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## ACADEMIC AND PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

### **The effect of a self-learned virtual learning package on knowledge, attitude, and self-care behaviors of COVID-19 in people referred to health and treatment centers**

*BMC Public health | 26 June 2024*

*Tayebeh Rakhshani, Seyyed Manoochehr Dolatkah, Seyyed Mansour Kashfi & Ali Khani Jeihooni*

COVID-19 is one of the most common diseases in recent years, the most important way to prevent is through self-care behaviors; therefore, it is important to these behaviors in people. According to the importance of promoting self-care behaviors of this disease, and according to the characteristics and effectiveness of interventions based on behavior change, this study aimed to investigate the effect of educational intervention on self-care behaviors of COVID-19 in a group of patients.

### **The effect of counseling based on health promotion awareness on self-care needs and reproductive and sexual health literacy of newly married women: a randomized controlled clinical trial study**

*BMC Women's Health | 28 June 2024*

*Fereshteh Kohansal, Roghaiyeh Nourizadeh, Niloufar Sattarzadeh Jahdi, Mahdie Arab Bafrani & Esmat Mehrab*

Despite the importance of health literacy and the self-care skills in improving individual and social health and health costs reduction, scientific evidence indicates women's poor awareness of self-care needs and low health literacy concerning reproductive and sexual health in most societies. The present study was conducted to specify the effect of health awareness promotion on self-care needs and reproductive and sexual health literacy of newly married women.

### **An organizational working time reduction and its impact on three domains of mental well-being of employees: a panel study**

*BMC Public health | 28 June 2024*

*Francisca Mullens & Ilse Laurijssen*

Work hours are an important aspect of one's job and these in turn have the potential to impact people's well-being. Much research investigating the link between working hours and well-being uses cross-sectional data. Longitudinal studies, especially those studying the same subjects changing their working time, can study the impact of work time more clearly. Using panel data, this study aims to explore the impact of a reduction in working time on three domains of well-being: general well-being, job-related well-being (positive work experience) and work-family well-being (work-family conflict).

### **Use of poppers (nitrite inhalants) among young men who have sex with men with HIV: A clinic-based qualitative study**

*BMC Public Health* | 29 June 2024

Nicole Pepper, María Luisa Zúñiga & Heather L. Corliss

Nitrite inhalants (poppers) are associated with HIV transmission and commonly used among young men who have sex with men (YMSM), a group at increased risk for HIV. Significant research gaps exist in understanding the context in which YMSM use poppers. Qualitative interviews were conducted with 15 YMSM (22–31 years) with HIV to better understand the context in which poppers are used and their impacts on HIV care outcomes, such as care retention and antiretroviral adherence.

### **Barriers, Facilitators and Opportunities for HIV Status Disclosure Among Young Men Who Have Sex With Men: Qualitative Findings from the Tough Talks Intervention**

*AIDS and Behavior* | 1 July 2024

Kathryn E. Muessig, Alyssa C. Vecchio, Brady D. Hanshaw, Zachary Soberano, Kelly A. Knudtson, et al

Disclosing one's HIV status can involve complex individual and interpersonal processes interacting with discriminatory societal norms and institutionalized biases. To support disclosure decision-making among young men who have sex with men (YMSM) living with HIV, we developed Tough Talks™, an mHealth intervention that uses artificially intelligent-facilitated role-playing disclosure scenarios and informational activities that build disclosure skills and self-efficacy. Qualitative interviews were conducted with 30 YMSM living with HIV (mean age 24 years, 50% Black) who were enrolled in a randomized controlled trial assessing Tough Talks™ to understand their experiences with HIV status disclosure.

### **A 2-Year Longitudinal Randomized Control Trial of Speed of Processing Cognitive Training in Aging Adults with HIV-Associated Neurocognitive Disorder: Results of the Think Fast Study**

*AIDS and Behavior* | 1 July 2024

David E. Vance, Pariya L. Fazeli, Andres Azuero, Jennifer S. Frank, Virginia G. Wadley, et al.

