SA HIV CLINICIANS SOCIETY NEWSLETTER
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New Clinical Case Study Online
A 46-year-old male attends a primary health care clinic with cough, fever, night sweats, weight loss, chest pain and anorexia. He reports a history of a previous episode of smear-negative pulmonary tuberculosis two years previously, for which he completed six months of a standard treatment regimen (2HRZE/4HR). He discloses that he is HIV infected but he has not previously accessed HIV care or CD4+ cell count testing. He had been working in the gold mines in Gauteng province until a few months before presentation. Read more...

Win free registration to our conference!
The Society’s second clinical conference will be held 24-27 September 2014 in Cape Town. We are seeking clinical cases to be used in case study workshops at the conference. Submit your case and stand a chance to win free registration to the conference and the opportunity to present your case to a panel of discussants. One submission will be chosen “best case” and featured at the conference. Cases should be submitted to laurie@sahivsoc.org by 31 January.

Conference suggestions? We want to hear from you – what workshops/topics/speakers do you want on our conference programme? Submit your suggestions by 30 November to sahivsoc@sahivsoc.org.

New Email Discussion Group
We are pleased to announce the launch of an email discussion group devoted to the management of patients on third-line antiretroviral treatment. As medicines such as darunavir, etravirine and raltegravir have become increasingly available in the public sector, we’ve received requests for advice and guidance on how to use the drugs. Dr Henry Sunpath of McCord Hospital and co-chair of the Annual Workshop in AIDS Clinical Care (AWACC), will moderate the group. Dr Sunpath will present cases for discussion and comment; group members are encouraged to submit cases of their own that are relevant to their work. The forum is open to all nurse and doctor clinicians interested in learning about the management of third-line patients; discussion and debate are highly encouraged! Please note that the procurement of third-line medicines in the public sector must happen through the National Department of Health and is separate to this email discussion group.

To join the group, send an email to Laurie at laurie@sahivsoc.org.

Stop Stock Outs Project
The Stop Stock Outs Project has launched! Report your medicine stock outs to 084 855 STOP (phone/SMS/pls call me/whatsapp) or via email at

SAJHIVMED Call for Submissions: A decade of antiretroviral therapy in the public sector
For the last 13 years, SAJHIVMED has provided in-depth local insights into both the population-level impact of the HIV epidemic, and the management of HIV-infected and at-risk individuals. The history of the Journal is intertwined with the expansion of access to antiretroviral therapy across South Africa and the region. As 2014 marks the 10-year anniversary of the public sector roll-out of ART services in South Africa, SAJHIVMED is planning a special edition to reflect on the lessons learned and celebrate the achievements during this time.

As part of this, SAJHIVMED is calling for submissions from health care workers, policy makers and researchers towards this special edition. Contributions of all shapes and sizes are welcome. We are particularly interested in “reflections” from clinicians on the ground – providing insight into the realities of delivering ART to increasing numbers of patients, often under difficult circumstances.

These submissions can take the form of editorials of 500-1000 words or longer, commentary on...
25 October 2013
15h00 to 16h30
Speaker to be announced
George
31 October 2013
18h30 to 20h00
Speaker to be announced
For more information about our CME meetings, please contact Natalie Martyn at natalie@sahivsoc.org or visit our website.

CME meetings on YouTube
Check out the Society’s YouTube channel for a host of newly uploaded presentations, including Prof Rita Thom on mental health among children and adolescents; Alice Armstrong on talking to adolescents about sexual health and Prof Cindy Firnharber on HIV/HPV infection. Let us know what you think!

Conferences
- Federation of Infectious Disease Societies of South Africa, 9-12 October 2013
  Visit our stand! [http://www.fidssa.co.za/]
- World Society of Paediatric Infectious Diseases, 19-22 November, Cape Town
  [http://www2.kenes.com/wspid/Pages/home.aspx]
- ICASA: 17th 7-11 December, Cape Town
  [http://www.icasa2013southafrica.org/]
- CROI 2014: 03-06 March 2014, Boston, MA
  Abstract submission has opened

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