



Umoya omuhle is a 3 year study that began in 2017 and uses a whole systems approach to look at infection prevention and control for drug-resistant tuberculosis in clinical settings of South Africa in an era of decentralised care.

The name, Umoya omuhle, means good air in Zulu, and embodies the project vision of bringing a 'breath of fresh air' to current thinking on infection prevention and control.

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EVENTS

Umoya omuhle meeting:
June 11-15, Durban

SATB Conference:
June 12-15, Durban

In parallel with the team meeting, some members of Umoya omuhle will attend, with Nicky presenting, Alison chairing a session and taking part in a round table, and Sanj and Indira attending (apologies if others have been missed).



IN THE NEWS

[Why do so many South Africans die of TB? \(May 17, GroundUp\)](#)

[TB research is underfunded but new medicines are on their way \(May 17, GroundUp\)](#)

[Innovative drug-resistant TB trial launched in South Africa \(May 17, IOL\)](#)

POLICY-RELEVANT

[DR-TB and UNGA discussed in UK Parliament \(May 03, 2018\)](#)

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OTHER BITS & BOBS

[Red Alert on TB Infection Control in Clinics: Treatment Action Campaign.](#)

[Are you TB Proof? \[video\]](#)

[PLOS Antimicrobial Resistance Channel](#). Developed in partnership with GARDP, this is a one-stop destination for AMR research and commentary from across the web. They focus on four pillars of AMR: Basic Science – the biology of disease, Research & Development, Appropriate Use & Access, and Public Health – surveillance and epidemiology.

[TB in SA : are you protected? Medical Chronicle 5:15-17 \(purchase req.\)](#)



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