Countries in central Africa are racing to contain a multinational outbreak of a mutated mpox strain that's killed almost 500 people in the Democratic Republic of the Congo alone since January. The fast-spreading virus is suspected to have infected more than 12 300 people in 2024 in the DRC, where it was first reported less than a year ago.

## **The biomarkers with potential to herald lateral flow testing for TB**

*Hospital Healthcare Europe | 7 August 2024*

Using one of the most detailed analyses ever undertaken into biological markers for tuberculosis (TB), researchers at the UK's University of Southampton, working with colleagues from across the world, have identified a group of six biomarkers to help diagnose patients. Speaking to Katherine Price, lead author Dr Hannah Schiff shares her ambitions for these findings to pave the way for new lateral flow tests to diagnose more people with TB, diagnose them earlier and stop the infection from spreading.

## **Access to healthcare services important in the fight against HIV/Aids**

*African Reporter | 7 August 2024*

Since its inception in 1987, AHF has been at the forefront of the global fight against HIV/Aids, delivering essential services, advocacy, and innovative solutions to combat the pandemic. The AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF)'s milestone of supporting over two million individuals living with HIV highlights the critical importance of global health equity and access to essential healthcare services. The foundation recently celebrated this milestone at the Birchwood Hotel and OR Tambo Conference Centre.

## **Nasarawa HIV-positive nursing mothers lament hunger**

*Punch | 7 August 2024*

No fewer than 7,000 underprivileged breastfeeding mothers living with HIV and AIDS in Nasarawa State have called on both the federal and state governments to assist them with basic sources of livelihoods in order to survive the current economic situation of the country.

## **Namibia targets 70% cervical cancer screening coverage by 2030**

*Informanté | 7 August 2024*

The Ministry of Health and Social Services aims to achieve 70% coverage for cervical cancer screening by 2030. This was announced by Dr Kalumbi Shangula, the Minister of Health and Social Services, during a technical meeting on the development of the National Cancer Control Plan for Namibia.

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# TRAINING AND RESOURCES

## FORMER GOLD MINeworkERS AND THEIR FAMILIES ENCOURGED TO LODGE COMPENSATION CLAIMS FOR SILICOSIS AND TB

The Tshiamiso Trust is on a drive to ensure that all potentially eligible former gold mineworkers and their families, know about their right to lodge a claim for compensation, and are given the opportunity to do so. The Tshiamiso Trust was established in 2020 to give effect to the settlement agreement reached between six mining companies and claimant attorneys in the historic silicosis and TB class action. The companies are African Rainbow Minerals, Anglo American South Africa, AngloGold Ashanti, Harmony Gold, Sibanye Stillwater and Gold Fields. To date, the Trust has compensated over 18,000 beneficiaries, to the value of R1.67 billion. The Trust is committed to ensuring that all eligible ex-mineworkers and their families get the compensation they deserve, and appeals for your assistance in reaching potential claimants.

To lodge a claim:

- Mineworkers must have carried out risk work at one of the qualifying gold mines during the qualifying periods between 12 March 1965 and 10 December 2019, as indicated in schedule F of the Trust Deed.
- Living mineworkers must have permanent lung impairment from silicosis or TB that they contracted while doing risk work at these mines.
- For deceased mineworkers, there must either be evidence that they DIED FROM work-related TB within a year of leaving the mine if it's a TB claim, OR evidence that they had silicosis or died from silicosis if it's a silicosis claim.

For more information and to check eligibility, contact the Trust in one of the following ways:

- Phone the call centre - 080 100 0240
- Send a "Please call me" to 072 557 8077
- Chat on WhatsApp - 00 27 78 504 9004 (select option 12 from the menu)
- Send us a message on Facebook (@silicosissettlement)
- Email [info@tshiamisotrust.com](mailto:info@tshiamisotrust.com)

Claimants can also self-check to see if they are eligible to lodge a claim using an online tool found at <https://www.tshiamisotrust.com/information/status-check/>.

Claimants are reminded to be careful of people impersonating the Trust or promising to help speed up their claims. Only the Tshiamiso Trust can process claims, and this is a FREE service. Claimants must only share their documents with the officials at the lodgement offices and should not pay anyone to help them with their claims.

### Adult Primary Care 2023 Full Course

Date: 15 March 2024 - 10:00 am until 31 December 2024 - 12:00 pm

Duration: 5 Days

Time commitment: 2 Hours

Certificate offered: Certificate of Completion

Delivery method: Self-paced

This online course was developed to support the provision of health-related services and is reasonably believed to represent appropriate healthcare practices at the date of first publication, 27 October 2023. This course has been created for health care workers who have NOT already been exposed to APC training.

<https://knowledgehub.health.gov.za/course/adult-primary-care-2023-full-course>

### Subscribe to the Health Systems Trust 60percent

HST produces a weekly online publication, 60percent, which keeps subscribers abreast with the latest news and developments pertaining to HIV-related maternal, adolescent, child and youth health. The name 60percent signifies that southern Africa is responding to a feminised HIV/AIDS epidemic, with at least 60% of those living with HIV being women. Subscribe to 60percent by simply visiting HST's website (<https://www.hst.org.za>), scroll to the bottom of the page, hit the SUBSCRIBE button, and follow the prompts. Let's keep you posted!

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## PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

### Fourth annual global forum of malaria-eliminating countries

*Policy* | 6 August 2024

The Fourth Annual Global Forum of Malaria-Eliminating Countries was held in Cape Town, South Africa, from 24 to 26 January 2023. It brought together nearly 100 participants from Elimination-2025 (E-2025) countries and territories. Cambodia, Sao Tome and Principe, and Thailand presented their experiences with accelerating strategies and subnational verification.

