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SA HIV Clinicians Society Quarterly Newsletter

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Notice of Annual General Meeting of the SA HIV Clinicians Society

The Southern African HIV Clinicians Society's 2008 Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place at the Pharmaceutical Society of South Africa / Glenhove Conferencing Centre, 52 Glenhove Road, Houghton, Johannesburg on **Thursday, 27 November 2008 at 18h00 – 19:00**. The AGM will be followed by a light finger supper at 19:00 and the Johannesburg Branch Meeting at 19:30. The Johannesburg Branch Meeting will be held in honor of the late Professor Rueben Sher, and Professor Des Martin will present the Professor Rueben Sher Memorial Lecture. For more information, please contact Chloe at: 011 341 0162 or hardyc@sahivsoc.org

Services Available

IMMUNOPAEDIA

Immunopaedia is a new online South African web-based knowledge and information programme (www.immunopaedia.org.za) designed to assist healthcare providers to better understand immunology. Our mission is to promote knowledge and understanding in the field of immunology with an emphasis on paediatric HIV immunology. Our information and teaching aids are designed to be used by anyone in the healthcare and allied healthcare professions who require guidance in developing a clear understanding of the concepts involved.

Our target audiences are mainly registrars, healthcare professionals, scientists, interns and students as we believe that a greater understanding of Immunology will assist health care professionals in the treatment of HIV/AIDS and other immunological conditions.

Our features include:

- Case studies covering a wide range of immunological based topics. On completion of the multiple choice component, we award continuing professional development (CPD) points,
- Immunology and Virology themes are clearly explained with our original stunning graphics, as well as a corresponding to a case study to better illustrate the link between Immunology and Clinical medicine.
- Daily updated news in the world of HIV/AIDS and immunology, with links to top journals.
- Drug and treatment guidelines,
- An updated Glossary with at-a-glance definitions.

As part of our teaching programme we can hold two hour workshops at various institutions around the country. The workshops take the form of a case study that allows us to explore the underlying immunology behind the presenting case. The workshops are informal and interactive.

Workshops can be booked through the web site or by contacting leandra@immunopaedia.org.za

AIDS LAW PROJECT:**New publication: The National Health Act: A Guide**

This guide contains an annotated version of the National Health Act (NHA) This act is arguably the most important Act passed by Parliament to give effect to the right of everyone to have access to health care services.

The booklet aims to make the National Health Act easily available and accessible to the public generally. It is hoped that by putting the text of the act into the hands of people in communities and organizations, they can start to mobilise to demand full implementation of their rights under the NHA and under the Constitution.

For more information: http://alp.immedia.co.za/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=62&Itemid=1

TOLL-FREE NATIONAL HIV HEALTH CARE WORKER HOTLINE

The Medicines Information Centre (MIC) is situated within the Division of Clinical Pharmacology, Department of Medicine at the University of Cape Town's Faculty of Health Sciences. It is the largest and only clinically-based medicine information centre in South Africa and provides information to both public and private sector health care professionals. The MIC in collaboration with the Foundation for Professional Development and USAID / PEPFAR, provides a **toll-free** national HIV hotline to all health care workers in South Africa for **patient treatment** related enquiries.

Tel: 0800 212 506

E-mail: pha-mic@uct.ac.za

Fax: 021 448 0503

The hotline operates from **Mondays to Fridays 8:30 – 16:30**.

TREATMENT ACTION CAMPAIGN

Dear SA HIV Clinician Society Members,

Enclosed is a link to a patient information magazine produced by the TAC, which you may find useful. The magazine is produced regularly, and is of high quality; the latest copy deals with TB in amazing detail.

The link is at: <http://www.tac.org.za/community/files/file/et26.pdf> (be warned, the file is large, so dial-up users may find this frustrating). The magazine can be reproduced without permission except for the photos on pages 3, 30 and 32.

This resource is very useful for those of you who are involved in training, or who have patients requesting additional information. I suggest you distribute the link far and wide. In early November the same magazine will come out in isiXhosa, isiZulu and Sesotho versions.

Due to current delays in Global Fund disbursement, the magazine will not be printed until November. Hard copies in English, isiXhosa, isiZulu or Sesotho can be requested at et@tac.org.za at a cost of R6 per issue.

Questions about the magazine can be directed to the editor, jo@tac.org.za

PROBONO.ORG HIV / AIDS LEGAL CLINIC

When: 9h00 – 12h00 every Tuesday

Where: 9th Floor Schreiner Chambers – South Wing

94 Pritchard Street, Johannesburg

Tel: 011 336 9510 fax: 011 336 9511

E-mail: esther@probono.org-org

ProBono.Org, a non-profit clearing house for public interest law matters currently operating in Gauteng, provides a weekly legal clinic offering **free legal advice and services** to people experiencing **HIV/AIDS related discrimination**.

The Clinic operates as follows:

- The clinic will open from 9:00 to 12:00 every Tuesday of the year (unless it is a public holiday).
- The clinic will be staffed by attorneys who make themselves available on a pro bono basis.
- Clients will be consulted on 'first come first serve' basis.
- Attorneys will assist clients with: advice, opinions, non-litigation interventions, alternative dispute resolution, and/or litigation.
- As far as possible, attorneys will attempt to resolve the problems immediately. Where this is not possible, the client will become a client of the relevant firm, and the attorney will finalise the matter on a pro bono basis.

