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In an editorial, Laksono Trisnantoro et al. (642) discuss three approaches to reducing child mortality. In a second editorial, Thomas F Babor (643) says more research is needed in the development of policies to reduce the harmful use of alcohol. In a news feature, Angel Desai (644–645) reports on the increasing global problem of binge-drinking and violence among young people. In an interview, Muriel Gillick (648–649) asks for a more compassionate approach to caring for frail, elderly people.

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**Gender-specific HIV treatment**

Vincent Ochieng-Ooko et al. (681–688) find that men are at higher risk of dropping out of HIV treatment.

**Finding the funds**

In a news story, Claudia Jurberg & Gary Humphreys (646–647) report on challenges faced in funding the universal health system.

**Life and death in a Kolkata slum**

Suman Kanungo et al. (667–674) find that children die mainly from infectious diseases while adults die primarily from noncommunicable diseases.

**Lost opportunities**

Bruce A Larson et al. (675–680) find many HIV-positive patients receive antiretroviral treatment too late.

**Regional differences in enteric fever**

Bai-Qing Dong et al. (689–696) study enteric fever trends in subtropical Guangxi province.

**Home visits help**

A systematic review by Siddhartha Gogia & Harshpal Singh Sachdev (658–666) provide evidence that home visits help reduce infant deaths.

**Dengue trends**

Rekol Huy et al. (650–657) find mosquito control efforts did not reduce dengue incidence.

**After the tsunami**

Grace J Chan et al. (709–712) assess a scorecard for improving health services for displaced people.

**Rethinking HIV testing**

Michael D April (703–708) discusses the ethics of routine opt-out HIV testing.

**Thinking small**

Sidhartha R Sinha & Rajaie Batniji (713–715) discuss how microfinance programmes can improve access to health care.

**Vitamin A and infant mortality**

A study by Michael Anthony Rotondi & Nooshin Khobzi (697–702) finds that vitamin A supplementation may reduce infant deaths in some regions.