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Elderly:

USA: Despite the fact that the elderly are the highest risk population in the USA for suicide, few suicide-prevention programs target them—a result, advocates say, of scarce funding and a lack of concern for older Americans. *MSNBC* (18 September): <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/20840726/>

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India: Health workers efforts to convince rural women in India of the health benefits of indoor toilets are bearing fruit, due to the support of local women's self help groups, according to *Oneworld- South Asia* (17 September): <http://southasia.oneworld.net/article/view/153221/1/>

Israel / Occupied Territories: Israeli military authorities at Erez Crossing have closed the passage to all patients in need of care unavailable in Gaza, other than the most 'severe and urgent cases' according to Physicians for Human Rights. *Relief Web* (21 September): <http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/RWB.NSF/db900SID/EDIS-778NRC?OpenDocument>

USA: Senator Hillary Clinton has unveiled a \$100 billion-a-year plan to achieve universal health coverage in the USA. *The New York Times* (17 September): http://www.nytimes.com/2007/09/17/washington/17cnd-clinton.html?_r=1&oref=slogin

HIV/AIDS:

Asia: At the World Economic Forum in China, UNAIDS Executive Director Peter Piot stated that fighting HIV/AIDS in Asia is a "matter of political will" and urged Asian countries to "adopt education and prevention programs" to reach high-risk groups and reduce stigma. *Reuters* (12 September): <http://www.reuters.com/article/healthNews/idUSHKG36300920070906>

Lesotho: The work by Stephen Lewis, former United Nations Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa, to secure international funding for Lesotho, is credited for increasing the numbers of HIV-positive people able to access no-cost antiretrovirals, according to *Medical News Today* quoting from the *Globe and Mail* (13 September): <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/82157.php>
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World: Two recently published books accuse UNAIDS of inflating HIV prevalence estimates to increase donor funding, according to *Medical News Today* (5 September):
<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/81227.php>

Zambia: As part of an agreement with the Clinton Foundation to reduce the price of generic antiretrovirals to less than \$1, Zambian authorities have introduced a plan to provide once daily antiretrovirals at health clinics, according to *Medical News Today* (12 September):
<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/82057.php>

Mental health:

UK: A recent report by The Forum for Preventing Deaths in Custody raises concerns about the number of mentally ill people in custody in the UK, and suggests they would be better looked after in psychiatric care. *The Guardian* (21 September):
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/prisons/story/0,,2174115,00.html>

Sexual and Reproductive Health:

China: Yuan Weijing, wife of sexual and reproductive rights activist Chen Guangcheng, was prevented by government authorities from leaving China to accept an award on his behalf. *Medical News Today* (28 August):
<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/80643.php>

Saudi Arabia: As of next year, couples wishing to be married will have to be screened for HIV, under plans unveiled by the Ministry of Health's assistant undersecretary for preventive medicine, according to *Medical News Today* (4 September):
<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/81111.php>

USA: The US Senate has approved a measure which would lift funding restrictions on international groups that 'perform abortion or promote the procedure as a method of family planning', but this bill has little prospect of becoming law, according to the *International Herald Tribune*, (6 September):
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Torture:

UK: UK intelligence agencies MI5 and MI6 are to be sued for first time over their role in the torture of prisoners. *The Guardian* (12 September)
<http://politics.guardian.co.uk/foreignaffairs/story/0,,2167207,00.html>

USA: The CIA has banned the interrogation technique known as "water boarding," which simulates drowning to persuade suspects to talk, and which human rights groups consider to be torture, according to *Reuters* (15 September):
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USA: A student was shot with a Taser stun gun after being dragged out of a meeting where US Senator John Kerry was speaking. *The Telegraph* (20 September):
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