PROBONO.ORG REFUGEE LEGAL CLINIC

When: 9h00 – 12h00 every Thursday

Where: 9th Floor Schreiner Chambers – South Wing
94 Pritchard Street, Johannesburg
Tel: 011 336 9510 fax: 011 336 9511

E-mail: phumi@probono-org.org

ProBono.Org provides a weekly legal clinic where refugees and asylum seekers can access free legal advice and services.

The weekly legal clinic operates as follows:

- It is open from 09h00 am to noon every Thursday.
- The clinic is staffed by attorneys from reputable law firms.
- Clients must make appointments, or are seen on a 'first come first serve' basis.
- Attorneys assist clients in any of the following ways: advice, opinions, non-litigious interventions, mediation, and/or litigation.
- As far as possible, attorneys attempt to resolve the problems immediately. Where this is not possible, the client becomes a client of the relevant firm, and the firm will finalise the matter on a *pro bono* basis.

BACK ISSUES OF THE JOURNAL OF HIV MEDICINE

The Society has a limited number of back issues of the Journal of HIV Medicine, available free of charge to members on a first come, first served basis. To order back issues, please contact Chloe at 011 341 0162 or email: hardyc@sahivsoc.org

Congratulations to RuDASA on the Election of a New Committee

The Rural Doctors Association of Southern Africa elected a new Executive Committee at the 12th Annual Rural Health Conference, held from 18 – 20 September 2008 in Beaufort West. Dr Karl le Roux, Chairperson of the new Committee, has worked at Zithulele Hospital on the Wild Coast of the Eastern Cape since November 2006, and is passionate about building quality health care services in rural areas.

We salute the excellent work of the previous Committee, led by Dr Bernhard Gaede, and we wish the new team every success. We are sure that RuDASA will continue to go from strength to strength in its vital task of promoting access to quality health care for people in rural areas, and providing a voice for rural health care workers.

To contact RuDASA:

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Website: www.rudasa.org.za

Branch Meeting Dates 2008

EASTERN CAPE

East London:

Dates 2008: To be confirmed. **Venue:** Drs du Buisson & Partners, Ampath Laboratory, 58 St James Rd, Southernwood, East London.

Time: 19:00. **More information:** Denise Lloyd: tel: (043) 743 4313, cell: 082 787 0755 or e-mail: lloyd@ampath.co.za

Mthatha:

Dates 2008: 22 November. **Venues:** various. **More information:** Dr L. Nojoko: tel: (041) 485 3985, cell: 072 786 0207 or e-mail: lungisa@iafrica.com

Port Elizabeth:

Dates 2008: 12 November. **Venue:** To be confirmed. **Time:** 19:00 for 19:30. **More information:** Dr Kas Kasongo: tel: (041) 451 4423 or e-mail: kasongo@pathcare.co.za

FREE STATE**Bloemfontein:**

Dates 2008: To be confirmed. **Venue:** Prosperitas Auditorium, Central University of Technology. **Time:** 18:00 for 18:30. **More information:** Prof Derick Veldman tel: (051) 507 3266 or e-mail: dveldman@cut.ac.za

GAUTENG**East Rand / Benoni**

Dates 2008: To be confirmed. **More information:** Dr Nana or Dr Sarang: tel: (011) 421 1589, cell: 084 981 7101 or e-mail: blinds@iafrica.com

Johannesburg:

Please see the notice regarding the AGM and Professor Rueben Sher Memorial Lecture on page 1

Dates 2008: 27 November **Time:** AGM: 18:00, finger supper: 19:00 and meeting: 19:30. **Venue:** Pharmaceutical Society of SA, 52 Glenhove Rd, Houghton, JHB. **More information:** Chloe Hardy: tel: (011) 341 0162 or e-mail: hardyc@sahivsoc.org

Pretoria:

Dates 2008: 6 November. **Times:** Light meal: 18:30 and talk: 19:15. **Venue:** Muelmed Hospital, Boardroom, Pretorius St, between Hamilton and Leyds Streets. **More information:** Dr Mariette Botes: mariette@hivpractice.co.za; Dr Lynne Webber: webberl@lancet.co.za; or Elizabeth Malela cell: 082 631 1588.

KWAZULU NATAL**Durban:**

Dates 2008: 19 November. **Venue:** Susser and Stein Seminar room, Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine. **More information:** Dr Nombulelo Magula: tel: 031 260 4231 or e-mail: magulan@ukzn.ac.za or Dr. Nokukhanya Mdlalose at khanyi@msomi.co.za

Pietermaritzburg:

Dates 2008: Date in December to be confirmed. **Venue:** Grey's Hospital Lecture Theatre, first floor. **Time:** 18:30 for 19:00. **More information:** Ms Matanja Naomi Coetzee 033-3954146 or e-mail: doug.wilson2@kznhealth.gov.za

LIMPOPO**Polokwane**

Seeking a new volunteer Branch Coordinator. Please contact Chloe if you are interested.

Thohoyandou

Seeking a new volunteer Branch Coordinator. Please contact Chloe if you are interested.

MPUMALANGA

Seeking a new volunteer Branch Coordinator. Please contact Chloe if you are interested.

NORTHERN CAPE

Dates 2008: To be confirmed. **Venue:** To be confirmed. **More information:** Tsietsi Shushu: tel: (053) 343 0011; cell: 083 993 6976.

