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ACADEMIC AND PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

Unveiling the crisis of the double burden of malnutrition

The Lancet | 29 January 2024

Biniyam Sahiledengle, Lillian Mwanri

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Outcomes of antiretroviral treatment for 0-14-year-old children living with HIV in Ganzhou, China, 2006–2023

Aids Research and Therapy | 31 January 2024

All 0-14-year-old CLHIV admitted to the Ganzhou Center for Disease Control and Prevention from January 2006 to June 2023 were included retrospectively. The information of treatment regimens, disease progression, and laboratory tests of the patients under ART were used to explore the outcomes and impacts of long-term ART. The normality of all the data was tested by the Shapiro-Wilk test.

Experiences of people living with HIV in low- and middle-income countries and their perspectives in self-management: a meta-synthesis

AIDS Research and Therapy | 31 January 2024

Tegene Legese Dadi, Anja M. C. Wiemers, Yadessa Tegene, Girmay Medhin & Mark Spigt

Availability of anti-retroviral treatment has changed HIV in to a manageable chronic disease, making effective self-management essential. However, only a few studies in low- and middle-income countries

(LMICs) reported experiences of people living with HIV (PLWH) on self-management.

Does Engagement in HIV Care Affect Screening, Diagnosis, and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases in Sub-Saharan Africa? A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

Aids and Behaviour | 1 February 2024

Emma M. Kileel, Amy Zheng, Jacob Bor, Matthew P. Fox, Nigel J. Crowther, et al.

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Feasibility and Acceptability of Group-Based Stigma Reduction Interventions for Adolescents Living with HIV and Their Caregivers: The Suubi4Stigma Randomized Clinical Trial (2020–2022)

Aids and Behaviour | 3 February 2024

Proscovia Nabunya, Herbert Migadde, Flavia Namuwonge, James Mugisha, Winnie Kirabo, et al.

This study examined the feasibility and acceptability of two group-based interventions: group-cognitive behavioral therapy (G-CBT) and a family-strengthening intervention delivered via multiple family group (MFG-FS), to address HIV stigma among adolescents living with HIV (ALHIV) and their caregivers. A total of 147 adolescent-caregiver dyads from 9 health clinics situated within 7 political districts in Uganda were screened for eligibility. Of these, 89 dyads met the inclusion criteria and provided consent to participate in the study.

Police Violence Experienced by Black Gay and Bisexual Men: The Effects on HIV Care Engagement and Medication Adherence

Aids and Behaviour | 4 February 2024

Black men face high rates of police violence, including direct victimization and indirect exposure to or knowledge of harmful policing. This violence can result in death and physical harm, as well as in numerous poor mental health outcomes. There has been little research examining experiences of police violence experienced by Black gay and bisexual men or the effects of police brutality on HIV continuum of care outcomes. To address this important gap, in this exploratory study, we examined the effects of police brutality on engagement in HIV care and adherence to antiretroviral medications.

Body mass index and altered lipid profile as major risk markers for breast cancer progression: a cross-sectional study of postmenopausal women in Pakistan

BMC Women's Health | 4 February 2024

Lubna Gohar, Bushra Riaz, Muhammad Sohaib Nadeem, Seyyedha Abbas, Tayyaba Afsar, et al.

In Pakistan, the death rate for post-menopausal women with breast cancer is significant due to late detection and delayed referral to proper facilities. There are a few reports on Pakistan's epidemiology and breast cancer risk factors. There are modifiable and non-modifiable risk factors associated with the development of breast carcinoma; of which body mass index (BMI), central obesity, and lipid profile are considered as major risk markers.

Exploring self-care and cervical cancer prevention attitudes and practices among Moroccan and Pakistani immigrant women in Catalonia, Spain: a comparative qualitative study

BMC Public Health | 6 February 2024

Jone G. Lurgain, Hakima Ouaraab-Essadek, Khadija Mellouki, Sumaira Malik-Hameed, Andleeb Sharif, et al.

