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Melbourne Community Voice, 24 Aug

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A new research centre focusing on the link between human rights and good health will officially open next month at the Positive Living Centre.

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Sydney Star Observer, 25 Aug

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Stanford House is hosting a community barbecue on August 29 as it moves towards its 20th anniversary of helping people with HIV.

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[Finally, a win for star Greens doctor candidate](#) [19]

6 Minutes, 23 Aug (BLOG)

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It's eighth time lucky for Victorian doctor Richard Di Natale, a former GP who has finally been elected to office, making history as the state's first Greens Senator. Di Natale has experience working in indigenous health and HIV.

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Our Region

[Famous HIV activist stars in new local film](#) [24]

Viet Nam News (Vietnam), 24 Aug

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Pham Thi Hue, featured in Time magazine's issue about Asian Heroes in 2004, has just wrapped up the shooting of a new film in which she stars as an HIV-infected prostitute.

Continues: <http://vietnamnews.vnagency.com.vn/Life-Style/202902/Famous-HIV-activist...> [29]

[Booklet hopes to confront AIDS discrimination against children](#) [30]

Viet Nam News (Vietnam), 24 Aug

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Half a million copies of a booklet intended to help lower the incidence of AIDS and combat discrimination against children with the disease will be distributed to schools and the broader community.

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HIV Treatments

[Heroin use, AIDS, predict reduced bone mineral density in older men with HIV](#) [35]

Aidsmap (UK), 24 Aug

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Older HIV-positive men have lower bone mineral density than their HIV-negative peers, a US study shows. The study involved men with or at risk of HIV who were aged over 49. Advanced HIV disease and heroin use were associated with bone loss.

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HIV Prevention

[Boys hoping to gain their manhood lose it — forever](#)[40]

Los Angeles Times (US), 23 Aug

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In the windblown hills of the Eastern Cape, boys from the Xhosa tribe are in a hurry to be men. At 20, Sipelele Zweni was ridiculed in his village. They called him nofontyela, a non-man, who'd gone too long without his coming-of-age circumcision.

Continues: <http://articles.latimes.com/2010/aug/23/world/la-fg-africa-circumcision-...> [44]

HIV Criminalisation

[The Responsibilities of Being Young, Beautiful and HIV Positive: HIV Allegations Place Pop Star on Trial](#) [45]

Huffington Post (US), 23 Aug

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Many AIDS advocacy organizations including GMHC and POZ Magazine say that criminal prosecution further stigmatizes people living with HIV and that prosecution discourages HIV testing as only those who know their status are likely to be prosecuted.

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[If sex with HIV is a crime, so is swimming with verrucas](#) [51]

Zoe Williams/The Guardian (UK), 18 Aug (OPINION)

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Nadja Benaissa, of the German pop group No Angels, is in court accused of infecting a man with HIV when she knew she had the virus. Her defence is that she was "careless", but had been advised that the chances of passing on the virus were near z

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[Canada: New report calls for prosecutorial guidelines to establish 'significant risk'](#) [63]

Criminal HIV Transmission, 24 Aug (BLOG)

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A new report, launched at AIDS 2010 in Vienna last month, recommends that the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General establish a consultation process to inform the development of prosecution guidelines for cases involving allegations of non-disclosure o

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Sexual Health

[Lights, camera, Herpes!](#) [68]

Melbourne Community Voice, 24 Aug

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The fight against the Herpes virus is being taken to the silver screen in a new competition. The Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV), associated with cold sores and genital herpes, is the subject of the Live & Love Short Film Competition.

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[Putting herpes on screen](#) [73]

Sydney Star Observer, 24 Aug

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The Australian Herpes Management Forum is organising Australia's first herpes-themed film festival.

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Drugs

[Not just junkies: the stigmatising of drug addicts](#) [75]

The Guardian (UK), 24 Aug (OPINION)

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Drug addicts have a lot in common with other marginalised groups, such as sex workers, people with disabilities and asylum seekers in that many people have never met them and know very little about the realities of their lives.

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Hepatitis

[Pharmasset Initiates Phase 2b Clinical Trial of PSI-7977 for Chronic Hepatitis C Genotypes 1, 2, and 3](#) [82]

Reuters/PR Newswire, 24 Aug

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Pharmasset, Inc. announced today that dosing has begun in a Phase 2b study of PSI-7977, a nucleotide analog polymerase inhibitor for the treatment of chronic hepatitis C (HCV).

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Science & Medicine

[Chronic Fatigue Link to Mouse Virus Renews Debate Over Illness](#) [89]

San Francisco Chronicle (US)/Bloomberg, 23 Aug

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Fresh evidence linking chronic fatigue syndrome to a family of mouse viruses was reported in a U.S. government study that has spurred new debate over how to treat the disease.

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[Researchers link chronic fatigue syndrome to class of virus](#) [96]

Boston Globe (US)/Washington Post, 24 Aug

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A well-respected team of scientists released long-awaited new evidence yesterday that a virus could be playing a role in chronic fatigue syndrome.

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[Doctors Who Mock Their Patients](#) [100]

New York Times (US), 23 Aug (BLOG)

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Does your doctor call you names once you leave the exam room? In today's Cases column, Dr. Michael W. Kahn writes about doctors who speak about their patients in unflattering terms, and the risk that poses to patient care.

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