NORTH WEST PROVINCE**KOSH (Klerksdorp, Orkney, Stilfontein and Hartebeestfontein):**

Dates 2008: 20 November. **Venue:** Boardroom: Klerksdorp Hospital. **More information:** Tanya Nielson: tel: (018) 406 4241, cell: 083 511 0075 or e-mail: t Nielson@auruminstitute.org

Lichtenburg:

Dates 2008: To be confirmed. **Time:** 18:30 **Venue:** Scott's Manor Guest House, 21 Bree St, Lichtenburg (Venue website: <http://www.scottsm Manor.com/>). **More information:** Dr John Musonda: tel: (018) 632 3041, cell: 078 360 9595 or e-mail: jmusonda@nwpg.gov.za

Mafikeng:

Dates 2008: To be confirmed. **Time:** 18h30 – 21h00 **Venue:** Protea Hotel Mafikeng. **More information:** Dr Ntebo Mogashoa: cell: 082 7358167 or e-mail: nmogashoa@rhu.co.za

Rustenburg:

New branch launching soon! More information: Dorothy Tlhalafang Mogwere: cell: 083 400 7167 or e-mail: dmogwere@auruminstitute.org

WESTERN CAPE**Cape Town:**

Dates 2008: 5 November. **Time:** snacks: 17:45 and meeting: 18:15. **Venue:** Main Lecture Hall, Institute of Infectious Diseases and Molecular Medicine, UCT. **More information:** Glenda: tel: (021) 671 7551 or e-mail: glenda.hardy@hivaidclinic.com

Paarl:

Dates 2008: 13 November. **Time:** 18:30 **Venue:** Nelson's Creek Estate. **More information:** Dr Dirk Hagemeister: cell: 072 942 6218 or e-mail: Dhagemei@pgwc.gov.za

BOTSWANA**Gaborone (Southern Branch):**

Dates 2008: Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month. **Time:** 18:00. **Venue:** Boehringer Institute. **More information:** Dr. Victoria Nakimbugwe: e-mail: sahivcs@gmail.com

Francistown (Northern Branch):

Dates 2008: Meetings held on the first Wednesday of every month. **Venue:** Conference Room, Nyangabgwe Hospital. **Time:** 19:00. **More information:** Dr KF Mompoti: tel: (00) 267 713 09897, cell: (00) 267 241 2518 or Dr Samba Nyirenda: tel: (00) 241 5222 ext 216/241 7105, fax (00) 241 4704 or cell (00) 7131 8255.

LESOTHO

Dates 2008: 26 November, 17 December. **Venue:** Lehakoe Conference Hall (next to Central Bank of Lesotho). **More information:** Dr TG (Prithi) Prithiviraj: cell: (00) 266 6309 7068 or e-mail: prithidel@gmail.com

MALAWI

Seeking a new volunteer Branch Coordinator. Please contact Chloe if you are interested.

NAMIBIA**Windhoek and other centres**

Dates 2008: To be confirmed. **More information:** Dr Flavia Mugala-Mukungu: tel: (00) 26 461 246 917 or e-mail: namhivsoc@namibnet.com

NIGERIA**Lagos**

Dates 2008: to be confirmed. **More information:** Dr Austin N Nwokedi, e-mail: kediaustin@yahoo.com

ZAMBIA**Kitwe**

Seeking a new Branch Coordinator. Please contact Chloe if you are interested.

Lusaka

Dates 2008: Third Wednesday of every other month. **Time:** 17:30. **Venue:** Variable location. **More information:** Dr Timothy Meade: tel: (+26) 097 865 279; e-mail: corpmed@zamnet.zm or Dr. Mike Bush: tel: (+26) 096 750 999 email: bush.doctor@zamnet.zm

Ndola

Dates 2008: Last Tuesday of every month **Time:** 18:00. **Venue:** Savoy Hotel. **More information:** Dr Mulenga Joseph: tel: (+260) 955 889 571, (+260) 966 780 608, (+260) 977 572 462 or e-mail: docmulengajo@zamtel.zm

ZIMBABWE**Harare**

Dates 2008: To be confirmed. **More information:** Dr Ingrid Landman: tel: (00) 2634 704326 or email: sharinghealth@zol.co.zw

Mutare

Dates 2008: 19 November, 17 December. **More information:** Dr Munyaradzi Mukuzunga: e-mail: mukuzungam@vaccinetrail.africa.ac.zw or mmukuzunga@yahoo.com

If you are interested in starting up a Branch in your area please contact Chloe at (+27) 11 341 0162 or hardyc@sahivsoc.org
Please note that branch coordinators are volunteers and do not receive a salary from the Society.

Nutrition Focus Group

The group meets on alternative months, immediately prior to the Johannesburg Branch meetings, at the Glenhove Conference Centre.

If you wish to join this discussion group, please send your first name, surname and email address to fatimas@sahivsoc.org

Important Information on CPD Points**Meetings**

All Society branch and focus group meetings held in South Africa are accredited with the HPCSA and SAMA. In terms of SAMA guidelines, health care workers who attend accredited meetings will receive **one CPD point for each hour** of the presentation (points are not awarded for time spent in registration, refreshment breaks or question and answer sessions). In order to receive your CPD certificate from us, you must complete the meeting register at each branch meeting that you attend. **If you do not complete the register in full, or if your details are not legible, we cannot provide you with a certificate.**

Questionnaires

Three points are awarded for the completion of each multiple choice questionnaire in the *Journal of HIV Medicine*, with a pass rate of 70%.