Nearly 40% of people with HIV (PWH) experience HIV-associated Neurocognitive Disorder (HAND). In this 3-group efficacy study, 216 PWH 40+ years with HAND or borderline HAND were randomized to either: (1) 10 h of SOP training ( $n = 70$ ); (2) 20 h of SOP training ( $n = 73$ ), or (3) 10 h of Internet navigation training ( $n = 73$ ; contact control group). Participants were administered a measure of SOP [i.e., the Useful Field of View Test (UFOV®)] at baseline, at posttest immediately after training, and at year 1 and year 2 follow up. Intent-to-treat linear mixed-effect models with subject-specific intercept and slope were fitted to estimate between-group mean differences at the follow-up time-points. At the post-intervention time-point, small beneficial SOP training effects were observed for the 10-h group in UFOV® total ( $d = 0.28$ ,  $p = 0.002$ ). Effects were of larger magnitude for the 20-h group in these same outcomes [UFOV® total ( $d = 0.43$ ,  $p < 0.001$ )]. These results indicated better benefit with more training.

### **The effect of educational intervention based on the behavioral reasoning theory on self-management behaviors in type 2 diabetes patients: a randomized controlled trial**

*BMC Public Health* | 02 July 2024

Fatemeh Ranjbar, Masoud Karimi, Elahe Zare & Leila Ghahremani

Diabetes self-management education is necessary to improve patient outcomes and reduce diabetes-related complications. According to the theory of behavioral reasoning, the likelihood of performing a behavior is predicted by the link between beliefs, motivation, intention, and behavior. This study aimed to investigate the effect of an educational intervention based on the Behavioral Reasoning Theory (BRT) on self-management behaviors in patients with Type 2 Diabetes.

### **SMS-based interventions for improving child and adolescent vaccine coverage and**

**timeliness: a systematic review***BMC Public Health | 02 July 2024*

GE Currie, C McLeod, C Waddington &amp; TL Snelling

The aim of this review was to investigate the impact of short message service (SMS)-based interventions on childhood and adolescent vaccine coverage and timeliness. A pre-defined search strategy was used to identify all relevant publications up until July 2022 from electronic databases. Reports of randomised trials written in English and involving children and adolescents less than 18 years old were included. The review was conducted in accordance with PRISMA guidelines.

**Improving knowledge, attitude and practice on norovirus infection diarrhea among staff of kindergartens and schools: a before-after study***BMC Public Health | 02 July 2024*

Hongxin Lyu, Dongmei Liang, Riyan Luo, Yunlong Feng, Lei Liu, et al

Norovirus gastroenteritis outbreaks were common in schools and kindergartens and were more related to faculty knowledge, attitude, and practice level. Gastroenteritis outbreaks caused by norovirus in educational institutions were the prominent cause of Public Health Emergency Events in China. This study aimed to explore the transformation in the contribution of KAP items related to outbreak prevention before and after intervention and the impact of demography factors on the intervention.

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## RECENT PUBLIC HEALTH NEWS

**Stigma still a barrier on National HIV Testing Day***Wabe | 27 June 2024*

National HIV Testing Day is being recognized throughout the nation on Thursday. As the U.S. is working to end the HIV epidemic by 2030, metro Atlanta ranks third in the nation for new HIV diagnoses. On Thursday's edition of "Closer Look," Rose Scott talks with guests about several HIV-related topics, including combating the barriers and stigma that stop people from getting tested and staying in treatment after being diagnosed.

**'You have the power to change' – Young women in South Africa break through stigma and poverty and inspire others***UN Women | 27 June 2024*

The movement-building programme, supported by the Southern Africa Catholic Bishops Conference and Peace Commission, UN Women and UNAIDS, works with poor and marginalized women and girls, including those affected by gender-based violence and HIV/AIDS. In South Africa, women and girls are disproportionately affected by HIV. According to the 2023 National Strategic Plan on HIV, STIs and TB, almost two-thirds of all new HIV infections occur in women. Of these, adolescent girls and young women constitute more than a third. Also, across all age groups, the incidence rate of HIV was highest among adolescent girls and young women, and four times higher than in their male counterparts.

**Why the health department will send flood and heatwave warnings to pregnant women***Bhekisisa | 27 June 2024*

The chance of a miscarriage or stillbirth can be up to 8% higher during extreme weather events such as floods than in normal times, research published in the journal Nature shows. Heat also puts pregnant women in danger. Studies show that long periods of hot days are linked to a bigger chance of early births, babies being born too small or stillbirths. Climate scientists say we'll see events like this happening more and more as weather patterns start to change because of (mostly) our burning of fossil fuels causing the air around the planet to warm.

