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Academic and Peer Reviewed Articles

Health financing for universal coverage and health system performance: concepts and implications for policy

Joseph Kutzin. *Bull World Health Organ.* 2013 August 1; 91(8): 602–611. Published: 17 June 2013.

This paper unpacks the definition of health financing for universal coverage as used in the World Health Organization's World health report 2010 to show how UHC embodies specific health system goals and intermediate objectives and, broadly, how health financing reforms can influence these.

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A concept paper: Using the outcomes of common surgical conditions as quality metrics to benchmark district surgical services in South Africa as part of a systematic quality improvement programme

D L Clarke, V Y Kong, J Handley, C Aldous. *S Afr J Surg* 2013;51(3):84-86. Published: 2013.

This concept paper outlines the role of surgical services in a primary healthcare system, highlights the ongoing disparities in access to surgical care and outcomes of surgical care, discusses the importance of a systems-based approach to healthcare and quality improvement, and reviews the current state of surgical care at district hospitals in South Africa... [Read More »](#)

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Spatial clustering of all-cause and HIV-related mortality in a rural South African population (2000–2006)

Elias Namosha, Benn Sartorius, and Frank Tanser. *PLoS ONE* 8(7): e69279. Published: 23 July 2013.

Sub-Saharan Africa bears a disproportionate burden of HIV infection. Knowledge of the spatial distribution of HIV outcomes is vital so that appropriate public health interventions can be directed at locations most in need. In this regard, spatial clustering analysis of HIV-related mortality events has not been performed in a rural sub-Saharan African setting... [Read More »](#)

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Use of hormonal contraceptives and HIV acquisition in women: a systematic review of the epidemiological evidence

Chelsea B Polis, Kathryn M Curtis. *The Lancet Infectious Diseases*, Volume 13, Issue 9, Pages 797 - 808. Published: 2013.

Whether or not the use of hormonal contraception affects risk of HIV acquisition is an important question for public health. We did a systematic review, searching PubMed and Embase, aiming to explore the possibility of an association between various forms of hormonal contraception and risk of HIV acquisition.... [Read More »](#)

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Recent News

Smoking-related deaths 'higher among coloureds'

BDLive. Published: 23 August 2013.

Middle-aged coloured people are twice as likely to die from smoking as whites, partly because so few of them succeed in kicking the habit, concludes a South African study published on Friday in the *Lancet*... [Read More »](#)

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Healthcare's private parts to shrink

Mail&Guardian. Published: 23 August 2013.

NHI details are not clear but it is certain that the privileged few will have to do with less...[Read More »](#)

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Lifestyle diseases threaten NHI

Mail&Guardian. Published: 15 August 2013.

Government has raised concerns that the health system may buckle under the pressure of both HIV and non-communicable diseases - a dual epidemic...[Read More »](#)

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NHI a tonic for extreme inequality

Mail&Guardian. Published: 14 August 2013.

National Health Insurance (NHI) is seen by some as a gift from the middle class to the country's poorest. But experts argue that everyone is hurt by the stark divisions in South Africa's health sector...[Read More »](#)

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KZN NHI implementation plans on track

East Coast Radio. Published: 13 August 2013.

KZN Health says it's all systems go for the implementation of the National Health Insurance system in three of the province's districts...[Read More »](#)

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National Health Insurance 'not the end' of medical schemes industry

BDLive. Published: 20 August 2013.

Deputy Health Minister Gwen Ramokgopa has given a strong signal that the introduction of the National Health Insurance (NHI) will not spell an end to the medical schemes industry...[Read More »](#)

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Medical schemes move to address regulatory backlog

BDLive. Published: 20 August 2013.

The Council for Medical Schemes has submitted draft amendments on the Medical Schemes Act to the Department of Health. The development is important because the medical schemes industry has not seen any regulatory reform since 2003...[Read More »](#)

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Healthworkers unite for positive work environment

Health-e News. Published: 22 August 2013.

Health professionals working in public facilities around the country have come together to campaign for a better working environment and improved services for patients...[Read More »](#)

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There's a new HIV drug – but Africa will have to wait

Mail&Guardian. Published: 14 August 2013.

A new drug, Tivicay, that could be vital in the struggle against HIV, might not be available to those who need it the most...[Read More »](#)

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Drug illness costs spiral

Times Live. Published: 20 August 2013.

The Western Cape provincial government has over the past four years more than doubled its budget for dealing with alcohol and drug abuse... [Read More »](#)

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Funding injection for healthcare

The New Age. Published: 20 August 2013.

Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan said funding for primary healthcare has increased substantially over the last four years with more cash channelled into the treatment of TB... [Read More »](#)

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Insufficient sanitation for Ehashahasheni residents

Health-e News. Published: 19 August 2013.

In the informal settlement Ehashahasheni (also known as Flukplaas) in Ekurhuleni on the East Rand of Joburg, around 500 households share two water taps and 16 bucket toilets... [Read More »](#)

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Public private partnerships may answer doctor shortage

Mail&Guardian. Published: 19 August 2013.

Politicians and industry experts say that partnerships between the public and private sectors may solve the doctor and nurse shortages in SA... [Read More »](#)

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Emergency Medical Services a problem in Mgungundlovu, Public Protector told

Health-e News. Published: 14 August 2013.

Transportation and emergency care for the ill have emerged as key problems in KwaZulu-Natal's Mgungundlovu District... [Read More »](#)

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Training and Resources

Emerging Public Health Practitioner Award 2013

Health Systems Trust

Deadline: 30 September 2013.