Publications

The Society is always willing to accept articles from authors for consideration for inclusion in the *Journal of HIV Medicine*. Articles should be submitted to the editor online at www.sajhivmed.org.za. Once an article has been submitted, the author will receive an acknowledgement of receipt, and the article will then be subject to a peer review. The authors of all accepted and published articles will be awarded 15 CPD points, and co-authors will receive 5 CPD points. Reviewers of published articles will receive 3 CPD points. We are happy to accept articles from people writing for publication for the first time, and will provide support to first-time authors.

The latest edition of the Journal can be viewed online at: <http://www.sajhivmed.org.za/index.php/sajhivmed/issue> and previous editions are available on the Journal website: go to www.sajhivmed.org.za and click on "Archives".

Conferences 2009**4th South African AIDS Conference:**

Venue: International Convention Centre, Durban
Date: 31 March – 3 April 2009
Registration deadline: Pre-conference registration closes 13 March 2009

For more information: <http://www.saaids.com>

Local contact number: 0861 115 182

International contact number: +27 (0)12 460 8998

Conference Bursaries 2009**4th South African AIDS Conference:**

The Society offers bursaries to enable doctors, clinicians and other healthcare workers to attend the 4th South African AIDS Conference in Durban, 31 March – 3 April 2009. The bursaries are available to doctors, clinicians and healthcare staff, working in the field of HIV, particularly in **rural and other under-resourced areas.**

Bursaries will cover the conference registration fee, and each successful applicant will receive the sum of R2, 200.00, to assist with travel and accommodation costs, upon proven attendance at the conference. **NB:** The Society will organize the registration of successful applicants and pay the registration fee directly to the conference. **Please note that the Society cannot arrange, or pay for transport and accommodation – this will be the responsibility of the individual.** Bursary recipients who fail to attend the conference after we have paid their registration fees will be required to refund the Society for all expenses incurred.

Closing date for bursary applications: **13 February 2009**

Applicants for the bursaries should submit the following by fax: + 11 341 0161 or e-mail: hardyc@sahivsoc.org :

1. A brief outline of involvement in the field of HIV in a rural area.
2. A letter of support from applicant's manager/superior.
3. A letter detailing a commitment to feed back, to colleagues, information gained at the conference.

Job Opportunities

Holy Cross Home

Part time Post for a Medical Doctor

Holy Cross Home, an NGO ARV site in Pretoria is urgently in need of a part time doctor for the ART programme on the Thursdays and Fridays. Holy Cross Home is one of the SACBC ART sites. We have been in operation since 2004.

Anyone interested should please contact Sr. Emmanuel Nyeka:

Cell: 083 426 5403

Phone: 012 379 6061/2

E-mail: hch@telkomsa.net

Epidemiology and Biostatistics Division of the Clinical HIV Research Unit

An Epidemiologist is required to join the Epidemiology and Biostatistics Division of the Clinical HIV Research Unit based at the Helen Joseph Hospital, Johannesburg.

Requirements:

- A Masters degree in epidemiology or equivalent
- Minimum 1 year experience in research and data analysis
- Knowledge of statistical analytical software

Job Description:

The incumbent will be required to:

- Provide statistical support to Principle Investigators for research of analytical datasets;
- Provide high-level statistical and epidemiological input on methodology for the design of new study projects;
- Generate analytic datasets from cleaned data;
- Be involved in design and implementation of observational studies;
- Perform longitudinal data cleaning and analysis;
- Participate in team meetings and teaching activities;
- Supervise students; and
- Represent the group at meetings and conferences.

Please forward CVs to: lmcnamara@witshealth.co.za. For further enquiries please contact Dr M Maskew: 011 2768896.

Desmond Tutu HIV Foundation, UCT

Senior clinician wanted as Project manager / Research investigator

The Desmond Tutu HIV Foundation is looking for a full time medical doctor to work as a project manager in charge of community partnerships.

Responsibilities would include:

- Supervision of a community antiretroviral programme in Gugulethu.
- Initiation and ongoing M&E of a TB / HIV / ARV programme in Nyanga.
- Budgeting and reporting for a PEPFAR grant.
- Oversight of senior data personnel and systems.

- Human resource management and in-service training of staff.
- Collation and publication of data generated by research projects.

Ideally you would be:

- A medical doctor with some years of experience in the HIV and antiretroviral therapy fields.
- Have a defined interest in the field of HIV/AIDS and be enthusiastic about improving care for people living with HIV.
- Computer literate – experience with Access database desirable.
- Have your own transport to travel between sites.

The post encourages the candidate to pursue their own research goals within the field of HIV/AIDS. Direct involvement in the clinical care of patients is possible - if desired.

Salary range: R420 000 to R444 000 per annum.

Please fax or email CV to Johan Davids on 021-650 6963 or johan.davids@hiv-research.org.za by Monday 17th November 2008.

The Society Guidelines

The Society has published the following guidelines:

- **Nutrition:** Chapters 1 & 2 published in June 2007. Chapters 3 - 6 published in April 2008.
- **Adult ART:** Guidelines published in April 2008.
- **Cryptococcal Meningitis:** Published in December 2007, with poster.
- **Prisoners:** Published in June 2008, with poster.
- **Renal Replacement Therapy:** Published in June 2008.
- **Displaced Populations:** Published in 2007.
- **Post-Exposure Prophylaxis:** Published in November 2008.

