WHO CONSOLIDATED ARV GUIDELINES: WHAT’S NEW IN 2014? UPDATED GUIDANCE ON THE PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT OF HIV AND RELATED INFECTIONS


Co-chairs: Yogan Pillay, Deputy Director-General, Department of Health, South Africa; Gottfried Hirnschall, Director WHO/HIV

WHO will provide a preview of the new recommendations on selected HIV-related co-morbidities and co-infections, including: use of cotrimoxazole, management of skin and oral opportunistic infections, management of cryptococcus and PEP. The guidelines are planned for official release in September 2014. WHO, PEPFAR, CDC, GFATM, and ASLM will also launch a multi-partner technical document entitled “Technical and operational considerations for expansion of viral load testing”.

TAKING THE PULSE: WHO 2014 GLOBAL UPDATE ON THE HEALTH SECTOR RESPONSE TO HIV


Co-Chairs: Nafsiah Mboi, Minister of Health, Indonesia; Gottfried Hirnschall, Director, WHO/HIV

The session introduces the new 2014 report including end-of-2013 global data on HIV treatment and other health sector interventions. The state-of-the-response overview will be complemented by perspectives from Asia and Africa on expanding ART, implementing PMTCT Option B, reducing inequities in service access for key populations, and an outlook on how HIV can drive the global universal coverage agenda beyond 2015. Panel discussion with leaders from the Global Fund, PEPFAR, UNAIDS, UNICEF and civil society. Sandwiches will be provided prior to the session.

LAUNCH OF THE WHO CONSOLIDATED GUIDELINES ON HIV PREVENTION, DIAGNOSIS, TREATMENT AND CARE FOR KEY POPULATIONS

**WHO Satellite SUSA31: Sunday, 20 July 2014, 15:45 – 17:45, Melbourne Room 1**

Co-chairs: Ruth Morgan Thomas, Global Coordinator, Global Network of Sex Work Projects, United Kingdom; Chris Beyrer, Director, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and President-elect of the International AIDS Society, USA

This session presents the new WHO consolidated guidelines on HIV prevention, diagnosis, care and treatment for key populations (MSM, sex workers, PWID, people in prisons and transgender people), and discusses how these guidelines can be used to promote an equitable and effective response to HIV epidemics. *Cocktail is served at 17.45.*
HIGHLIGHTED PRE-EVENTS

- **HIV and health systems: fostering quality and quality Improvement in the context of HIV scale-up**
  Side event co-organized by ICAP, NIH, OGAC, BMGF, UNICEF, WHO: Friday 18 - Saturday 19 July 2014, Quay West Hotel, 26 Southgate Ave, Southbank VIC 3006, Melbourne, Australia
  Deborah Birx, Ambassador at Large, Global AIDS Coordinator, USA; Michel Sidibe, UNAIDS Executive Director; Gottfried Hirnschall, Director, WHO/HIV will speak. Meg Doherty, Coordinator for Treatment and Care, WHO/ HIV will participate in a panel discussion.

- **International HIV/Viral hepatitis co-infection satellite meeting**
  Independent affiliated event by ASHM, supported by the Kirby Institute and the European AIDS Clinical Society (EACS): Friday 18 - Saturday 19 July 2014, Intercontinental the Rialto, 495 Collins St, Melbourne VIC 3000, Australia
  WHO speakers include Philippa Easterbrook, Nathan Ford, Anita Sands, Gottfried Hirnschall.

WHO-SPONSORED KEY EVENTS

- **Eliminating TB deaths: time to step up the HIV response**
  High level international consultation of WHO: Sunday, 20 July 2014, 09:00-13:00, Crown Promenade Hotel, 8 Whiteman St, Southbank VIC 3006, Melbourne, Australia
  Confirmed speakers include: Ambassador Deborah Birx, Global AIDS Coordinator, USA; Ambassador Eric Goosby, Chair of the Global TB/HIV Working Group; Kesetebirhan Admasu, Minister of Health of Federal Republic of Ethiopia; Mark Dybul, Executive Director, The Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; Anthony Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Hiroki Nakatani, WHO Assistant Director-General for HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Malaria and NTDs
  The meeting aims to catalyze an accelerated response and high level political buy-in for HIV-associated TB to bring about the elimination of TB deaths among people living with HIV.