**Exploring the Potential of Pharmacies to Increase Access to HIV Testing**

*Poz | 27 July 2024*

In 2022, an estimated 31,800 people were diagnosed with HIV in the United States. Although HIV incidence has declined by 12% from 2018 to 2022, many people are still undiagnosed due to limited access to HIV testing resources. This has resulted in people with HIV who are unaware of their status going without treatment and wider health inequities among racial, sexual, and gender minority communities.

### **National HIV Testing Day 2024**

*Poz | 27 June 2024*

Thursday, June 27, marks National HIV Testing Day (#HIVTesting Day and #NHTD), an annual observance to encourage people to get tested for HIV and, if positive, get linked to care and treatment. This year's theme, "Level up your self-love: check your status," calls upon individuals to take charge of their health and wellness. The theme emphasizes showing yourself compassion and respect by prioritizing your health, according to HIV.gov.

### **Chronic Drugs Are Rationed In Parts Of Mpumalanga Facing A Medicine Shortage**

*Health-e News | 28 June 2024*

Clinics in Mpumalanga have been facing a medicine shortage for several months now, resulting in chronic medication being rationed among patients. According to the HIV advocacy organisation, Positive Women's Network (PWN) community members have been complaining since mid-March. Patients say they have not been getting full months' supplies of antiretroviral (ARVs) drugs and blood pressure medication, as is the norm.

### **What Is the Dapivirine Ring, and How Does It Work to Prevent HIV?**

*The Body | 30 June 2024*

Dapivirine is an antimicrobial agent—a drug that is used at a place in the body where you might get HIV—to prevent the virus from entering or reproducing. The drug is currently available in some countries, but not in the U.S., in the form of a vaginal ring that is replaced by the user every 28 days. People who are not living with HIV have a number of options available to them when it comes to HIV prevention. For instance, pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) requires taking a daily pill or visiting a clinic for an injection every one to two months. Consistent use of a condom works well also, but condoms require a partner's cooperation.

### **HIV: More babies getting infected despite PMTCT intervention**

*CNR Citi Newsroom | 30 June 2024*

The National Aids Control Programme says there is an increase in HIV mother-to-child infections despite the implementation of the Prevention of Mother To Child Transmission (PMTCT). Dr Stephen Ayisi-Addo, Programme Manager of the National Aids Control Programme (NACP), said the situation was due to a lack of testing and adherence to medication by pregnant women, hence the continuous infection from mothers to their babies.

### **In Giyani, HIV/Aids patients are giving up their meds because of their inability to pay for transport or food**

*Dailymaverick | 30 June 2024*

*Israel Nkuna*

A concerning trend has emerged in the villages of Giyani, Limpopo. Home-based care workers in the community say numerous people living with HIV/Aids are defaulting on their medication, putting their health and lives at risk. They highlight that one of the reasons for defaulting is food insecurity, which points to a need for targeted support and interventions from the government and non-governmental organisations so patients can receive the support they need to manage their conditions and live healthy lives. "I had to stop taking my antiretroviral treatments because I couldn't afford proper daily food," said a 50-year-old woman from Mahlathi in Giyani, Limpopo, who wishes to remain anonymous.

### **Session and Event Highlights at AIDS 2024**

*Poz | 1 July 2024*

AIDS 2024, the 25th International AIDS Conference, offers more than 200 sessions that spotlight the latest science, insights and lessons for and from the global HIV response. Join us for AIDS 2024 in Munich, Germany, and virtually from 22 to 26 July! Pre-conferences take place on 20 and 21 July.

## Youth-Focused Clinic Tackles HIV Myths and Misinformation in Mozambique

*Contemporary OB/GYN | 1 July 2024*

Delfina, 18, and Martha, 19, are waiting to see a counsellor at the clinic in Nante, laughing and joking about the latest events at school, where they are 10th-grade classmates. They first learned about the clinic from a community health worker who maintains a desk at Nante Secondary School for distributing condoms and referring students to the clinic.