The above guidelines are available from the Society (contact Chloe at 011 341 0162 or e-mail: hardyc@sahivsoc.org). The guidelines will soon be available on our website www.sahivsoc.org and on www.sahivmed.co.za

The Society would like to thank the following companies, organizations and donors for their financial support in producing the above guidelines:

ASPEN, ATLANTIC PHILANTHROPIES, CIPLA MEDPRO, PFIZER, THE UNHCR

Recommended Reading

The Clinical Practice of HIV Medicine by Dr David C Spencer. (Out of print - second edition now in progress.)

Handbook of HIV Medicine by Dr D Wilson, Dr S Naidoo, Dr LG Bekker, Dr M Cotton and Prof G Maartens.

Orders contact: Oxford University Press, tel: (021) 596 1222, to order e-mail: orders.za@oup.com, website: <http://www.oxford.co.za/>

Primary HIV/AIDS Care by Dr Clive Evian

Witness to AIDS by Judge Edwin Cameron

HIV/AIDS in South Africa edited by SS Abdool Karim and Q Abdool Karim. This book covers all aspects of HIV/AIDS in SA from epidemiology, prevention strategies, basic science, medicine, sociology, economics, politics and treatment. Cost: R400 including VAT. Published by Cambridge University Press: tel: (012) 412 7800, fax: (012) 419 0594, email: orders@cambridge.org or website: www.cambridge.org

Health & Democracy - A guide to human rights, health law and policy in post apartheid South Africa by Adila Hassim, Mark Heywood and Jonathan Berger, Published by Siber Ink, 2007. To order a copy contact the AIDS Law Project: (011) 356 4100.

Shattered Dream: An Oral History of the South African AIDS Epidemic by Gerald M. Oppenheimer and Ronald Bayer, is an oral history of how physicians and nurses in South Africa struggled to ride the tiger of the world's most catastrophic AIDS epidemic. Based on interviews with many of the Society's own members. To place an order, e-mail: shattered_dreams_SAHIVCS@yahoo.com

HIV/AIDS Management Course, Diploma and Other Courses

1. FOUNDATION FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Course Name	Course Dates	City/town	Cost (VAT Incl)
HIV/AIDS Management Course: Given the current state of knowledge on HIV/AIDS management and the fact that anti-retroviral therapy is becoming more affordable, it is now feasible to approach HIV/AIDS as a chronic medical condition. This course will empower clinicians to adequately manage patients with HIV and or AIDS.			
HIV/AIDS Management Course	27-28 Feb 2009	Cape Town	R 3,000.00
HIV/AIDS Management Course	28 -29 March 2009	Durban	R 3,000.00
HIV/AIDS Management Course	3-5 April 2009	JHB	R 3,000.00
HIV/AIDS Management Course	13-14 June 2009	JHB	R 3,000.00
HIV/AIDS Management Course	8-9 Aug 2009	Pretoria	R 3,000.00
HIV/AIDS Management Course	25-27 Sept 2009	Cape Town	R 3,000.00
HIV/AIDS Management Course	2-4 Oct 2009	Durban	R 3,000.00
HIV/AIDS Management Course	9-11 Oct 2009	Free State	R 3,000.00
HIV/AIDS Management Course	21-22 Nov 2009	Mpumalanga	R 3,000.00
HIV/AIDS Management Course	1-3 Dec 2009	PTA	R 3,000.00
HIV/AIDS Management Course	3-5 Dec 2009	Cape Town	R 3,000.00
HIV/AIDS Refresher Seminar: HIV/AIDS is an ever-evolving discipline and with ARV drugs becoming more affordable, health professionals therefore need to stay abreast with the latest developments. The Foundation for Professional Development, in association with the Southern African HIV Clinician Society, developed this one-day refresher seminar which is targeted at alumni who successfully completed the 3-Day HIV/AIDS Management Course. We encourage all our alumni who completed the 3-day course to enrol on this refresher course so that they have access to the most recent evidence-based information on drugs and the management of HIV/AIDS patients.			
HIV/AIDS Refresher Seminar	28-Feb-09	JHB	R 1,300.00
HIV/AIDS Refresher Seminar	11-Mar	JHB	R 1,300.00
HIV/AIDS Refresher Seminar	30-May-09	Durban	R 1,300.00
HIV/AIDS Refresher Seminar	5-Nov-09	Cape Town	R 1,300.00
HIV/AIDS Refresher Seminar	1-Dec-09	Durban	R 1,300.00
Paediatric HIV/AIDS Management Course: Children with HIV/AIDS are dying unnecessarily because of a lack of access to ARV treatment. The problems arise mainly from a lack of cheap feasible diagnostic tests for children under 18 months, lack of trained health personnel and the affordable child-friendly ARV drugs. Simplified treatment guidelines coupled with a range of fixed-dose combinations of ARVs that require only one or two pills twice a day make it easier to treat HIV/AIDS in adults, but development of simplified drugs for children lags behind. Despite WHO simplified treatment guidelines that specify which drugs to use in children, countries have difficulty in getting simple and affordable combinations of the drugs. Two generic fixed-dose combinations should enter clinical trials this year, and there are frighteningly few second-line ARV drugs available for children in countries with large numbers of infected children.			
Paediatric HIV/AIDS Management Course	13-15 March 2009	Pretoria	R 3,200.00
Paediatric HIV/AIDS Management Course	27-29 April 2009	CT	R 3,200.00
Paediatric HIV/AIDS Management Course	8-10 May 2009	CT	R 3,200.00
Paediatric HIV/AIDS Management Course	2-4 Oct 2009	PTA	R 3,200.00
Clinical and Ethical Refresher Course for GP's: The Clinical and Ethical Refresher Seminar is designed to offer a unique learning experience by combining clinical and ethical issues in an effort to help general practitioners to update their skills and knowledge in specific areas. Most healthcare professionals have limited time available to attend clinical programmes. Furthermore, attending individual courses is costly and may be time consuming. The FPD Summer Academy therefore intends to offer healthcare professionals an opportunity to get away, save time and money, gain CPD points for attending this learning experience and get the best of what FPD has to offer.			
Clinical and Ethical Refresher Course for GP's	30/5-1/6 2009	Midrand	R 3,140.00
Clinical and Ethical Refresher Course for GP's	26-28 June 2009	Durban	R 3,140.00

