

# Summary of Health Issues in South Africa

Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016

A Meeting is expected to take place between the Minister of Health and the FCC (the Finance and Fiscal Commission) The purpose of such is to address the effect of the NHI White paper on intergovernmental relations. The Constitution oversees the FCC to watch over the monetary aspects between different spheres of government.

RESEARCH: TAMAR KAHN:-BDLive, 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016

Groote Schuur hospital has made a breakthrough in open heart surgery. Procedures are being performed without the need for cutting through the breastbone. Keyhole surgery allows for an open heart aortic valve replacement using a keyhole incision. More training of surgeons in this field is expected.

RESEARCH: SIPOKAZI FOKAZI: CAPE ARGUS, 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016

Various mention is made of pharmaceutical growth in Africa and Adcock has found a buyer for its loss making Indian operation.

RESEARCH: AFRICA NEWS AGENCY, 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016

Once again, the sugar tax debate is addressed, we have discussed same and for the sake of brevity will not raise this again.

RESEARCH: FIFI PETERS: BUSINESS DAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016

There is a new application available in the Google Play store, which will be able to assist 10 0000 clinics nationwide. A mere phone call from those working in these clinics can obtain quick, valuable assistance for operators.

RESEARCH: SARAH BARBER: BUSINESS DAY 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016

“Hand Hygiene Champion” is being launched countrywide to reduce the rate of infections, as a result of medical staff failing to wash their hands.

RESEARCH: TANYA FABIA: THE TIMES, 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016

Asthma inhalers are being given out with many misdiagnoses, this can cause unnecessary side effects in healthy children. This has continued for more than 15 years, causing fatalities.

RESEARCH: DAILY MAIL VIA THE CAPE ARGUS, 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016