Self-care and preventive health strategies may trigger health inequities when individuals' cultural values and health beliefs are not fully understood and considered. In the case of cervical cancer (CC) screening programs immigrant women have shown lower attendance compared with native women, which increases the risk of late diagnosis and, consequently, a lower probability of survival. HPV self-sampling for CC screening has been recently added to the World Health Organization's (WHO) list of self-care interventions as a promising tool to reduce this disparity and improve screening coverage. In Catalonia, Spain, the introduction of HPV self-sampling as a part of the new population-based CC screening program, is a significant step.

Advanced HIV as a Neglected Disease

The New England Journal of Medicine | 6 February 2024

Nathan Ford, D.Sc., Peter Ehrenkranz, M.D., and Joseph Jarvis, M.B., B.S.

In the early decades of the global response to HIV/AIDS, the focus was on saving lives. And rightly so: without antiretroviral treatment (ART), people lived less than a year, on average, from the time they developed AIDS. But over the past 15 years, the focus has shifted to virologic control. Since modeling and trials have shown that treating HIV could not only benefit the infected person but also eliminate transmission, viral suppression has become the main measure of success for HIV programs. Global targets have focused attention on the numbers of people who are tested, who begin receiving treatment, and in whom viral suppression is achieved. Reducing mortality is no longer a central metric.

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RECENT PUBLIC HEALTH NEWS

A 30-fold rise of measles cases in 2023 in the WHO European Region warrants urgent action

WHO | 14 December 2024

The WHO European Region is experiencing an alarming rise in measles cases. Over 30 000 measles cases were reported by 40 of the Region's 53 Member States between January and October 2023. Compared to 941 cases reported in all of 2022, this represents a more than 30-fold rise. The rise in cases has accelerated in recent months, and this trend is expected to continue if urgent measures are not taken across the Region to prevent further spread. "We have seen in the Region not only a 30-fold increase in measles cases, but also nearly 21 000 hospitalizations and 5 measles-related deaths. This is concerning" explained Dr Hans Henri P. Kluge, WHO Regional Director for Europe. "Vaccination is the only way to protect children from this potentially dangerous disease. Urgent vaccination efforts are needed to halt transmission and prevent further spread. It is vital that all countries are prepared to rapidly detect and

timely respond to measles outbreaks, which could endanger progress towards measles elimination.”

Addressing dangerous health narratives in emergencies: an operational toolkit

WHO | 25 January 2024

Infodemics occur when too much information, including false or misleading information, is available in digital and physical environments. This can pose a big health risk, which is often exacerbated during emergencies. To mark the publication of a new toolkit, Cristiana Salvi, WHO/Europe's Regional Advisor on Risk Communication, Community Engagement and Infodemic Management, explains the importance of addressing dangerous health narratives.

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Kenya's healthcare workers abuse a third of teen mums from informal settlements – study

The Conversation | 29 January 2024

Adolescent pregnancy is a global public health concern: in 2022, about 13% of girls and young women gave birth before the age of 18. Compared with women in their early 20s, adolescents are more susceptible to maternal deaths. Pregnancy-related complications are among the leading causes of death among Africa's adolescent girls.

The Campaign to Recognize Noma as an NTD: How Inclusion Can Drive Research to Prevent and Treat the Disease

Health Policy Watch | 31 January 2024

A milestone World Health Organization (WHO) decision to recognise noma (cancrum oris or gangrenous stomatitis) as a neglected tropical disease (NTD) is the result of a longstanding campaign waged for over a decade by global health researchers and advocates in Geneva and beyond. Proponents believe that inclusion can offer noma's victims the hope of new investments and eventually treatments for one of the world's least understood diseases.

Valentine's for Women Living With HIV

Poz | 31 January 2024

Due to limited supplies this year, group requests are limited to 30 cards per organization. Cards will be mailed out in early February so that they arrive by Valentine's Day, February 14. (International mailings may arrive later.) Respecting the privacy of recipients, envelopes will bear the recipient's address without additional information. Please note that the valentines are for women and femme-identified people living with HIV only. Thank you for respecting this. This program is a collaboration between Visual AIDS, the Fire Island Artist Residency, Dieu Donné, Positive Women's Network — USA, and The Well Project. Since 2015, artists, activists and HIV-positive women have come together for LOVE POSITIVE WOMEN paper making workshops to show their love and support for women living with HIV. Hosted at Dieu Donné's paper making studios, the program has mailed over 4,500 unique handmade paper Valentines cards to women living with HIV around the world to celebrate LOVE POSITIVE WOMEN.