For more information contact:

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2. COLLEGES OF MEDICINE: DIPLOMA IN HIV MANAGEMENT – DIP HIV MAN (SA):

Examinations:

Further examination dates to be confirmed. There is no oral examination.

A Colleges of Medicine Diploma – Dip HIV Man (SA) is awarded to successful candidates.

Syllabus and candidate requirements: can be found on the Colleges' website: <http://www.collegemedsa.ac.za/>

3. **MASTER CLASSES IN HIV MEDICINE**

Toga laboratory is hosting a monthly series of master classes in HIV Medicine for those wanting to upgrade their skills and knowledge in the discipline or in preparing for the diploma examinations. The classes are held once a month, the first Friday of the month, at Toga laboratory from 10h00-12h00 (noon) and will be presented by Dr Dave Spencer or Prof Des Martin.

Those who are interested in joining the group (it has been meeting since the beginning of the year) should call to reserve a place:

Ms Lesleigh Beukes at Toga laboratory: 011 663 6313 or Dave Spencer: 011 663 6575. A program (2008/2009) is available on request.

4. **DESMOND TUTU HIV FOUNDATION: ARV MASTER CLASS FOR CLINICIANS**

DATE: Tuesday 25 November 2008

TIME: 08H30 for 09h00 – 16h00

VENUE: Groote Schuur Hospital, Lecture Theatre 2

The day will start with the very latest update on understanding of the HIV associated TB epidemic currently raging in South Africa. We will then cover a veritable fruit salad of key topics in ART management including, among others:

- A guide to ARV resistance
- GI disorders
- Salvage therapy
- Metabolic disorders

Internationally renowned speakers! All the topics are highly relevant to health care practitioners consulting with patients who are on antiretroviral treatment.

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Internet-based Discussion Groups

The Society currently operates three extremely successful internet based discussion groups:

- **Pediatric Discussion Group (Manager/Moderator - Dr Leon Levin):** Assists healthcare professionals to resolve HIV-related clinical problems through the use of case studies. Difficult and/or interesting cases are e-mailed to group members who e-mail their responses to all participants. Once a case has been fully discussed, opinions are usually sought from overseas experts. The Discussion Group currently has over 930 subscribers/contributors. To join please send your e-mail address to Dr Leon Levin: leonlevin@54.co.za. You may subscribe directly on URL: <http://www.mylistmanager.co.za/cgi-bin/uls/uls.cgi?ulspop=1476>
- **Adult HIV Discussion Group (Manager/Moderator - Dr Francesca Conradie):** "Don't you ever long for those days when you had time to discuss difficult and interesting cases. Remember when working in a hospital setting you had time to attend M&M meetings. But now, you have a very busy schedule and other things have taken up your attention like practice management and debt collection. We have formulated this case discussion format so in the few minutes that you have to spare in a week for academic pursuit you can access the latest case study. You will have an opportunity to put in your opinion. You can even send me some of your difficult cases and when the time is right I will post them. All you need to do is to send me your name, surname and email address and I will include you on the list." If you wish to join this discussion group which has grown to 375 participants, please send your first name, surname and email address to: adghiv@witshealth.co.za
- **Policy and Ethics issues in HIV Group (Manager/Moderator: Ms Marlise Richter):** The Discussion Group has now been operating since October 2006 and currently has over 270 contributors/subscribers. 11 case studies have been discussed and includes topics such as HIV in the military, HIV testing and Dual Loyalties. To subscribe, email Marlise your name, surname and email address to ethics.policy@gmail.com
To view past debates, see: <http://groups.google.com/group/policy-ethics>

The latest Antiretroviral (ART) SEP Prices Direct from the Manufacturer

NB WARNING: an additional fee may be incurred when purchasing per prescription, per month, for dispensing and door-to-door delivery from pharmacies. Prices are accurate at time of going to press. Updated prices are available at: <http://www.sahivsoc.org/index.php/arvpricelist>

