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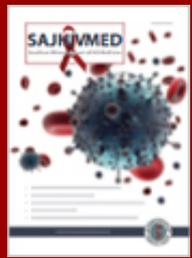


**SA HIV CLINICIANS SOCIETY NEWSLETTER  
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[Upcoming CME Meetings:](#)

**CAPE TOWN**  
30 August  
15h00 to 16h30  
Topic: Current STI developments and challenges among key populations of men  
Speaker: Dr Kevin Rebe

**PRETORIA**  
03 September  
18h30 to 20h00  
Topic: Polygamy & HIV: A Complicated Affair  
Speaker: Dr Edna Rudolph

## Society statement on WHO guidelines

In late June, the WHO issued [new guidelines](#) recommending a threshold of 500 cells/ul for the initiation of antiretroviral therapy (ART) in asymptomatic, non-pregnant adults. At this time there are no new data to support changing our own [guideline](#); therefore the Society's recommendation for initiation of ART in this population remains 350 cells/ul. We recognise that the differing recommendations may cause confusion, and have issued a [statement](#) to clinicians to help provide clarity.

What do you think the CD4 threshold should be? Let us know - complete our short poll online:



## Draft regulations on research on human subjects

The Society [provided comments](#) on the Department of Health's draft regulations to the National Health Act on "[Research on Human Subjects](#)". The regulations cover non-therapeutic research with minors and will impact HIV-and TB-related social science research in South Africa. The Society's submission, co-signed by individuals and organisations, expresses concerns with the draft regulations, including the requirement for all minors to have parental consent to participate in research. To date, we have not received a response to our submission; we will keep members informed of any further developments.

View the [submission on our website](#).

## National Health Complaints Protocol, Public Sector

The National Department of Health's Quality

## 2013 Child and Adolescent ARV Dosing Chart

The 2013 edition of the [Child and Adolescent ARV Dosing Chart](#) is now available. The chart has been updated to include two newly registered drugs, both available on [tender](#): 60mg ABC dispersible tablets and ABC (60mg) + 3TC (300mg) tablets.

The NDOH has also published a [paediatric ART flow chart](#) that is a useful reminder of the steps in the management of HIV-exposed children.

If you have questions about the two charts or any paediatric/adolescent HIV/TB-related queries, please contact us at [child\\_adolescent@sahivsoc.org](mailto:child_adolescent@sahivsoc.org).

## Stop Stock Outs Project

The Stop Stock Outs Project (SSP), a consortium including the [Treatment Action Campaign](#), the [Rural Health Advocacy Project](#), [SECTION 27](#), [Médecines Sans Frontières](#), the [Rural Doctors' Association of Southern Africa](#) and the [Society](#), has launched a new [website](#) to support stock out monitoring and reporting. The website allows users to report stock outs, see where stock outs are reported across the country and when these reports are resolved. SSP is targeting 01 October to launch a patient-focussed stock out reporting and monitoring initiative in two districts in South Africa. Health care workers from across the country can continue to report stock outs to us, and/or sign up to be a sentinel reporter. We are working with the NDOH to identify the two districts for the pilot and to refine the current list of medicines to report.

If you experience a medicines stock out, please submit the stock out reporting form or email the NDOH at [stockalert@health.gov.za](mailto:stockalert@health.gov.za) and cc us at [stockouts@sahivsoc.org](mailto:stockouts@sahivsoc.org).

## TB publications

Dr Grant Theron, a Wellcome Trust Fellow in Public Health and Tropical Medicine based in the Lung Infection and Immunity Unit, Department of Medicine, University of Cape Town, coordinates an email list highlighting new TB articles in the literature. New TB publications are selected based

## JOHANNESBURG

10 September  
18h30 to 20h00

Topic: Management of drug-induced liver injury  
Speaker: Dr Colin Menezes

## POLOKWANE

21 September  
12h30 to 16h30

Topic: Ethical dilemmas in HIV  
Speaker: TBC

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



Assurance Directorate recently updated the [National Health Complaints Management Protocol for the Public Sector, South Africa](#), which outlines the process for reporting complaints.

