

# Summary of Health Issues in South Africa

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An estimation in the region of R256 billion that is what has been thought to be what the NHI will cost in 2025. Whilst not naming any particular medical scheme, the Minister of Health is convinced that the private sector will be taking him to Court over universal health coverage.

RESEARCH: SIYABONGA MKHWANANZI: CAPE TIMES, 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2016

Another article highlighting maternal deaths is included in this edition. It now seems that they are decreasing. The main factor in this is thought to be a decrease in non-related infections, namely HIV and TB. HIV related deaths have decreased in the region of 25% in the last eight years. Bleeding, during Caesarean section operations have led to an increase in fatalities.

This being attributed to medical and surgical conditions. As previously mentioned this topic has been dealt with on several other occasions. This, however, being the first to highlight a decrease.

RESEARCH: HEALTH-e NEWA SERVICE, 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2016

Morphine is being withheld from certain areas. The determining factor whether patients receive such pain relief medication depends on where the patient lives. This is not a South African phenomena, but rather worldwide. The fact set out are long and very extensive and for the sake of brevity, I shall not be discussing this in great detail.

RESEARCH: FATLA KIYANGE: MAIL AND GUARDIAN, 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2016