

Submit abstracts no later than December 15, 2011 to Don Metz, executive editor, and Dick Thompson, senior editor, by e-mail to dmetz@projecthope.org; dthompson@projecthope.org (see submission requirements below and visit http://www.healthaffairs.org/Abstract_Submission_FAQ.php for additional information and answers to frequently asked questions)

Background

Health Affairs plans a thematic issue on lessons learned from, and future prospects for, the President's Emergency Plan For AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). This special issue will appear in July 2012, before the opening of the World AIDS Meeting in Washington, D.C

Request for abstracts

A number of articles have already been commissioned and are listed below. The journal welcomes proposals for additional papers, analyses, and commentaries for this thematic issue, including articles that report on individual country experiences. Abstracts are requested by December 15, 2011. We regret that we will not be able to consider any abstracts submitted after that date.

The editors will evaluate the abstracts, and pending the outcome, invite papers for submission in late-December 2011 and early-January 2012. Invited papers will be due at the journal on **February 28, 2012.**

Timetable

Following submission, invited papers will be subjected to peer review in **March 2012**, with substantive revision taking place in **April 2012**. Copyediting and production for the issue will take place in May and June, with publication scheduled for **July 2012**.

Submissions requirements

Abstract submissions should not exceed 500 words, and should include (in this order): proposed title, author names and affiliations, abstract, name and contact information for the corresponding author below the abstract. Please consult our online guidelines for additional formatting instructions and answers to frequently asked questions: http://www.healthaffairs.org/Abstract_Submission_FAQ.php

If you wish to submit an abstract, please send it as an e-mail attachment directly to executive editor Don Metz, at dmetz@projecthope.org (he can also be reached by phone at 301-347-3907) and to Dick Thompson, senior editor at dthompson@projecthope.org (he can be reached at 301-841-9971).

We thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to pass this invitation along to colleagues who might be interested, as well.

Below is the list of articles already in preparation for this issue. As noted, we welcome abstracts on other topics not listed here or complementary to those listed here.

- Lessons learned from the shift from the vertical approach of PEPFAR 1 to a more integrated approach under PEPFAR 2
- Story of PEPFAR's success in the push to lower prices and get generic versions of ARVs.
- Is PEPFAR a good investment? Has PEPFAR used funds efficiently?
- How should future, limited resources be used by PEPFAR country programs?
- How will recent scientific and technical developments change PEPFAR's strategy?
- What are the lessons learned from PEPFAR's comprehensive programs to support the needs of children orphaned or affected by HIV?
- PEPFAR as a health diplomacy tool
- What are the political realities facing PEPFAR 3?
- What are the ethical principles to guide countries as they aim for treatment expansion?

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