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UPCOMING CME MEETINGS

Bloemfontein

20 May 2014

Speaker - Dr Cloete van Vuuren

Topic – 3rd line regimens

Cape Town

24 April 2014

Dr Ian Proudfoot

Management of renal disease

Abstract deadline 30 April – Southern African HIV Clinician's Society Conference 2014

Our second biennial conference will be held on the 24th – the 27th of September 2014 at the Cape Town International Conference Centre. On the agenda are local and international speakers, who will present the latest on treatment, prevention, basic science and ethics; as well as lively debates and skills building. We encourage you to submit an abstract by the 30th April deadline, which is also the deadline for earlybird registration. To submit, register or learn more about the Conference, [click here](#). We hope to see you all there!



Prescribing practices survey – win free conference registration!

The Society is conducting a [survey](#) of antiretroviral prescribing practices among nurses and doctors working in South Africa. The survey takes approximately 30 minutes to complete and will help inform an adherence and HIV drug resistance educational programme in development. Ten respondents will be randomly selected to receive free registration to the Society's conference in September. Please take the time to respond to help ensure that our programmes meet your needs. Encourage colleagues to respond as well! The survey is available online [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact us at sahivsoc@sahivsoc.org.

Switching to the fixed dose combination (FDC)

The Department of Health is concerned that some facilities have delayed their rollout of the FDC Tenofovir/Emtricitabine and Efavirenz. The FDC should be offered to all eligible patients. It is easier for patient to take and easier to dispense, with less risk of errors. The FDC is also cheaper than the single drugs, and stocks of single drugs should be limited to those who need them for medical reasons. All priority groups should have begun switching, including all HIV positive patients eligible for initiating ART; HIV positive pregnant and breastfeeding women stable on 3TC, TDF and EFV; and virologically suppressed patients on a d4T-based regimen who have normal renal function and stable patients receiving singles of TDF, 3TC and EFV as clinically appropriate.

Johannesburg

08 May 2014

Speaker – Dr Eric Hefer

Topic – CROI update

Pretoria

13 May 2014

Speaker - Dr Ahmad Haeri Mazanderani

Topic - Emerging issues in infant diagnosis of HIV infection

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



The Competition Commission's market inquiry into the private health care sector

On 6 January 2014, South Africa's Competition Commission began a market inquiry (an investigation) into the private health sector. The Commission is concerned about high prices in private health care. Download the Section 27 factsheet on the inquiry [here](#).

Trailblazing move to take HIV treatment out of clinics

Some of South Africa's 2.4 million HIV patients may be able to get antiretroviral (ARV) outside of health clinics in a move the Department of Health hopes will help address stock outs. Patients could get ARVs at home, at the local library or maybe even their local chain clothing store, like PEP. Read the full story [here](#).

Interesting reads

[*Patient Attrition Between the Emergency Department and Clinic Among Individuals Presenting for HIV Nonoccupational Postexposure Prophylaxis*](#)

Interventions are needed to improve rates of follow-up and completion of nPEP to reduce the risk of preventable HIV infections.

MSF's 2014 HIV/TB Clinical Guide

The 8th edition of MSF's HIV/TB Clinical Guide is available to download online [here](#). The guide provides a comprehensive approach to clinical HIV/TB care while helping clinicians remain informed and up-to-date in the context of rapid developments in the field of HIV care and treatment, including regular updates of national and international guidelines. If you would like a hard copy of the guide, please contact [Laurent Seale](#).

Upcoming Conferences

Second International Conference of the African Society for Laboratory Medicine

30 Nov – 4 Dec 2014 in Cape Town, South Africa

Calling all laboratory scientists, clinicians and policy makers interested in presenting at ASLM2014:

Abstract submission deadline: 30 April 2014

Link to submit an abstract:

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Link for earlybird registration:

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