

Summary of Health Issues in South Africa

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The necessity of health insurance for the poor is highlighted herein and research is undergoing as to what portion of a household's income could be utilised to a variety of health care low cost medical scheme options. Huge discounts would be possible if sold in large numbers. The tax effected on those of the higher groups was addressed, those earning less, being not affected.

Percentages and rates were discussed at length, the long and the short of it, the more members involved, the more cost effective the exercise begins. The golden rule being that a household's income should not exceed 10% of that particular household's disposable income.

RESEARCH: LIZ STILL: PERSONAL FINANCE, 16TH APRIL 2016

Medical staff have apparently discovered staff members changing the expiry dates on medicines. This is of grave concern to the medical profession, involving a violation of Constitutional rights. Some institutes have adopted the WHO surgical safety checklist. The Eastern Cape received recognition for addressing such as did KwaZulu-Natal.

RESEARCH: SIBONGILE NKOSI: HEALTH-E NEWS SERVICE, 16TH APRIL 2016

A new HIV pill is thought to be launched in June for in the region of R700-00 a month. This pill is said to have fewer side effects, even lasting should the patient forget to take the pill, unlike other antiretrovirals. The drug can be taken with or without food. A battle with patent drug holders who prevent other companies from selling likewise drugs in South Africa. Medicine stock is in shortages the article citing about one in four experiencing shortages in TB and HIV medication.

RESEARCH: LAURA LOPEZ GONZALEZ: HEALTH-E NEWS, 18TH APRIL 2016

Low domestic spending and sluggish growth in aid for health have left millions of people at risk. Nearly half of the 80 developing nations are most unlikely to meet the 2040 target year. This based on spending 86

dollars per head per year. Malaria, TB were also cited as killers. It seems the pressure on the Western developed countries is immense.

RESEARCH: MAGDALENA MIS: REUTERS, 17TH APRIL 2016