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In editorials this month, Rachel Baggaley et al. (898) discuss the implications of communicating HIV test results to survey participants and Ziad A Memish & Abdullah A Al-Rabeeah (899) describe the health risks associated with mass gatherings. In the news section, Gary Humphreys (902–903) reports on Panama’s efforts to highlight the unmet demand for palliative care. In an interview, Hans Rosling (904–905) tells Fiona Fleck why it’s easy to make health statistics interesting but difficult to persuade people to change their views of the world.

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Manoj V Murhekar et al. (906–913) monitor temperatures in 10 states.

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Vaccinating after an earthquake
Jeanette J Rainey et al. (957–962) describe limits to emergency vaccination campaigns.

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Improving access and decreasing costs
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Contact tracing – or not?
Merrin E Rutherford et al. (932–941) follow children exposed to Mycobacterium tuberculosis.

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Francesca L Cavallaro et al. (914–922) analyse caesarean section rates in 26 countries.

Who needs to know?
Dermot Maher (950–956) argues that participants should receive the results of HIV surveys.

Clean hands for safer care
Joanna Bauer-Savage et al. (963–969) report on obstacles to alcohol-based handrubs.