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Upcoming CME
Meetings:

CAPE TOWN
29 November
18h30 to 20h00
Dr Adrian Brink:
Antibiotic Stewardship –
Preserving Today's
Antibiotic
Armamentarium

Annual General Meeting

The Society's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place in Cape Town on Monday, 26 November 2012 at 07:15 at the Cape Town ICC, Auditorium 1. At the AGM we will review programmes and finances for the 2011/12 period. There will be no vote as the current [Board of Directors](#) are elected for a two year term.

We recognise that many of you will not be able to attend the meeting in person, but hope to see those of you who are attending the conference there. Meeting materials and reports will be sent to the full membership via email post-conference.

Yours sincerely

**Lauren Jankelowitz (CEO)
& Francesca Conradie (President)**

Drug Shortages/Stock Outs

Please keep us informed of any drug shortages or stock outs at your health care facilities, particularly as we approach the festive season. You can complete the form [online](#) or email us at stockouts@sahivsoc.org.

ARV Drug Resistance Testing Guidelines

The 2012 southern African ARV drug resistance [testing guidelines](#) are available for [download online](#) and in the November issue of the *Southern African Journal of HIV Medicine*. We hope you will find them useful to your work and encourage you to give us feedback by emailing us at sahivsoc@sahivsoc.org.

Striving for Clinical Excellence

In less than one week the Society's first conference, [Striving for Clinical Excellence](#), will kick off at the Cape Town ICC! Registration opens at 12h00 on Sunday, 25 November and the official programme begins at 14h00 with four concurrent sessions. At 16h00 we are holding an open session (non-conference delegates can attend) - a debate between Dr Eric Goemaere and Prof Francois Venter on the clinical, scientific and ethical merits of a low-dose stavudine clinical trial. At 17h45 the welcoming plenary, featuring Prof Salim Abdool Karim, will begin, followed by a cocktail reception for all delegates.

All four conference days are filled with informative and exciting sessions which will bring you up to date on all the latest research and thinking in HIV. View the [final programme online](#).

Can't make the conference? All presentations will be posted on the [conference website](#) post-meeting.

Antiretroviral Treatment Guidelines for Adults

Did you read the recently published [Guidelines for Antiretroviral Treatment for Adults](#)? We are interested in your feedback on the guideline and on the Society's guidelines in general. Please take a few minutes to complete an anonymous, [online survey](#). Thank you for your participation! If you have any questions about the guidelines or ideas for future guideline topics, please email us at sahivsoc@sahivsoc.org.

News

UNAIDS releases [World AIDS Day 2012 report](#). View country-specific information at [AIDSInfo](#)

US Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) [updates paediatric ART guidelines](#)

Read reports from the 11th International Congress on Drug Therapy in HIV Infection on [aidsmap](#)

For more information about our CME meetings, please contact Natalie Martyn at natalie@sahivsoc.org or 079 872 1721



Please note that our newest online clinical case study, [The Diagnosis and Management of First-Line Antiretroviral Treatment Failure](#), is also focused on treatment resistance and will allow you to test your knowledge. This case, and all Society online [clinical case studies](#), is worth 4 CPD points. Please remember that you must be up to date in your membership fees to receive CPD credit.

[Health-e reports that Gauteng is delaying the release of an investigation into Auckland Park depot](#)

[Joint Public Health Enhancement Fund launched; partnership between the national department of health and 23 private sector health companies](#)

See the latest update on our Conference 2012

SA HIV Clinicians Society Conference 2012
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Striving for Clinical Excellence 25 – 28 November 2012

For more information, please visit our website: www.sahivsoc2012.co.za

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