## How The NHLS Computer Hack Will Cost Lives

*Health-e News | 1 July 2024*

It's going to take at least three weeks for the National Health Laboratory Services (NHLS) system to be restored following the cyber attack just over a week ago. The extended downtime means the NHLS will be unable to process 6.3 million blood tests, leaving people undiagnosed and risking their lives. A top haematologist working in one of Johannesburg's tertiary hospitals says his internal clinics have come to a standstill, and patients in emergency wards and intensive care units around the country are in fatal danger.

## Twice-yearly HIV prevention shot succeeds in pivotal trial, but questions loom over future access

*Spotlight | 1 July 2024*

An HIV prevention injection that provides six months of protection per shot has been shown to be highly effective in a pivotal trial largely conducted in South Africa. There are however some concerns as to when the injection will become available and how widely. An injection containing the antiretroviral drug lenacapavir is highly effective at preventing HIV infection for six months per shot. This is according to top-line study findings announced last week by the pharmaceutical company Gilead. Detailed study findings have not yet been presented at a major scientific conference or published in a reputable scientific journal.

## Researchers discover novel way to make breast cancer cells die

*Medical Xpress | 1 July 2024*

Oregon State University researchers have discovered compounds that convert a protein known for protecting cancer cells into a tumor killer. Scientists say their findings, several years in the making, open the door to promising therapies for breast cancer and other malignancies whose cells rely on the Bcl-2 protein to evade treatment and develop drug resistance.

## Common respiratory infections may have protected children from COVID-19, study suggests

*Medical Xpress | 1 July 2024*

Analyzing nasal swabs taken during the pandemic, researchers at Yale School of Medicine suggest that the frequent presence of other viruses and bacteria may have helped to protect children from the worst effects of COVID-19 by boosting their immune systems. Their results are published July 1 in the *Journal of Experimental Medicine* (JEM).

## Five ways healthcare providers can show that they respect their patients living with HIV

*Aidsmap | 1 July 2023*

Clinical education should teach a broader understanding of respectful clinical care for racialised women living with HIV from low-income backgrounds, an American study finds. While respecting patient autonomy is important, a singular focus on it may result in providers neglecting other ways that respect can be shown and may have a particular impact on how racialised women receive care within HIV clinics, say Dr Sofia Fernandez of Florida International University and colleagues. The authors argue that understanding the range of ways women with HIV feel respected by clinicians may improve clinical interactions, retention and overall health outcomes.

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Thabo Molelekwa and Marcus Low

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### **Low use of varenicline and bupropion for smoking cessation during pregnancy**

*Poz | 2 July 2024*

Maternal use of varenicline or bupropion for smoking cessation during pregnancy is low, but nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) is more common, according to a recent study published in JAMA Network Open. 1. Smoking has been reported in 6% to 18% of pregnant individuals and is associated with multiple adverse pregnancy and childhood outcomes.

### **Men encouraged to test for HIV**

*DailySun | 2 July 2024*

MPUMALANGA Premier Mandla Ndlovu has urged men in the province to get to know their HIV status. On Friday, 28 June, the premier addressed a meeting of the Mpumalanga Provincial Aids Council (MPAC) to assess progress in the implementation of the Provincial Plan (PIP) for HIV, TB and STIs. HIV is a virus that attacks cells that help the body fight infection, making a person vulnerable to other infections and diseases.

### **Mpox nowhere near COVID-19 levels in terms of spread, say health experts**

*EWN | 2 July 2024*

Some health experts have sought to ease any public panic over the mpox disease — or monkeypox — citing it's nowhere near COVID-19 levels in terms of how it spreads. This comes as the country has so far recorded 16 cases and three deaths, with all the victims identified as males between the ages of 23 and 43.

### **We finally know why some people got COVID-19 while others didn't**

*EWN | 2 July 2024*

Throughout the pandemic, one of the key questions on everyone's mind was why some people avoided getting COVID, while others caught the virus multiple times. Through a collaboration between University College London, the Wellcome Sanger Institute and Imperial College London in the UK, we set out to answer this question using the world's first controlled "challenge trial" for COVID – where volunteers were deliberately exposed to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID, so that it could be studied in great detail.

### **MEDICAL MATTERS EP 8 | PROSTATE CANCER**

*eNCA | 2 July 2024*

Did you know that Prostate Cancer is one of the most common cancers affecting men. On this week's episode of Medical Matters we chat to an expert about how men need to stay informed and take control of their health.