Award submissions are invited from South Africans under the age of 35. Entries will be assessed by a panel of public health experts. The winning entry will be published in the current edition of the SAHR. [Click Here>>](#)

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Reducing Maternal and Child Mortality through Strengthening Primary Health Care in South Africa (RMCH) Website

<http://www.rmchsa.org/>

The RMCH programme is working with the South African National Department of Health to help stem the tide of unnecessary deaths among pregnant women, infants and young children. Visit the new RMCH website to: learn more about the RMCH programme, access valuable resources on maternal, newborn and child health (MNCH) in South Africa, learn more about the role-out of primary health care re-engineering, and access platforms to share your experiences, ideas and opinions. [Click Here>>](#)

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Call for Applications: 2013-2014 Leadership in HIV Prevention - Short Course Programme

University of KZN.

Application deadline: 2 September 2013.

Course dates: 27 October to 9 November 2013.

The short course is designed to support the emergence of new leaders who will contribute to the development of effective approaches to reduce the spread and impact of HIV & AIDS and gender-based violence, and to promote gender equality. [Click Here>>](#)

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Postgraduate Diploma in Management - HIV and AIDS Management

University of Stellenbosch. The Africa Centre for HIV/AIDS Management.

The Africa Centre for HIV/AIDS Management at the University of Stellenbosch invites applications for its Postgraduate Diploma in Management - HIV and AIDS Management. [Click Here>>](#)

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Reports and Publications

HIV, TB and MNCWH News

Department of Health (South Africa). Published: 2013.

This is the first national newsletter from the Branch: HIV, TB and MNCWH in the National Department of Health. People say that there is a communication gap between the national policies that are made in Pretoria and the implementation of these in facilities around the country. [Click Here»](#)

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World Health Report 2013: Research for universal health coverage

World Health Organization. Published: 2013.

This report focuses on the importance of research in advancing progress towards universal health coverage. In addition, it identifies the benefits of increased investment in health research by low- and middle-income countries using case studies from around the world, and proposes ways to further strengthen this type of research. [Click Here»](#)

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Conferences

UCT Rehabilitation Conference 2013

When: 2 - 4 September 2013

Where: Cape Town

URL: <http://rehabconf2013.uct.ac.za/>

The Department of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences at the University of Cape Town is pleased to announce its first Rehabilitation Research Conference.

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Medical Humanities Conference

Medical Humanities Research Group at the Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research (WiSER)

When: 2 - 4 September 2013

Venue: University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg

URL: <http://wiserweb.wits.ac.za/>

The Medical Humanities research group at WiSER invites you to three days of intensive conversation among scholars and practitioners from a wide variety of disciplines, including the arts, literature, film, sociology, anthropology, history, medicine, philosophy, ethics, and psychology.

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Joint PHASA and AFPHA Conference 2013

Public Health Association of South Africa and the African Federation of Public Health Associations.

When: 24 -27 September 2013

Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre, Cape Town, South Africa

URL: <http://www.phasaconference.org.za/>

The 2013 joint PHASA/AFPHA conference will have as its focus, a scientific debate and discussion on strategies and action needed to move beyond the MDGs and on the public health legacy that we should leave, or want to, leave behind for the future generation.

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7th SAHARA Conference 2013

When: 7-10 October 2013

Venue: Dakar, Senegal

URL: <http://sahara.org.za/conferences/2013>

The Social Aspects of HIV and AIDS Research Alliance (SAHARA is an alliance of partners established to conduct, support and use social sciences research to prevent the further spread of HIV and mitigate the impact of its devastation in sub-Saharan Africa.

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5th Annual Conference of the South African Statistical Association

When: 4-8 November 2013

Venue: Limpopo University, Polokwane, South Africa

URL: <http://www.ul.ac.za/conf/sasa2013>

The South African Statistical Association (SASA), in partnership with the School of Mathematical and Computer Sciences at the University of Limpopo - Turfloop Campus, is calling for papers for the 5th Annual Conference of the South African Statistical Association (SASA2013 Conference).

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The 3rd Structural Drivers of HIV Conference

When: 5 - 6 December 2013

Venue: The Cullinan Hotel, Cape Town, South Africa

URL: <http://www.heard.org.za/workshops/3rd-structural-drivers-of-hiv-conference>

The aim of this conference is to consider the contextual complexities that researchers and programmers across the HIV and AIDS field wrestle with when planning and implementing HIV programmes.

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ICASA Conference 2013

When: 7-11 December 2013

Venue: CTICC, Cape Town, South Africa

URL: <http://www.icasa2013southafrica.org/>

The ICASA conference remains one of the most important events in the calendar of the year, contributing towards overcoming the HIV and TB epidemics that grip our region. Official 17th ICASA Conference 2013.

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Conference on Rights of Women in Africa

When: 9 - 10 December 2013

Venue: Pretoria, South Africa

URL: <http://www1.chr.up.ac.za/index.php/upcoming-conferences/rights-of-women-in-africa.html>

One of the most important provisions of the Protocol is article 14, dealing with the health and reproductive rights of women. The Centre for Human Rights will host a conference on 9 and 10 December 2013 (in Pretoria, South Africa) to reflect on these and other innovative aspects of the Protocol.

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Closing Date: 30 August 2013
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- **Provincial Coordinator: National Lotteries Board Project**
Closing Date: 10 September 2013
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