NAME	STRENGTH	NAPPI CODES	COMPANY	QUANTITY	PRICE DIRECT FROM MANUFACTURER	GSK ACCESS PRICE
KALETRA CAPSULES		700922	ABBOTT	180	R 359.36 INC VAT	
KALETRA SYRUP		700924	ABBOTT	300ML	R 359.36 INC VAT	
NORVIR CAPSULES	100MG	836095	ABBOTT	84	R 83.85 INC VAT	
NORVIR SYRUP	80MG/ML	838527	ABBOTT	90ML	R 71.88 INC VAT	
ALUVIA TABS		710028	ABBOTT	120	R 359.36 INC VAT	
ADCO-LAMIVUDINE	150MG	707962001	ADCOCK	60	R 81.50 INC VAT	
ADCO-LAMIVUDINE <small>alcohol and sugar free</small>	10MG/1ML	708713001	ADCOCK	240ML	R 64.88 INC VAT	
ADCO-LUMIVUDINE SOL	10MG/1ML	708708001	ADCOCK	240ML	R 64.88 INC VAT	
ADCO-ZIDOVUDINE <small>(blister)</small>	300MG	703809001	ADCOCK	60	R 225.00 INC VAT	
ADCO-ZIDOVUDINE SYR	50MG/5ML	708709001	ADCOCK	200ML	R 68.89 INC VAT	
ADCO-ZIDOVUDINE <small>alcohol and sugar free</small>	50MG/5ML	708711001	ADCOCK	200ML	R 68.89 INC VAT	
ADCO-NEVIRAPINE <small>(blister)</small>	200MG	707961001	ADCOCK	60	R 175.00 INC VAT	
ADCO-EFAVIRANZ	600MG	709545001	ADCOCK	30	R141.36 INC VAT	
ASPEN LAMZID	150/300MG	703627001	ASPEN	60	R 274.39 INC VAT	
ASPEN EFAVIRENZ	600MG	710019001	ASPEN	60	R 136.80 INC VAT	
ASPEN LAMIVUDINE	150MG	703716001	ASPEN	60	R 86.91 INC VAT	
ASPEN LAMIVUDINE SYR	10MG/ML	703715001	ASPEN	240ML	R 66.45 INC VAT	
ASPEN ZIDOVUDINE	100MG	705452001	ASPEN	100	R 110.12 INC VAT	
ASPEN ZIDOVUDINE	250MG	705455001	ASPEN	60	R 219.97 INC VAT	
ASPEN ZIDOVUDINE	300MG	703712002	ASPEN	60	R 243.79 INC VAT	
ASPEN ZIDOVUDINE	10MG/ML	703713001	ASPEN	200ML	R 72.42 INC VAT	
ASPEN NEVIRAPINE	200MG	703718001	ASPEN	60	R 182.12 INC VAT	
ASPEN NEVIRAPINE	10MG/ML	704731001	ASPEN	240ML	R 112.47 INC VAT	
ASPEN DIDANOSINE	25MG	703330001	ASPEN	60	R 95.77 INC VAT	
ASPEN DIDANOSINE	50MG	703332001	ASPEN	60	R 107.26 INC VAT	
ASPEN DIDANOSINE	100MG	703333001	ASPEN	60	R 117.48 INC VAT	
ASPEN DIDANOSINE	150MG	703392001	ASPEN	60	R 176.22 INC VAT	
ASPEN STAVUDINE	15MG	704885001	ASPEN	60	R 27.46 INC VAT	
ASPEN STAVUDINE	20MG	701172001	ASPEN	60	R 30.65 INC VAT	
ASPEN STAVUDINE	30MG	701174001	ASPEN	60	R 36.39 INC VAT	
ASPEN STAVUDINE	40MG	701175001	ASPEN	60	R 42.92 INC VAT	
VIREAD (TENOFOVIR)	300MG	708253001	ASPEN	30	R 212.25 INC VAT	
TRUVADA		708254001	ASPEN	30	R 351.35 INC VAT	
VIDEX TABLETS	25MG	793221	BMS	60	R 114.23 INC VAT	
VIDEX TABLETS	50MG	842961	BMS	60	R 114.23 INC VAT	
VIDEX TABLETS	100MG	793213	BMS	60	R 121.06 INC VAT	

