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UPCOMING CME MEETINGS

Johannesburg
27 March 2014
3rd line Regimens
Dr Francesca Conradie

Klerksdorp
27 March 2014
Managing HIV-infected adolescents
Dr Nomathemba Chandiwana

SA HIV CLINICIANS SOCIETY NEWSLETTER March 2014

Aid for AIDS (AfA) announces the launch of a fully CPD-accredited internet-based HIV management modular training programme.

This online modular training course has been developed by Professor Gary Maartens, an acknowledged expert in HIV management. Each module is CPD accredited with a CPD certificate issued online following successful answering of several multiple choice questions. The modules cover the basics of HIV management and reflect current best practice, both nationally and internationally. Registration on the course is free of charge and is open to all doctors as well as other interested healthcare providers. Please go to <http://training.aidforaids.co.za/> to register.

New issue of HIV Nursing Matters

The latest issue of HIV Nursing Matters is now available online. This issue focuses on HIV and TB, including TB/HIV integration at primary healthcare facilities; management of drug-induced liver injury in patients with HIV being treated for TB; and TB diagnosis in South Africa. There is also information on the move to take HIV treatment out of clinics and updates on the plans for the NHI. [Click here](#) to access this issue.

Upcoming conferences

16th International Congress on Infectious Diseases
- Cape Town, April 2-5, 2014
Online late registration is still open. [Click here](#).

6th International Workshop on HIV Pediatrics 2014

Melbourne, Australia, 18 -19 July.
Abstract submission is now open until 9 May 2014.
The workshop is a platform for international

New issue of SAJHIVMED

The March issue of the Southern African Journal of HIV Medicine is available online and in the post. This special issue focuses on reflections on 10 years of ART in South Africa and has fascinating perspectives from a number of people who remember the earliest days of ART service. From working from a cardboard box in a borrowed office ([The Hannan Crusaid Treatment Centre – early beginnings and lessons learnt](#)) to the challenges of delivering ART in rural communities ([Providing high-quality care in a deeply rural setting – the Zithulele experience](#)); to paediatrics and PMTCT ([Reflections on six years in paediatric ART](#); [Reflections on a decade of delivering PMTCT in Khayelitsha, Cape Town](#)), this issue is a must-read, and describes the learning curves, growth and challenges ahead for ART delivery, as framed by the last article ([What have we learnt from the last ten years of ART?](#)).

[Click here](#) to access the SAJHIVMED

Abstract reminder: Society conference abstract deadline extended

The Southern African HIV Clinician's Society Biannual Conference is being held in Cape Town from the 24th to the 27th of September 2014. The deadline for abstract submission has been extended to the 30th of April 2014 – so please submit now! For more information [click here](#).

HIV YourLife Programme: CME functions on cervical cancer and genital warts

CPD points have been applied for

Tuesday 8 April 2014 at 18:30
Alpine Attitude Hotel, 522 Atterbury Rd, Menlyn,

Nelspruit

31 March 2014
HIV Drug Resistance
Dr Leon Levin

Port Elizabeth

3 April 2014
Topic and speaker TBC

Durban

9 April 2014
Topic and speaker TBC

Greytown

15 April 2014
Drug induced liver injury
Dr Francois Eksteen

For information about our CME meetings, please contact Natalie Martyn at natalie@sahivsoc.org or visit our [website](#).



The workshop is a platform for international interchange, bringing together experts who are involved in daily clinical care for infants and children to cultivate better treatment methods and strategies. Interested people are invited to submit abstracts for a poster or oral presentation. Please visit the Virology Education website for abstract topics and instructions: www.virologyeducation.com. Accepted abstracts will be published in the journal Reviews in Antiviral Therapy & Infectious Diseases. [Click here](#) for more information.

Training

Infectious Diseases Training Seminars

Helen Joseph Hospital in Johannesburg and Right to Care are holding weekly Infectious Diseases Training Seminars throughout 2014. The meetings take place in the Training Room of the Right to Care Offices immediately above the HIV (Themba Lethu) Clinic at the Helen Joseph Hospital. Anyone is welcome; view the [2014 programme](#) and [registration form](#) on our website

Online HIV/TB Course

The Desmond Tutu HIV Foundation is offering an HIV/TB online training course targeted to doctors and nurses working in a primary health care setting. For more information visit the [Desmond Tutu Foundation website](#).

Aspen Pharmacare launches PREZISTA®

Aspen is proud to announce the availability of PREZISTA® (darunavir) 75 mg and 150 mg tablets, indicated in combination with low dose ritonavir and other antiretroviral agents, for the treatment of HIV infection in antiretroviral treatment-experienced paediatric patients of 6 years to <18 years.

