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News Articles

Ward 5B: A Model of Care for AIDS (NY Times, 1985)

One of the first journalistic reports of the experience of patients and staff on ward 5B in the 1980s.

In This Pandemic, Personal Echoes of the AIDS Crisis (NY Times, 2020)

Reflections of an ACT UP activists on similarities and differences between the AIDS epidemic and the COVID-19 pandemic, concluding that the experienced similarities are rooted in institutionalized failures within the US healthcare system as opposed to the viruses themselves.

Countries urged to act over potential HIV drug shortages, within next two months (UN News, 2020)

Highlights the priority of swift action to maintain high standards of care and prevent neglect and maltreatment of people living with HIV/AIDS that could be caused by the shortage of anti-retroviral therapy.

We cannot afford to lose more time in the fight against covid-19 in the US (BMJ, 2020)

Compares the COVID-19 response in the US with that in South Africa, and links key demands such as trust in scientists, scientific communication with the public, and focus on health equity, to past AIDS activism.

Women are missing from HIV drug trials (Reuters, 2015)

Highlighting that the issues around systematic exclusion of women from HIV drug trials remains a significant problem today, considering that women make up around 50% of HIV patients but only significantly smaller proportions on trials testing cures, treatments, or vaccines.

<u>U=U is a blessing: but only for patients with access to HIV treatment</u> (BMJ, 2019) Highlights the importance of the fight for the "third U: Universal access".

AIDS: homophobic and moralistic images of 1980s still haunt our view of HIV – that must change (The Conversation, 2018)

Illustrates the harmful effect of misrepresenting AIDS and those affected in art and discourse, and highlights the importance of a new visual vocabulary to represent HIV/AIDS.

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Scientific Publications

Cahill, S., & Valadéz, R. (2013). <u>Growing older with HIV/AIDS: New public health</u> <u>challenges.</u> American Journal of Public Health, 103(3), 7–15. https://doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.2012.301161

Outlines the challenges surrounding care for older adults with HIV/AIDS, thus showing that further research efforts into optimal care conditions for people living with HIV/AIDS are ongoing and necessary.

Owen, T. (2018). <u>Twenty one years of HIV/AIDS medicines in the newspaper:</u> <u>patents, protest, and philanthropy</u>. Culture & Society, 40(1), 75–93. https://doi.org/10.1177/0163443717703795

Relates the historical developments around HIV/AIDS to their portrayal in the main newspapers of the UK and the US, concluding that reduced portrayal in mainstream media goes hand in hand with the fragmentation of activism around HIV/AIDS-related issues.

Gedela, K., Luis, H., Wignall, F. S., Fridayantara, W. D., & Irwanto. (2020). <u>A social context perspective to the increasing HIV epidemic in MSM in Indonesia</u>. International Journal of STD and AIDS, 31(13), 1327–1329. https://doi.org/10.1177/0956462420949795

Describes the social context of Indonesia with its links to public health interventions regarding HIV, especially concerning hard-to-reach populations such as MSM.

Gedela, K., Wignall, F. S., Luis, H., & Irwanto, I. (2020). <u>HIV programmes in countries</u> <u>within the Asia-Pacific region</u>. The Lancet HIV, 7(8), e530. https://doi.org/10.1016/S2352-3018(20)30206-X

Highlights the need for more epidemiological research into the drivers of HIV infection rates in Indonesia, thus informing and enabling more targetted interventions.

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Books

Illness as Metaphor and AIDS and its Metaphors (Susan Sontag, 1979) Analysis of the discourse around the newly occurring HI Virus and its links to public understanding of the illness.

Other Resources

ACT UP New York - Website

Black AIDS Institute - Website

Children's HIV Association (CHIVA) - Website

National AIDS Trust - Website Championing the rights of people living with HIV in the UK and campaigning for change

<u>Terrence Higgins Trust - Website</u> Sexual health information, advice, testing and support.

<u>PrEPster - Website & I Want PrEP Now - Website</u> Information, education and activism on PrEP.

International AIDS Society - Website International association of HIV professionals.

Peter Tatchell Foundation - Website

Raising awareness, understanding, protection and implementation of human rights in the UK and worldwide.

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Other Resources

AIDS and the sustainable development goals (UNAIDS, 2020)

Lists the links between the global HIV response different Sustainable Development Goals, illustrating the need for a whole-of-society approach with action in many different areas.

Access to Medicines Index (Access to Medicines Foundation)

Provides a biannual report on the action different pharmaceutical companies are taking to improve access to medicines.

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