VIDEX TABLETS	150MG	793205	BMS	60	R 167.69 INC VAT	
VIDEX POWDER		847518	BMS	1	R 112.79 INC VAT	
VIDEX EC TABLETS	250MG	704783	BMS	30	R 164.42 INC VAT	
VIDEX EC TABLETS	400MG	703785	BMS	30	R 212.19 INC VAT	
ZERIT CAPSULES	15MG	841315	BMS	60	R 44.71 INC VAT	
ZERIT CAPSULES	20MG	837458	BMS	56	R 44.63 INC VAT	
ZERIT CAPSULES	30MG	841323	BMS	60	R 44.63 INC VAT	
ZERIT CAPSULES	40MG	837407	BMS	60	R 44.63 INC VAT	
ZERIT SOLUTION	1MG/ML	846074	BMS	200ML	R 13.22 INC VAT	
REYATAZ	150MG	708257	BMS	60	R 284.18 INC VAT	
REYATAZ	200MG	708258	BMS	60	R 357.56 INC VAT	
HYDREA CAPSULES	500MG	731706	BMS	100	R 184.23 INC VAT	
VIRAMUNE TABLETS	200MG	840645	BOEHRINGER- INGELHEIM	60	R 180.52 INC VAT	
VIRAMUNE SYRUP	10MG/ML	861855	BOEHRINGER- INGELHEIM	240ML	R 125.37 INC VAT	
CIPLA –EFAVIRENZ	600MG	709331001	CIPLA	30	R 145.69 INC VAT	
CIPLA-DUOVIR		707300001	CIPLA	60	R 274.39 INC VAT	
TRIAMUNE -30		707970001	CIPLA	60	R 251.32 INC VAT	
TRIAMUNE -40		705968001	CIPLA	60	R 251.32 INC VAT	
CIPLA-LAMIVUDINE	300MG	709337001	CIPLA	30	R 91.06 INC VAT	
CIPLA-LAMIVUDINE Tabs	150MG	701282003	CIPLA	60	R 91.06 INC VAT	
CIPLA-LAMIVUDINE Oral Sol	50MG/5ML	704041002	CIPLA	240ML	R66.97 INC VAT	
CIPLA-LAMIVUDINE Oral Sol	50MG/5ML	704041001	CIPLA	100ML	R 27.90 INC VAT	
CIPLA-NEVIRAPINE Tabs	200MG	704036001	CIPLA	60	R 180.41 INC VAT	
CIPLA-NEVIRAPINE Oral Susp	50MG/5ML	704040001	CIPLA	240ML	R 108.05 INC VAT	
CIPLA-ZIDOVUDINE Capsules	100MG	704037001	CIPLA	120	R 183.57 INC VAT	
CIPLA-ZIDOVUDINE Tabs	300MG	704038001	CIPLA	60	R 243.79 INC VAT	
CIPLA-ZIDOVUDINE Oral Sol	50MG/5ML	704039001	CIPLA	100ML	R 35.56 INC VAT	
CIPLA-ZIDOVUDINE Oral Sol	50MG/5ML	704039002	CIPLA	200ML	R 71.12 INC VAT	
STAVIR 30	30MG	701342001	CIPLA	60	R 35.25 INC VAT	
STAVIR 40	40MG	701344001	CIPLA	60	R 40.79 INC VAT	
3TC TABLETS	150MG	821632	GSK	60	R 112.18 INC VAT	R 45.68 INC VAT
3TC SYRUP	10MG/ML	821640	GSK	240ML	R 79.62 INC VAT	R 47.31 INC VAT
COMBIVIR TABLETS		875821	GSK	60	R 365.94 INC VAT	R 139.27 INC VAT
RETROVIR CAPSULES	100MG	784265	GSK	100	R 214.32 INC VAT	R 104.94 INC VAT
RETROVIR CAPSULES	250MG	837350	GSK	60	R 294.12 INC VAT	R 142.25 INC VAT
RETROVIR CAPSULES	300MG	885317	GSK	60	R 320.45 INC VAT	R 114.08 INC VAT
RETROVIR INFUSION		825018	GSK	5X20ML	R 319.46 INC VAT	R 115.87 INC VAT
RETROVIR SYRUP	10MG/ML	794236	GSK	200ML	R 83.85 INC VAT	R 55.25 INC VAT
ZIAGEN TABLETS	300MG	898531	GSK	60	R 895.41 INC VAT	R 307.65 INC VAT
ZIAGEN SYRUP	240ML	898538	GSK	240ML	R 339.13 INC VAT	R 129.79 INC VAT
TRIZIVIR		703537	GSK	60	R 1517.72 INC VAT	R 459.63 INC VAT

CRIXIVAN CAPSULES	200MG	827258003	MSD	360	R 449.49 INC VAT	
CRIXIVAN CAPSULES	400MG	824445023	MSD	120	R 299.66 INC VAT	
CRIXIVAN CAPSULES	400MG	824445007	MSD	180	R 449.49 INC VAT	
STOCRIN CAPSULES	50MG	893536008	MSD	30	R 27.42 INC VAT	
STOCRIN CAPSULES	200MG	862371007	MSD	90	R 295.31 INC VAT	
STOCRIN TABLETS	600MG	703318001	MSD	30	R 177.75 INC VAT	
INVIRASE CAPSULES	200MG	825697	ROCHE	270	R 655.71 INC VAT	
BACTRIM DS		706442	ROCHE	10	R 61.11 INC VAT	
BACTRIM INFUSION		706418	ROCHE	AMPULES	R 182.12 INC VAT	
BACTRIM		706434	ROCHE	20	R 53.30 INC VAT	
VIRACEPT POWDER	50 MG/G	857211	ROCHE	144	R 288.15 INC VAT	
VIRACEPT TABLETS	250 MG	857203	ROCHE	270	R655.55 INC VAT	
SONKE LAMIVUDINE	150MG	703378	SONKE	60	R 44.40 INC VAT	
SONKE LAMI+ZIDO		707971	SONKE	60	R 250.80 INC VAT	
SONKE NEVIRAPINE	200MG	709533	SONKE	60	R 171.00 INC VAT	
SONKE LAMI NEV STAV		709840	SONKE	60	R 231.19 INC VAT	
SONKE ZIDOVUDINE	300MG	709531	SONKE	60	R 228.00 INC VAT	
SONKE DIDANOSINE	25MG	709870001	SONKE	60	R 89.92 INC VAT	
SONKE DIDANOSINE	50MG	709871001	SONKE	60	R 100.55 INC VAT	
SONKE DIDANOSINE	100MG	709872001	SONKE	60	R 110.31 INC VAT	

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