PREZISTA® 75 mg tablets (480s) R 851.33
PREZISTA® 150 mg tablets (240s) R 851.30

Interesting reading

[Breakthrough in fight against drug resistant TB](#)

[Local scientists step close to developing vaccine against HIV](#)

Articles of interest in the SAMJ

[Successfully controlling malaria in South Africa](#)
- L Blumberg, J Frean, D Moonasar, South African Malaria Elimination Committee

[Effectiveness of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine and rotavirus vaccine introduction into the South African public immunisation programme](#) - S A Madhi, L Bamford, N Ngcobo

[Laboratory information system data demonstrate](#)

Pretoria

Speakers: Prof B.G. Lindeque and Mr S. Adams (Executive manager, HIV YourLife Programme, Metropolitan health risk management)
RSVP: 1 April

Wednesday 9 April 2014 at 18:30

Radisson Blu Gautrain Hotel, cnr Rivonia rd and West street, Sandton, JHB
Speakers: Dr E. Baraldi and Mr S. Adams (Executive manager, HIV YourLife Programme, Metropolitan health risk management)
RSVP: 2 April

Wednesday 16 April 2014 at 18:30

Crystal Towers Hotel, cnr Century Blvd and Rialto rd, Century City, Cape Town
Speakers: Dr C.A. Thomas and Mr S. Adams (Executive manager, HIV YourLife Programme, Metropolitan health risk management)
RSVP 9 April

LIFE's (Leading International Fungal Education) February newsletter

Please click here to access the newsletter [follow this link](#). Featured in this edition:

- LIFE-worldwide site is now available in [Spanish](#)
- Open source lab diagnostic software spreads its wings in Africa
- The economic burden of lung disease in Europe now exceeds €370 billion
- Resistance in *Candida glabrata* reaches epic proportions
- Key parameters for survival of cryptococcal meningitis in AIDS
- Over 50 countries are already engaged in LIFE's work along with major international agencies such as WHO and MSF.

Many other significant events relating to global health and fungal infections will be regularly posted on the LIFE website [here](#)

Position statement: Ugandan anti-homosexuality legislation

The Southern African HIV Clinicians' Society has released a statement strongly condemning the signing into law of the Anti-Homosexuality Act by Yoweri Museveni, President of Uganda, which occurred on the 24th of February 2014. This law imposes a penalty of life imprisonment for acts of "aggravated homosexuality" and criminalises the "promotion of homosexuality". We would like to add our voices to those across Africa and from the international community, who see this bill as a gross violation of human rights, and part of the dangerous culture of discrimination with regards to sexual orientation that has fuelled anti-homosexuality legislation in 37 countries in Africa. [Click here](#) to view the full statement.

[successful implementation of the prevention of mother-to-child transmission programme in South Africa](#) - G G Sherman, R R Lilian, S Bhardwaj, S Candy, P Barron

[Elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV in South Africa: Rapid scale-up using quality improvement](#) - S Bhardwaj, P Barron, Y Pillay, L Treger-Slavin, P Robinson, A Goga, G Sherman

[Tuberculosis control in South Africa: Successes, challenges and recommendations](#) - G J Churchyard, L D Mametja, L Mvusi, N Ndjeka, A C Hesselring, A Reid, S Babatunde, Y Pillay

[A brief history of South Africa's response to AIDS](#) - N P Simelela, W D F Venter

Society partners with inPractice® Africa, a training and reference resource specifically for South Africa

SAHIVCS has partnered with inPractice to make it as easy as possible for our members to use inPractice Africa. inPractice Africa is an online and offline training and education resource for South Africa clinicians and consists of 25 modules written by leading South African experts and certified for CPD credit. The modules are hosted on a technology platform that also includes full-text guidelines and a database of HIV and TB drugs used in South Africa. A single search on inPractice Africa retrieves results from all 3 sources simultaneously. It's available to use online as a Web site and offline as downloadable apps for Apple and Android devices or Windows computers.

To create user accounts for SAHIVCS members we need to provide basic member details (name, email address, degree, and specialty) to inPractice, which they have committed to keeping entirely confidential. If any member does not wish us to share these details with inPractice, please email us by April 4 2014.

Upcoming meeting: Viral hepatitis interest group

This meeting will be held at the Southern Sun Cullinan Hotel, Waterfront, Cape Town on Thursday, 3rd April 2014 (18H00 for 18H30). Speakers include: Professor John Parry, Public Health England, London; Professor Jean Botha, Wits Donald Gordon Centre, Johannesburg. RSVP by 27th March to liver@sun.ac.za or Monique Andersson andersson_m@sun.ac.za

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