SAHCS initiated the Expanding PrEP/ART Innovation Consortium (EPIC), a consortium of partners who collaborate to strengthen HIV prevention and treatment in the South African health system.

EPIC has developed the first ever Pharmacy Initiated Management of Antiretroviral Treatment (PIMART) course, whereby Pharmacists who completed the course can prescribe Antiretroviral Treatment. All clients with HIV related comorbidities as well as sexual and reproductive health related conditions will be referred by the pharmacist to their GP referral networks.

One of the aims of EPIC is to enhance appropriate referral to trained and up-to-date GPs and other networks.

**BENEFITS OF JOINING THE ACCREDITED PROVIDER NETWORK:**

- Resultant referral services between pharmacies and GPs
- Inclusion on the list of accredited providers which has been requested by large managed care groups to ensure targeted application of trained GPs within their HIV networks.

*In good standing: Paid up membership fees. If membership fee is not up to date, to renew your membership before registration contact tshepo@sahivcs.org*
If you are an experienced HIV Clinician and a SAHCS member* who does not need to complete the online advanced HIV management course due to many years of experience, the requirement is to successfully complete the Advanced Clinical HIV Management EXAM. The exam fee is **R999.00 (VAT inclusive)**.

However, if GP members select to do the exam in order to join the EPIC GP referral network, this fee will be waived, provided the exam is taken before the **30th of June 2020**.

To enroll email tshepo@sahivcs.org and quote the registration code “EPIC GP EXAM”.

We encourage you to register and join our accredited provider network. We are hopeful that you will share in our excitement about the opportunities EPIC provides for collaboration and increased access to healthcare.