Please note that complaints must first be lodged at a facility, and if the facility is unable to resolve the complaint, the complaint should then be reported to the provincial office. If both the facility and provincial office are unable to resolve the complaint to the user's satisfaction, the complaint can then be lodged with the national office. Please see Annexure B, Section A of the [protocol document](#) for an example of a complaint form.

## Resources

The Aurum Institute has revised its TB guide, [Managing TB in a New Era of Diagnostics](#).

Johns Hopkins School of Nursing is offering a [free, online TB Care and Management course with a focus on TB/HIV Co-infection](#). The course is designed for health care workers or health professional students to prepare them to plan and deliver TB care in their communities by applying the latest clinical and research data to their setting.

## Society conference

Please visit the [website](#) for the Society's conference, set to take place 24-27 September 2014 at the Cape Town ICC. Prof Francois Venter is conference chair, and planning is already underway for a cutting edge, scientifically- and clinically-relevant meeting that will help improve your practice. Registration opens this November.



## Upcoming conferences

### 7th Annual Workshop on Advanced Clinical Care (AWACC)

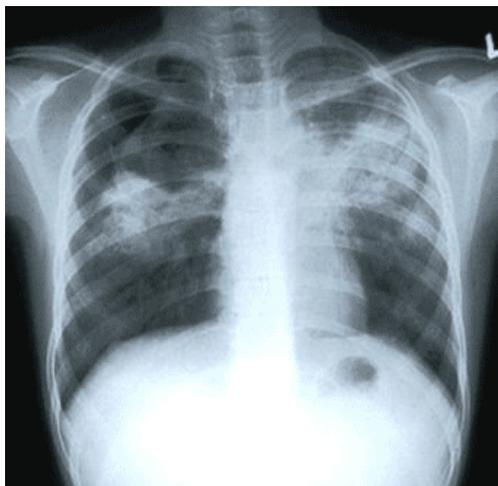
The 7th AWACC is scheduled for 26 and 27 September 2013 at the Elangeni hotel in Durban. Visit the [website](#) to view the programme and to register.

### FIDSAA 2013

The 5th [Federation of Infectious Diseases Societies of Southern Africa Conference](#), themed "Changing Attitudes", will be held at the Champagne Sports Resort in the Drakensberg, on the 10th – 12 October 2013. Visit <http://www.fidssa.co.za/default.asp> for more information.

on their prominence and relevance to TB care in high burden settings. There is an emphasis on diagnostics and drug-resistant TB. Most selected studies are clinical or translational in nature, however, important basic science findings are often frequently included. The list is subjective and not meant to be exhaustive. It is usually sent out fortnightly, depending on the quality and volume of work published to date.

If you would like to receive these emails, please send us an email at [sahivsoc@sahivsoc.org](mailto:sahivsoc@sahivsoc.org) and we will add you to the list.



## Society Blog

The Society is pleased to announce the launch of a blog, which features commentary on the latest news in HIV/TB and voices from the field. We want to hear from you! Blog entries are informal and should average around 500 words. If you are interested in contributing, please contact Suzanne Nicholson ([sueznicholson@gmail.com](mailto:sueznicholson@gmail.com)) for more information. Visit the [blog today](#) and let us know what you think!



## Recent News and Publications

[Foreign patients denied health care services in Gauteng](#)

[CHER finds infants who start ART early are able to interrupt treatment later on, with no evidence of excess disease progression](#)

[Study in Brazil finds IPT reduced deaths and active TB cases by 31%](#)

[FDA approves Dolutegravir, an integrase inhibitor](#)

[Report on the First International Symposium on Self-Testing for HIV: The legal, ethical, gender, human rights and public health implications of HIV self-testing scale up](#)

[Patents and profits: A disparity of manufacturing margins in the tenofovir value chain](#)

[Mental Health and the Global Agenda](#)

[The 2013 TAG and HIV i-base Pipeline Report](#)

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