### **Defending your loved ones from colds and flu this winter season**

*IOL | 2 July 2024*

Winter may bring the threat of colds and flu, but it doesn't mean your family is defenceless. By following these proactive measures, you can help reduce the risk of your loved ones falling ill during winter. One of the most effective strategies to protect your family from the flu is vaccination. There are additional flu antiviral medications that can be used to treat and prevent the flu.

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diseases.

## **Innovative HIV vaccine approaches yield potential for broad protection against viral strains**

*Medical Life science | 2 July 2024*

A major challenge in developing a vaccine for HIV is that the virus mutates fast;-very fast. Although a person initially becomes infected with one or a few HIV strains, the virus replicates and mutates quickly, resulting in a "swarm" of viral strains existing in a single body. But scientists at Scripps Research; IAVI; the Ragon Institute of Mass General, MIT, and Harvard; La Jolla Institute for Immunology; and additional institutions have conducted a series of preclinical trials indicating that they're potentially closer to an immunization regimen than ever before;-one that could produce rare antibodies that would be effective against a wide range of HIV strains.

## **Health Beat #20 | Shades of Life Esidimeni: How the Gauteng government makes up its own social welfare funding rules**

*Bhekisisa | 3 July 2024*

Gauteng social development department funding cuts are resulting in organisations looking after the elderly and disabled, as well as those helping people with substance abuse problems, having to close down. In May, the Gauteng High Court ordered the provincial government to honour its agreements with such organisations, but it's been slow to do this and some have been defunded. We visit Freedom Recovery Centre near Nigel, Gauteng, where staff work without pay to keep residents on their rehab programmes. It has shades of the Life Esidimeni fiasco, with the Gauteng Care Crisis Committee accusing the provincial social development department of "making up its own rules" for welfare funding.

## **New HIV test targets neglected strains in global cure hunt**

*News Medical Life Science | 3 July 2024*

A multinational team led by Weill Cornell Medicine investigators developed a test that will help measure the persistence of HIV in people affected by viral strains found predominantly in Africa;- a vital tool in the search for an HIV cure that will benefit patients around the world. The study, published in Nature Communications on July 2, helps fill a major gap in human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) research. Most HIV studies have focused on strains circulating in Western countries, predominantly in men who have sex with men affected by subtype B. Few studies have examined strains circulating in Africa, where women are disproportionately affected.

## **Health authorities are running out of time to control a new mpox strain in the DRC**

*Euro News | 3 July 2024*

Lack of access to vaccines, stigma, and a fast-moving new variant have hindered the DRC's mpox response. A new strain of mpox that emerged in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) could become an international health threat if it isn't contained soon – and while lessons from recent viral outbreaks offer a path forward, it's unclear whether authorities will act quickly enough to rein in the virus.

## **Success Of Young Mothers Living With HIV Forming Table Banking Group For Social Economic Empowerment**

*Capital News | 3 July 2024*

'Upendo,' the Swahili name meaning love is not an ordinary word in Ringa, Kojwach, Homa Bay County. Upendo is a Women group made up of young mothers living with HIV/AIDS who have come together with a common goal of social economic empowerment. In this location, young mothers living with HIV/AIDS endured stigma and were isolated by family and friends, others transmitted the virus to their newborn babies unknowably, many of them are house wives and depending for their husbands to get food was difficult.

## **WHO ships more mpox meds to SA as cases climb**

*News24 | 3 July 2024*

Medication sufficient for the treatment of 50 people for mpox is being shipped to South Africa, according to the WHO. Currently, there is only enough medication for 15 people. South Africa has recorded 16 confirmed mpox cases since May.

## **EDITORIAL | Motsoaledi's return could work, but he needs a DG who can say “no minister”**

*Spotlight | 3 July 2024*

In some respects, Dr Aaron Motsoaledi was the right person for the job when he was appointed as South Africa's Minister of Health in 2009. But in 2024, the healthcare context in the country looks very different. Spotlight editor Marcus Low asks what we might expect from this new chapter with Motsoaledi in the top health job.