Comparative analysis of parenteral and oral contraceptives

Contemporary OB/GYN | 1 February 2024

Parenteral and oral contraceptives are both effective contraceptive methods, according to a recent study published in the *Journal of Clinical Medicine*. Oral hormonal contraceptives have been available for decades, and recently, alternative administration methods such as transdermal and vaginal administration have been developed to reduce side effects and hormone levels. These may be effective alternatives for women who experience difficulties when taking pills daily.

New licensing agreement set to double HIV vaginal ring supply in Africa

Devex | 1 February 2024

Good news for the thousands of girls and women in the sub-Saharan Africa region: A new licensing agreement is set to double the continental supply of a game-changing, long-acting HIV prevention tool. Made of flexible silicone, the dapivirine vaginal ring, or DPV-VR, which slowly releases the antiretroviral drug dapivirine in the vagina over one month, is the first long-acting HIV prevention method that is approved for use in women aged 18 and above.

Understanding contraceptive decision-making in sub-Saharan Africa

Harvard School of Public Health | 1 February 2024

Growing up in Tanzania, Valencia Lambert was aware from a young age that inequities can impact health decision making and access to quality care. It's what sparked her initial interest in the field of public health. "I've always had a game plan to use my ambitions for advocacy, to embrace different perspectives, and to fully dive into public health in my work," said Lambert, a master of science candidate at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. "And to always dig deeper, to learn more."

CDC Sheds Light on High HIV Risk Among Trans Women

Poz | 1 February 2024

Studies show that transgender women, especially transgender women of color, are disproportionately affected by HIV, but research regarding their HIV risk factors is lacking. To shed light on what's causing the higher rate of HIV diagnoses, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) developed the National HIV Behavioral Surveillance Among Transgender Women (NHBS-Trans) and published findings in the *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* and in a special report highlighting the main findings. The data were then further broken down and published in six individual reports.

UNAIDS Executive Director: let women and girls lead to protect and advance human rights globally

UNAIDS | 1 February 2024

At a conference hosted in Oslo by the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad), UNAIDS Executive Director, Winnie Byanyima, has made an impassioned call to all international partners to support women and girls from marginalized communities at the frontlines of the defence of human rights. Only by ensuring that the rights of everyone are protected can the world ensure that the health of everyone is protected, and that the Sustainable Development Goals are achieved. In her keynote speech at the Rights and Resistance conference Ms Byanyima said, "We cannot separate sustainable development from human rights. We must put human rights at the centre of our development efforts. The AIDS movement, of which I am proud to be part, has been resolute in this. We have demonstrated how patriarchal, racist, and homophobic laws, policies, practices and norms undermine health and hurt everyone."

Ashley's Story – An Informed HIV Journey Toward Breastfeeding

Poz | 1 February 2024

"The updated HHS HIV clinical practice guidelines regarding breastfeeding [and chestfeeding*] provide options that didn't exist before. I want to share information about the updated guidelines so individuals have support to decide what is best for them." Ashley Cason, an "I am a Work of ART" campaign creative partner and HIV community advocate, shared this perspective with HIV.gov as we discussed her informed

decision to breastfeed her second child, a boy, who was born in early November 2023. The revisions to the guidelines are one of the federal Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S. (EHE) initiative achievements and were made—with community input—by an expert panel in perinatal HIV.

Cervical cancer can be beaten - the key is vaccinating young girls

The News Minute | 2 February 2024

In 2020 the World Health Organization introduced a plan to eliminate cervical cancer as a public health threat by 2030. The first step towards this goal is to have 90% of girls fully vaccinated against human papillomavirus (HPV) by the age of 15 years. Gynaecological oncologist Lynette Denny spells out how much progress still needs to be made, and what hurdles need to be overcome.

