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## Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

### A South African decade of antiretrovirals

*W D Francois Venter. Guest Editorial. South African Medical Journal 2014;104(1):3. Published: 28 November 2013.*

It is hard not to call the last decade of antiretroviral (ARV) access anything other than a public health, human rights and political success... [Read More »](#)

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### Parents' perceptions of HIV counselling and testing in schools: Ethical, legal and social implications

*Ruth Gwandure, Eleanor Ross, Ames Dhai, Jillian Gardner. South African Medical Journal 2014;104(1):40-42. Published: January 2014.*

In view of the high prevalence of HIV and AIDS in South Africa, particularly among adolescents, the Departments of Health and Education have proposed a school-based HIV counselling and testing (HCT) campaign to reduce HIV infections and sexual risk behaviour. Through the use of semi-structured interviews, our qualitative study explored perceptions of parents regarding the ethico-legal and social implications of the proposed campaign... [Read More »](#)

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### Health belief model based evaluation of school health education programme for injury prevention among high school students in the community context

*Zhi-Juan Cao, Yue Chen and Shu-Mei Wang. BMC Public Health 2014, 14:26. Published: 10 January 2014.*

Although multifaceted community-based programmes have been widely developed, there remains a paucity of evaluation of the effectiveness of multifaceted injury prevention programmes implemented in different settings in the community context. This study was to provide information for the evaluation of community-based health education programmes of injury prevention among high school students... [Read More »](#)

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### From sovereignty to solidarity: A renewed concept of global health for an era of complex interdependence

*Julio Frenk, Octavio Gómez-Dantés and Suerie Moon. The Lancet, Volume 383, Issue 9911, Pages 94 - 97. Published: 4 January 2014.*

The moment is ripe to revisit the idea of global health. Despite tens of billions of dollars spent over the past decade under the auspices of global health, a consensus definition for this term remains elusive. Yet the way in which we understand global health critically shapes not only which and whose problems we tackle, but also the way in which we raise and allocate funds, communicate with the public and policy makers, educate students, and design the global institutions that govern our collective efforts to protect and promote public health worldwide... [Read More »](#)

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### Selected articles from the 3rd Ethics, Human Rights and Medical Law Conference (3rd EHRML)

*Sylvester Chima, Takafira Mduluzza and Julius Kipkemboi (eds) 3rd Ethics, Human Rights and Medical Law Conference, Africa Health Congress 2013. Johannesburg, South Africa. 7-9 May 2013. Published: 19 December 2013.*

With the theme of bioethical and legal perspectives in biomedical research and medical practice in Africa, the conference focused on Informed Consent, HIV-AIDS & Tuberculosis, Leadership and Organizational Ethics, Patients and Healthcare Workers Rights. The 8 research articles included in this supplement highlight the increasing relevance of the ethical implications of biomedical research and medical practice, fostering the debate on issues such as the incentives for participants in research studies, the ethics of healthcare workers going on strike, or the stigmatization of people living with HIV/AIDS by healthcare workers... [Read More »](#)

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### **Physical activity and sedentary behavior among adolescents in rural South Africa: levels, patterns and correlates**

Lisa K Micklesfield, Titilola M Pedro, Kathleen Kahn, John Kinsman, John M Pettifor, Stephen Tollman and Shane A Norris. *BMC Public Health* 2014, 14:40. Published: 16 January 2014.

Physical inactivity is increasing among children and adolescents and may be contributing to the increasing prevalence of overweight and obesity. This study examines physical activity and sedentary behavior patterns, and explores associations with individual, maternal, household, and community factors amongst rural South African adolescents... [Read More »](#)

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## **Recent News**

### **Study uses stem cells to help treat drug-resistant TB**

*BDLive*. Published: 10 January 2014.

Patients with potentially lethal multidrug-resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB) might one day be treated with stem cells taken from their own bone marrow, according to a small study published in the medical magazine *Lancet*... [Read More »](#)

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### **Innovative healthcare initiative launched in Cape Town**

*Humanipo*. Published: 9 January 2014.