## **Tackling Socio-Economic Issues Is Key To Addressing Health Inequalities**

*Health-e News | 3 July 2024*

In South Africa, the National Health Insurance (NHI) Fund is the vehicle through which UHC will be implemented. President Cyril Ramaphosa signed the NHI into law in May. And almost immediately there were threats of court challenges with the constitutionality of the Act being questioned in various quarters of society – including political parties that are part of the Government of National Unity (GNU). It's been said that the implementation of the NHI would be phased in over several years. But it's not clear what the next steps towards this ideal will be, despite the recent announcement of the Cabinet. Health-e News speaks with Kaymarlin Govender, Research Director, HEARD, at the University KwaZulu-Natal, who explains the pivotal role of social determinants in influencing health.

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## **TRAINING AND RESOURCES**

### **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**

**Call for Abstracts** – The *Journal of the International AIDS Society* (JIAS) invites abstracts for the below



supplements:

"Differentiated service delivery – beyond HIV treatment for integration and other health needs" to be launched in July 2025 in conjunction with IAS 2025, the 13th IAS Conference on HIV Science.

Guest Editors: Anna Grimsrud, Charles B. Holmes, Linda Sande

Deadline for abstract submissions: 28 June 2024

More information [here](#).

#### **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/>

#### **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**

### **International Conference on Health Administration and Public Health Systems**

The International Conference On Health Administration And Public Health Systems (ICHAPHS-24) at Port Elizabeth, South Africa strives to serve all those engaged in the discipline of Health Administration And Public Health Systems as an avenue for growth and community-building. At this event, all stakeholders - participants, keynote speakers, presenters, volunteers, and others, will get access to best-in-class resources, infrastructure, and opportunities that will help them accomplish every one of their professional objectives irrespective of how diverse and varied they are. The organizers of the International Conference On Health Administration And Public Health Systems (ICHAPHS-24) are of the firm belief that in order to play an active part in the progress of Health Administration And Public Health Systems, the key is to foster

its spirit of community. This is exactly why apart from knowledge-dissemination events solely aimed at propagating the latest expertise and know-how, International Conference On Health Administration And Public Health Systems (ICHAPHS-24) will also feature numerous networking and socializing events where participants will get to engage with their peers, get advice from keynote speakers and other presenter's questions, and rub shoulders with the academic elite in their respective specializations.

When: 4 – 5 July 2024

Where: Port Elizabeth

For more information: <https://asar.net.in/event/index.php?id=2282042>

#### **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/>

#### **World Congress of Epidemiology**

When: 24 – 27 September 2024

Where: Cape Town, South Africa

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

#### **Public Health Association of South Africa (PHASA) 2024 conference**

**This year's theme: 'Partnerships for Public Health: Sculpting a Healthier Future Together'**

The Public Health Association of South Africa (PHASA) hosts an annual conference, with the aim of engaging public health practitioners from around the country, region and world to share their experiences and research, discuss topical public health issues, and mentor public health students and young researchers.

The 2024 PHASA Conference provides an opportune setting for engaging with the most recent public health research and evidence, for rethinking current models of research translation, for identifying barriers and opportunities for change, and for exploring new strategies for knowledge exchange and dissemination.

Join fellow public health experts, academics, researchers, students, non-governmental organisations, and civil society members at this year's annual PHASA Conference; as we transform the ways we think about and approach priority areas of public health research, policy, and practice, to ultimately improve health outcomes for all.

For more information please visit the conference website: <https://phasa.samrc.ac.za/>

#### **Become a member of the Public Health Association of South Africa (PHASA)**

The Public Health Association of South Africa (PHASA) is a voluntary organisation of individuals passionate about population health improvements and the reduction of health inequities, and whose work focuses on the prevention of disease, the promotion of health, and the improved functioning of the country's health care system.

<https://phasa.org.za/index.php/get-involved/membership>

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## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

### Registered Nurse

**Closing Date: 9 July 2024, at 16h30**

**Go to: <https://careers.hst.org.za/>**

### CLINICAL ADVISOR

**Closing Date: 12 July 2024, at 16h30**

**Go to: [https://www.hst.org.za/Pages/Health-Systems-Strengthening-\(HSS\)-Unit--CLINICAL-ADVISOR0628-4078.aspx](https://www.hst.org.za/Pages/Health-Systems-Strengthening-(HSS)-Unit--CLINICAL-ADVISOR0628-4078.aspx)**

### PROFESSIONAL NURSE CLINICIAN

**Closing Date: 12 July 2024, at 16h30**

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