New drug to reduce malaria rates among pregnant women with HIV

Nation | 2 February 2024

A drug aimed at reducing the risk of malaria infections in pregnant women living with HIV has shown promising results, according to the Kenya Medical Research Institute (Kemri). According to a recent study published at *Lancet*, the new drug treatment could help prevent malaria during pregnancy, especially among pregnant women with HIV in Sub-Saharan Africa. The researchers underscore the potential of integrating an antimalarial drug, dihydroartemisinin-piperazine, into the already existing malaria treatment.

Cape Verde is the third African country to eliminate malaria: here's how

The Conversation | 2 February 2024

Cape Verde has been certified malaria-free by the World Health Organization. The archipelago to the west of Senegal consists of 10 islands, and has a population of over 500,000 people. It is the third country in Africa to be declared malaria-free, after Mauritius (in 1973) and Algeria (in 2019). This brings the total of malaria-free countries to 43 worldwide. Achieving malaria-free certification is no simple feat. As specialists in malaria prevention and control, we explain Cape Verde's long journey to eliminating the disease that killed over 600,000 people worldwide in 2022.

Can South Africa stop cervical cancer in the next 40 years?

Bhekisisa | 2 February 2024

The human papillomavirus (HPV) causes an infection that can lead to cervical cancer. Cervical cancer kills more than 5 000 women in South Africa every year. But a vaccine given to teen girls and young women can prevent them from getting infected in the first place. South Africa wants to stop cervical cancer by 2063 — like Australia is on track to do by 2030. Here's how. In today's newsletter Mohale Moloji explains why more #HPV testing is needed for SA women to be free from #cervicalcancer in 40 years. Sign up.

What will happen to the HIV response after 2030?

Be In The Know | 2 February 2024

For many years, the HIV response has focused on ending AIDS as a public health threat by 2030. But what happens after that? A new 'primer' from UNAIDS explores the issue.

Thirty years of rural health research: South Africa's Agincourt studies offer unique insights

The Conversation | 5 February 2024

In 1992 a group of academics from the University of the Witwatersrand introduced a health and socio-demographic surveillance system in remote, rural South Africa to track and understand health and wellbeing in these environments. This initiative built on pioneering work by a Wits team to establish a health systems development unit in a typical rural setting. Agincourt, in the Bushbuckridge district in rural north-eastern South Africa adjacent to Mozambique, was a microcosm of the neglected health and

socioeconomic systems in rural areas during apartheid.

Female genital mutilation

WHO | 5 February 2024

Female genital mutilation (FGM) comprises all procedures that involve partial or total removal of the external female genitalia, or other injury to the female genital organs for non-medical reasons. The practice has no health benefits for girls and women and cause severe bleeding and problems urinating, and later cysts, infections, as well as complications in childbirth and increased risk of newborn deaths.

Protecting HIV-positive adolescents against high-risk HPV types

Contemporary OB/GYN | 5 February 2024

The Gardasil quadrivalent human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine can protect HIV-positive adolescents from HPV types 16, 18, 6, and 11, according to a recent study published in *Viruses*. HPV is linked to approximately 5% of cancers, including vulva, vagina, penis, cervix, oropharynx, and anus cancers. The most common of these is cervical cancer, with an incidence above 527,624 cases. HPV vaccination has been highlighted as a method of reducing cervical cancer incidence, with the goal of administering the vaccine to 90% of girls aged under 15 years by 2030.

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Aidsmap | 5 February 2024

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Involving religious leaders can undermine HIV prevention

Aidsmap | 5 February 2024

Traditionally, international HIV prevention efforts are managed by secular public health organisations or programmes, often internationally funded, that work with local health care providers, statutory organisations, and communities. In the early 2000s, UNICEF introduced a new initiative through which local religious leaders in South Asia, with little or no previous knowledge of HIV, would be invited to join their countries' HIV prevention efforts. The initiative recognised that religious leaders have great influence on public opinion and people's behaviour and hoped that through their involvement, these religious leaders would come to adopt a scientific approach to HIV and disseminate appropriate information in their communities.

COVID-19's impact on early education: Retrospective study shows decrease in kindergarten readiness

News Medical Life science | 6 February 2024

Primary care screening visits for young children serve as useful sources of data for assessing social and developmental markers. It is not clear how these screening data can be used to predict whether children are school ready.

