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### Les trois âges de la santé communautaire (three periods of community healthcare)

#### CITATION

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#### ABSTRACT

A community healthcare approach has been topical on three different occasions in South Africa's healthcare history. Each period, which include the 1940s, the 1980s and post-apartheid, have engaged with community healthcare to a certain degree. This was done following a wide array of crises that greatly influenced the health of the country's black population. Compared with the other two periods, the present approach is exceptional, given its legitimacy and investment. It can thus be called a "new ideology of healthcare", given the differences that distinguish it from the past experiences, as well as the unique factors that shape this response in the contemporary South African context.