



Health Systems Research Unit Symposium

27-28 AUGUST 2024

SAMRC Conference Centre, Cape Town

Making UHC truly universal: what are the challenges to achieving UHC in an unequal society and how do we target these now?

PROGRAMME

TIME	SESSION	CHAIR
08h00 - 09h00	REGISTRATION AND COFFEE	
09h00 - 09h20	WELCOME AND OPENING Speaker: Ntobeko Ntusi SAMRC President and Chief Executive Officer	Tamara Kredo
09h20 - 10h15	PLENARY: UHC challenges and needs in an unequal society: Opportunity for research to catalyse change Speaker: Mosa Moshabela University of Cape Town Vice Chancellor Watch the video	Jeremy Grimshaw
10h15 - 10h45	BREAK	
10h45 - 12h30	ORAL SESSION 1: Research to improve the lives of vulnerable populations and enhance quality health services and systems Watch the video Speakers: Asha George School of Public Health, University of the Western Cape Understanding gender integration in government health programmes: unpacking the politics of change across Africa and Asia Christiane Horwood Centre for Rural Health, University of KwaZulu-Natal Migrant children, access to services ‘children on the move’ Kim Jonas & Zoe Duby Health Systems Research Unit, SAMRC Is the My Journey Programme, one of the two largest donor-funded combination HIV prevention programmes, making a difference to the lives of vulnerable AGYW in SA? Tanya Doherty Health Systems Research Unit, SAMRC The case for improving respectful care: results from a cross sectional survey of person-centered maternity care in rural South Africa Darshini Govindasamy Health Systems Research Unit, SAMRC Investing in vulnerable populations: high upfront costs but long-term equity gains	Catherine Mathews & Akhona Rasmeni
12h30 – 13h30	LUNCH AND POSTER SESSION	

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13h30 – 15h00	<p>PANEL DISCUSSION: What do we do to achieve UHC now? Challenges and targets for quality health care</p> <p>Watch the video</p> <p>Panelists: Nicholas Crisp National Health Insurance, NDoH</p> <p>Lungiswa Nkonki Stellenbosch University</p> <p>James van Duuren People’s Health Movement</p> <p>Jeremy Grimshaw Clinical Epidemiology Program, Ottawa Hospital Research Institute</p> <p>Helen Schneider University of the Western Cape</p> <p>Reno Morar Nelson Mandela University</p>	Tamara Kredo and Yanga Zembe
15h00 – 15h15	BREAK	
15h15 – 16h45	<p>ORAL SESSION 2: Rapid fire: Research evidence for policy change</p> <p>Watch the video</p> <p>Speakers: Susan Goldstein SAMRC Centre for Health Economics and Decision Science When is evidence useful for policy makers?</p> <p>Janine Jugathpal Essential Drugs Programme National Health Insurance Branch, NDoH Advances in national health decision-making for UHC</p> <p>Solange Durao Health Systems Research Unit, SAMRC Adapting guidelines for newborn and child health for Nigeria, Malawi and South Africa - Lessons from the Global Evidence, Local Adaptation project</p> <p>Wanga Zembe Health Systems Research Unit, SAMRC Social protection baseline assessment for people affected by tuberculosis in South Africa</p> <p>Donela Besada Health Systems Research Unit, SAMRC The case for investing in mental health</p>	Ameer Hohlfeld & Tasha Gloeck
16h45 – 17h00	CLOSING	Tamara Kredo
17h00	RECEPTION	

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09h30 – 12h00

WORKSHOP: Knowledge translation and implementation science: an introductory workshop

Facilitator: Jeremy Grimshaw

Objectives of the workshop

- To introduce core concepts from knowledge translation and implementation science (KT/IS)
- To discuss different KT/IS approaches and strategies
- To provide participants with practical tools to facilitate knowledge translation and implementation science planning

Format: In-person, interactive



Dr Jeremy Grimshaw received a MBChB from the University of Edinburgh, UK. He trained as a family physician prior to undertaking a PhD in health services research at the University of Aberdeen. He moved to Canada in 2002. His research focuses on the evaluation of interventions to disseminate and implement evidence-based practice. Dr Grimshaw is a Senior Scientist, Clinical Epidemiology Program, Ottawa Hospital Research Institute, a Full Professor in the Department of Medicine, University of Ottawa and held a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Health Knowledge Transfer and Uptake (2002-2022). He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences and a Corresponding Fellow of the Royal College of Edinburgh. He has been awarded the CIHR Knowledge Translation award twice and received the 2018 CIHR Barer-Flood career achievement award for Health Services and Policy Research. He has over 700 peer-reviewed publications. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he was co-lead of COVID-END. He is the co-lead of the Global Commission on Evidence to Address Societal Challenges.