Advancing the cardiovascular care of the oncology patient course fosters progression of patient-centered CV and cancer care

EurekAlert! | 6 February 2024

Kicking off on February 9-11 in Washington, the American College of Cardiology (ACC) Advancing the Cardiovascular Care of the Oncology Patient course is an interdisciplinary course that highlights emerging

strategies and best practices for managing the heart health of cancer patients. While heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States, cancer takes second place with an estimated 1.9 million new cases in 2022. The fields of cardiology and oncology experience significant overlap, with several cancer treatments linked to an increased risk of long-term CV events, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, peripheral arterial disease and more.

Life of Service: Dr. Ada Stewart on National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

HIV.gov | 6 February 2024

On the National Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, HIV.gov spoke with Ada Stewart, M.D. about the annual recognition of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD), on February 7, which is during Black History Month. She shared her thoughts about this year's NBHAAD theme, the importance of HIV education, and improving efforts targeted toward ending the HIV epidemic in Black communities. Watch an inspirational video featuring Dr. Stewart and read our previous blog about her to learn more.

Continuity of HIV Care Preserved During Pandemic Through Telemedicine, Despite Lack of In-Person Care

AJMC | 6 February 2024

Challenges in access to care for patients living with HIV (PLWH) during the COVID-19 pandemic led to numerous strategies to adapt care delivery. According to a study published in *Cureus*, these strategies can be used in the future should other such emergencies occur. The World Health Organization declared a global pandemic on March 11, 2020. This led to countless health care facilities closing or operating online, which led to numerous challenges in health care delivery. PLWH who relied on essential medical treatment and testing from health care providers were particularly vulnerable during this time, as viral suppression is vital for improving health outcomes.

Safeguarding the future of women and girls in Nigeria against cervical cancer

Zaway | 6 February 2024

When 11-year-old Morenike Ayeni received the Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (HPV), she became one of the millions of adolescent girls to get vaccinated against cervical cancer in Nigeria. "Hearing that the government was giving HPV vaccines to girls aged 9 to 14 years, I made sure my daughter got her shot to safeguard her future. "It is better to prevent diseases using vaccines than seeking cures or treatments", Said Mrs Ayeni, a businesswoman residing in Abuja, the Federal Capital Territory.

Recognising inequities in care is key to beating cancer

IOL | 6 February 2024

On Sunday, people in more than 135 countries observed World Cancer Day 2024, an initiative of the not-for-profit Union for International Cancer Control and supported by the World Health Organisation (WHO), primarily to further increase the awareness of a disease which respects no borders, ethnicity, gender, age, creed or socio-economic status.

"I would rather die": Kenyan gay and bisexual men's experiences seeking healthcare

Aidsmap | 6 February 2024

Young gay and bisexual men in Kenya experienced high levels of stigma and discrimination in public healthcare facilities, while reporting more positive experiences in private and gay-friendly clinics. Online interventions were seen as a way of catering to priority needs and reducing stigmatising experiences, according to a recent qualitative study.

Heavy drinking has greater impact on heart disease risk in people with HIV

Aidsmap | 7 February 2024

Even when several risk factors for heart disease including cholesterol and diabetes are well controlled,

people with HIV remain at higher risk of heart attacks, strokes or heart failure than people without HIV, a large study of people receiving medical care in California has found.

Medical research at stake as fake scientific papers balloon

Juta Medical Brief | 7 February 2024

Tens of thousands of bogus research papers are being published in journals in an international scandal that is worsening every year, with scientists warning that medical research is being compromised, drug development hindered and promising academic research jeopardised. Last year, the global wave of sham science sweeping laboratories and universities saw the annual number of papers retracted by research journals topping 10 000 for the first time. However, most analysts believe the figure is only the tip of an iceberg of scientific fraud, reports The Guardian.

Environmental toxins poisoning epigenetic inheritance

IOL | 7 February 2024

Researchers from McGill University, the University of Pretoria and Université Laval have concluded that toxins in the environment, notably DDT, modify the sperm epigenome at sites potentially transmitted to the embryo at conception. The study signals potential reproductive and health complications in humans, now and for future generations. It reveals that fathers exposed to DDT- may produce sperm that could have health consequences for their children.