The Inclusive Healthcare Innovation Initiative (IHII) has been launched in South Africa by two University of Cape Town (UCT) faculties, with the aim of creating a collaborative, cross-disciplinary approach to achieving healthcare innovation... [Read More »](#)

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### **New iPad app to record data at Groote Schuur**

*Health24*. Published: 8 January 2014.

Canadian surgeons have collaborated with Groote Schuur Hospital to successfully develop an iPad app for capturing trauma patient data... [Read More »](#)

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### **Wrangle may delay healthcare inquiry**

*BDLive*. Published: 6 January 2014.

On the eve of the landmark inquiry into the private healthcare industry in South Africa, the Netcare group is challenging the Competition Commission's use of professional services firm KPMG as its technical service provider for the investigation... [Read More »](#)

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### **Drink fuels nation's health crisis**

*IOL*. Published: 31 December 2013.

As the curtain fell on 2013 not much has changed regarding the health of the citizens. The burdens of disease have not abated, while health departments and other stakeholders have continued to forge ahead with the battle to educate and increase awareness of prevention, rather than cure... [Read More »](#)

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### **Department to assess effects of mooted alcohol ad ban**

*BDLive*. Published: 24 December 2013.

The Department of Health is to commission an independent regulatory impact assessment (RIA) of its plan to ban the advertising of alcohol products... [Read More »](#)

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### **Concerns grow over Mpumalanga health care**

*News24. Published: 21 December 2013.*

Several hospitals in Mpumalanga are in a critical state and impact government's ability to provide health care, the SA Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) said...[Read More »](#)

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### **Healthcare heroes heal the system**

*Mail&Guardian. Published: 17 January 2014.*

Clinical associates are changing the medical sector by freeing up doctors to do more. Although a clinical associate degree is registered with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA), the extent of their responsibilities, which were submitted to the council last year, have not been formally approved...[Read More »](#)

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### **Motsoaledi: Big pharma's 'satanic' plot is genocide**

*Mail&Guardian. Published: 17 January 2014.*

Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi is livid about a pharmaceutical company campaign he says will restrict access to crucial drugs. Health Minister Aaron Motsoaledi has accused a group of multinational pharmaceutical companies active in South Africa of conspiring against the state, the people of South Africa and the populations of developing countries - and of planning what amounts to mass murder...[Read More »](#)

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## **Training and Resources**

### **Medicines Quality Database (MQDB)**

*Promoting the Quality of Medicines (PQM) Program, supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and implemented by the United States Pharmacopeial Convention (USP).*

The availability of poor quality medicines - i.e. medicinal products that are substandard, spurious, falsely labelled, falsified or counterfeit, as defined by the World Health Organization (WHO) - has become an issue of public health concern. To fulfil this need, in 2011 the Promoting the Quality of Medicines (PQM) programme introduced the Medicines Quality Database (MQDB). The public and freely accessible online tool that tracks medicines tested for quality in selected countries in Africa, Latin America and south-eastern Asia. [Click Here>>](#)

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### **Practicum on Monitoring and Evaluation of Health Communication programs**

*The African Network for Strategic Communication in Health and Development (AfriComNet)*

*When: 2-4 June 2014*

*V enue: Accra, Ghana*

The African Network for Strategic Communication in Health and Development (AfriComNet), a network of health communication practitioners across 50 countries, proposes an interactive three-day practicum focused on health communication monitoring and evaluation. Early registration is encouraged as the practicum is limited to a maximum of 150 participants. [Click Here>>](#)

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### **Structural Approaches to HIV Prevention Position Paper Series & Resource Tool**

*AIDSTAR*

This set of five position papers was co-commissioned by AIDSTAR-One and the STRIVE research consortium to address critical issues within the field of structural interventions for prevention of sexual transmission of HIV in general populations. The papers present both academic and field-based perspectives on key concepts and definitions, operational approaches, programmatic experience, and the current evidence base linking structural factors to HIV risk. [Click Here>>](#)

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## **Reports and Publications**

### **NSP Review: Engaging with South Africa's National Strategic Plan for HIV, STIs and TB**

TAC. Published: 2013

Published by the Treatment Action Campaign and Section27, the latest NSP Review looks at retention in care, health leadership and the role of citizen journalism in tracking progress against national targets. [Click Here»](#)