### Call for papers - HIV and TB co-infection – closing date 20 December 2024

*BMC Infectious Diseases* is calling for submissions to their Collection on HIV and TB co-infection. This collection seeks to explore the complex relationship between tuberculosis (TB) and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), two prominent pathogens within the domain of infectious diseases. They invite submissions on co-infection research, interventions, and perspectives from various stakeholders aiming to advance understanding and improve outcomes in the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and control of HIV and TB co-infection, covering topics such as epidemiology, pathogenesis, clinical management, drug interactions, public health approaches, socioeconomic determinants, therapeutics innovation, community engagement, and health systems strengthening.

<https://bmcinfectdis.biomedcentral.com/>

### Call for papers - Mental health of adolescents – closing date 7 March 2025

*BMC Public Health* is calling for submissions to our Collection on mental health of adolescents. Adolescence is a critical developmental stage marked by significant physical and emotional changes, with mental health being heavily influenced by societal pressures, academic demands, and technology. Rising rates of anxiety, depression, and other mental health disorders among adolescents pose a global concern, affecting both immediate quality of life and long-term well-being. Addressing these issues is essential for fostering healthy development and preventing future psychosocial challenges. This Collection seeks submissions that explore factors influencing adolescent mental health, such as trends in mental health disorders, risk and protective factors, the impact of digital platforms, school environments, family relationships, barriers to accessing mental health services, and effective intervention strategies.

<https://www.biomedcentral.com/collections/mehado>

### DISTRICT HEALTH BAROMETER 2022/2023

The 16th edition of the DHB provides information across a wide range of district health services, covers over 30 indicators and continues to provide policy-makers, health workers, planners, researchers, academics and stakeholders a unique overview of the performance of public health services in South Africa. By providing a detailed analysis of health indicators, trends, and challenges at the district level, the DHB equips district managers and other stakeholders with the data necessary to identify priorities, plan and implement targeted interventions, and monitor progress. This year's Barometer also includes a chapter on air quality and health as we introduce environmental drivers of health in the publication in response to the effects of climate change on health.

As an innovation for the publication, an online interactive dashboard has been developed. This dashboard



will include all the indicators that have been compiled in the publication along with accompanying narratives on the key findings for the most recent year of data. It provides userled navigation, with the ability to drill down geographically from provincial to district level. Users will be able to decide what indicators to focus on, over what time window, and at the level of aggregation they choose. There are also timesliders available to navigate the most recent 5 years of data.

<https://www.hst.org.za/publications/Pages/-District-Health-Barometer-2022-2023.aspx>

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## CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

### **Webinar: Monitoring DHS performance towards UHC: How can we find a pragmatic way forward?**

Health systems need to respond to changing priorities. They must be regularly adjusted to reflect the most important needs of the population. Therefore, regular assessments of health systems performance help to identify and adjust priorities and inform decisions and consequent actions that will ensure the most appropriate responses to these priorities. Assessing the performance of a health system effectively is the first step to improving it. Join us as we reflect on current M&E approaches in the DHS while exploring new ways of health systems performance.

When: 15 August 2024, 16:00

Where: Zoom

Register: <https://uwc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEldOigqj0tEtUPjRlzIHxq5geTnr7ICp3G#/registration>

### **South African Society of Obstetrics and Gynaecology**

When: 28 Aug - 1 Sep 2024

Where: Sun City Convention Centre

For more information: <https://sasog.co.za/>

### **International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) Conference**

FIP holds the World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, which takes place in a different country each year. In addition to this annual congress, FIP hosts the Pharmaceutical Sciences World Congress every three to four years. At the annual congress thousands of pharmacists meet, learn, share and exchange views. Our varied programme, offering something for everyone, makes this congress the premier international event in pharmacy each year. The theme for this year's congress is "Innovating for the Future of Health Care".

When: 1 – 4 September 2024

Where: Cape Town, South Africa

For more information: <https://capetown2024.fip.org/>

### **8th World One Health Congress (WOHC) 2024**

The Congress foresees four days of an outstanding, exceptional and forward-thinking agenda, which includes parallel tracks addressing one health science, antimicrobial agents and resistance, and science policy interface, amongst others. It will enable discussing major One Health challenges, as well as sharing research data and policy developments. Above all, it will provide a great opportunity to look at global One Health science and policy through an African lens. Through an open call for abstracts, notable work from distinguished scientists and opinion leaders will be disseminated at the world's largest forum dedicated to advancing the One Health agenda and community.

When: 20 – 23 September 2024

Where: Cape Town, South Africa

For more information: <https://globalohc.org/8WOHC>

### **World Congress of Epidemiology**

When: 24 – 27 September 2024

Where: Cape Town, South Africa

For more information: <https://www.wce2024.org/>

### **Hacking healthcare: African solutions for a global stage**

For the first time, we are curating our content to bring you more flexibility, ample learning opportunities and real value for your time and money. The new deconstructed congress schedule offers a dynamic mix of both CPD-accredited and non-CPD content covering a wider range of topics over 3 days.

When: 22 – 24 October 2024

Where: Cape Town International Convention Centre, South Africa

For more information: <https://www.africahealthexhibition.com/en/attend/congress-registration-website.html>

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## **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Researcher or Senior Researcher**

**Closing Date for Application: 11 August 2024**

**Go to: <https://www.wits.ac.za/vacancies/>**

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