Artificial intelligence shows improved accuracy of ovarian cancer diagnosis

Clinical Trial Arena | 7 February 2024

Complications in the timely, accurate screening of ovarian cancer mean many women receive a diagnosis when in the advanced stages of the disease. This frequently makes ovarian cancer a fatal diagnosis. While researchers have made significant advances in the development of various biomarker-driven tests for ovarian cancer, such procedures have yet to offer a reliable diagnosis without being performed multiple times.

Study pinpoints a protein linked to metastatic pancreatic cancer

News Medical Life Science | 7 February 2024

Pancreatic cancer is the No. 3 cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States, and only 12% of patients survive five years after being diagnosed. Severe pancreatic cancer is associated with metastasis, and it is this spread of secondary tumors that usually causes death, but little is known about the molecular mechanisms that drive metastasis.

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TRAINING AND RESOURCES

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The Health Systems Trust (HST) produces a weekly bulletin on Fridays focusing on key public health news, peer-reviewed journal articles and other important primary healthcare 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!

The Public Health Association of South Africa (PHASA) – calling all public health champions!

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. Are you passionate about improving the health and wellbeing of communities? Do you want to expand your professional network and stay current in the field of public health? Do you want to be part of the movement to improve Public Health? Then join the Public Health Association of South Africa today to make a difference and enhance your career!

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PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

District Health Barometer launch soon!

The District Health Barometer (DHB) will be launched soon and we will share information on the webinar so be on the lookout for more details. The latest District Health Barometer will unveil an online interactive dashboard. Join us for an engaging and insightful session where we will showcase the highlights of our publication and demonstrate the features and functionalities of our dynamic online dashboard.

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CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

HIMSS 2024 Global Health Conference & Exhibition

The 2024 HIMSS European Health Conference & Exhibition brings together over 30,000 healthcare industry professionals, innovators, and educators from around the world to connect, learn, and experience innovative tech products and solutions that support the transformation of the health ecosystem through information and technology.

When: March 11-15, 2024

Where: Orlando, FL | McCormick Place Convention Center

For more information: <https://healthcaretransformers.com/healthcare-business/healthcare-conferences/healthcare-conferences-2024/>

SAPHEX 2024 Exhibition and Conference

The SAPHEX 2024 exhibition and conference continues to grow year-on-year and has become the leading annual event for anyone working in the South African pharmaceutical manufacturing industry. The exhibition brings together all the key suppliers to the region's pharmaceutical manufacturing base, exhibitors presenting a full range of APIs, excipients, and drug formulations; pharmaceutical packaging solutions; processing machinery and equipment; laboratory equipment; and cleanroom technology.

When: 13-14 March 2024

Where: Sandton, Johannesburg South Africa

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

3rd Edition of International Public Health Conference

The theme for this year's conference is "Restraining Pandemics Through Exploration of Trends and Public Health Challenges." With over 40 scientific sessions, attendees are sure to gain insights across a wide range of topics including infectious diseases, preventative medicine, chronic diseases, clinical trials and research, global health, health economics, and more.

When: March 21 – 23, 2024

Where: Singapore

For more information: <https://healthcaretransformers.com/healthcare-business/healthcare-conferences/healthcare-conferences-2024/>

8th SA TB Conference 2024

In keeping with the conference theme, the 8th SA TB conference will focus on innovations that will move South Africa further towards ending TB. Look out for exciting plenary presentations, Round Table discussions and Skills Building Workshops. Be part of the conference and submit your abstract early! Your abstract submission ahead of schedule will make a significant impact.

When: 4-7 June 2024

Where: Durban ICC

For more information: <https://tbconference.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 Congress

When: 24-27 September 2024

Where: Cape Town, South Africa

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

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Medical Officer (CCPAC)

Closing date: 13 February 2024

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District Information Officer (Zululand District)

Closing date: 16 February 2024

[https://www.hst.org.za/Pages/District-Information-Officer-\(Zululand-District\).aspx](https://www.hst.org.za/Pages/District-Information-Officer-(Zululand-District).aspx)

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