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### **Trends in national and provincial health and HIV/ AIDS budgeting and spending in South Africa**

*Centre for Economic Governance and AIDS in Africa (CEGAA). Published: 2013*

The endless fight against HIV and AIDS would not have been possible without financial investment and rigorous research in the HIV and AIDS field. The recent procurement and distribution of the triple combination therapy for AIDS in South Africa depicts the commitment by government to intensify the fight against the pandemic and to enhance good adherence among those taking AIDS treatment. [Click Here»](#)

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## **Conferences**

### **Mobile Health Hackathon**

*When: 24-25 January 2014*

*Venue: Klien Schuur Conference Venue, New Main Building, Groote Schuur Hospital, Cape Town*

*URL: <http://www.hst.org.za/events/mobile-health-hackathon>*

Would you like to meet new people, learn something and build an application that can disrupt healthcare delivery in South Africa? Oh, and have some fun too?!

On 24 & 25 January 2014, the Inclusive Healthcare Innovation Initiative is giving participants the opportunity to create and innovate to build mobile and technology applications addressing real pressing health challenges. We are excited that we will be able to do this in a real healthcare setting - Groote Schuur Hospital where the first heart transplant was performed.

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### **Inclusive Healthcare Innovation Summit 2014**

*A joint-initiative of the Faculty of Health Sciences and Graduate School of Business, University of Cape Town*

*When: 29-30 January 2014*

*Venue: Cape Town, South Africa*

*URL: <http://www.hst.org.za/events/inclusive-healthcare-innovation-summit-14>*

On 29 & 30 January 2014, local and international healthcare leaders, practitioners and innovators will gather in Cape Town for the first Inclusive Healthcare Innovation Summit. This gathering will be a platform inviting the active participation of the whole health community to share, learn about needs-based innovations in different dimensions and to co-create new solutions that can bring about health systems transformation.

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### **4th Ethics, Human Rights and Medical Law Conference**

*When: 6-8 May 2014*

*Venue: Gallagher Convention Centre, Midrand, Johannesburg, South Africa*

*URL: <http://www.africahealthexhibition.com/en/Site-Root/Conference-Centre/Conferences2014/ETConference/>*

The 4th Ethics, Human Rights and Medical Law Conference is a must attend event for healthcare professionals in South Africa and the surrounding region. A one-day conference that is fully dedicated to the above topics, it was created to demonstrate how important all three subjects are, as well as how they connect to one another.

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### **4th SA TB Conference**

*When: 10-13 June 2014*

*Venue: ICC Durban*

*URL: <http://www.tbconference.co.za/index.html/>*

With the rollout of new molecular diagnostics and new TB drugs, we now bear witness to the dawn of a new age in the fight against TB. Meaningful impact will only be achieved with integration of all our efforts. We call on everyone working in all spheres of TB-HIV drug discovery, clinical management, patient advocacy, government policy and the basic sciences to attend this meeting.

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### **20th International AIDS Conference**

*When: 20-25 July 2014*

*Venue: Melbourne, Australia*

*URL: <http://www.aids2014.org/>*

The AIDS 2014 programme will present new scientific knowledge and offer many opportunities for structured dialogue on the major issues facing the global response to HIV. A variety of session types - from abstract-driven presentations to symposia, bridging and plenary sessions - will meet the needs of various participants.

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## Third Global Symposium on Health Systems Research

When: 30 September to 3 October 2014

Venue: Cape Town, South Africa

URL: <http://hsr2014.healthsystemsresearch.org/>

The theme of the symposium is the science and practice of people-centred health systems, chosen to enable participants to address current and critical concerns of relevance across countries in all parts of the world. Researchers, policy-makers, funders, implementers and other stakeholders, from all regions and all socio-economic levels, will work together on the challenge of how to make health systems more responsive to the needs of individuals, families and communities.

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- **Data Capturer (Short-term Independent Contractor)**  
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- **Study Supervisor (Short-term Independent Contractor)**  
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- **Senior Researcher**  
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### Programme Officer

Employer: Project HOPE

Closing Date: 25 January 2014

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<http://www.hst.org.za/jobs/programme-officer>

### Operations Manager

Employer: Peninsula School Feeding Association

Closing Date: 27 January 2014

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