- **Antiretroviral treatment in resource-limited settings: progress and challenges**
  WHO session: Monday, 21 July 2014, 11:00-12:30, Plenary 2 session room
  Co-chairs: Marco Vitoria, Treatment and Care, WHO/HIV; Yibetal Asefa, HMRI, Ethiopia
  This session will highlight the most relevant aspects of the 2013 WHO ART guidelines and discuss key issues regarding their implementation and the challenges faced with in resource-limited settings, considering clinical, operational and programmatic aspects related to different populations (adults, pregnant women and children).

- **Increasing access to tuberculosis services as part of integrated care for people who inject drugs**
  WHO workshop: Monday, 21 July 2014, 11:00- 12:30, Room 109-110
  Organized by WHO Global TB Programme
  WHO will introduce a new updated policy guidance on integrated TB, HIV, viral hepatitis and harm reduction services, and share successful models of integrated care for people who inject drugs (PWID). TB, HIV and harm reduction programme managers and non-governmental stakeholders will exchange ideas on challenges preventing access to the prevention, treatment and care of TB for PWID and discuss practical solutions to reduce TB morbidity and mortality among PWID.

- **Validating the elimination of mother-to-child transmission: global criteria and current status**
  Co-chairs: Teresia Otieno, Global Chair, International Community of Women Living with HIV and AIDS, Gundo Weiler, Coordinator Programme Development and Implementation, WHO/HIV
  The global community is preparing to assess whether the Global Plan 2015 targets towards the elimination of mother-to-child transmission (EMTCT) have been achieved. As a next step, countries will move towards validating that mother-to-child transmission no longer represents a major public health concern. In June 2014, WHO, UNICEF, UNAIDS, UNFPA and partners published internationally standardized criteria and processes to validate EMTCT achievement. This satellite session will present the main gist of the new guidance and will facilitate sharing of experiences from regions and countries in setting up systems to validate EMTCT. Refreshments will be provided.

- **Reaching young key populations: scaling up approaches**
  Satellite by partners: Interagency Working Group on Key Populations and the IAS Collaborative Initiative on Paediatric HIV Education and Research (CIPHER) MOSA15; Monday, 21 July 2014, 18:30 -20:30, Room 104
  Refreshments will be provided.
The session will be the launch of the draft technical briefs on young key populations – making them come alive through presentations mixed with interviews, a panel discussion, QA with audience. It brings together young activists, staff from national programmes, UN and research institutions; to make a passionate call to action for creative and sustainable solutions to the development and scaling up of programmes for and with young key populations at higher risk of HIV infections.

Where we were, where we want to be: infant feeding in the context of HIV and ARVs
Tuesday 22 July 2014 – 07:00-08:30, Room 101 - 102
Co-Chairs: Dorothy Mbori-Ngacha, Senior HIV/AIDS Specialist (PMTCT & Paediatric HIV), UNICEF ESARO; Nneka Mobisson-Etuk, Executive Director, African Region, Institute for Healthcare Improvement

The session, organized by UNICEF in close collaboration with WHO, will review the opportunities for improving HIV-free survival of children born to women living with HIV through breastfeeding and ARV. This includes the complexity of routinely collecting data about HIV-infected breastfeeding mothers and whether they are receiving ARVs to prevent HIV transmission. Participants will be asked how we can more rapidly learn about successful approaches for improving infant feeding practices while ensuring ARV coverage for mothers living with HIV. Plans for future revisions to the WHO-UNICEF guidelines will be shared and suggestions invited.

Design and implementation challenges for PMTCT implementation research – The INSPIRE initiative (Integrating and Scaling up PMTCT through Implementation REsearch).
A South: South collaboration supported by WHO and DFATD
WHO, Lighthouse Trust satellite TUSA11: Tuesday 22 July 2014, 18:30 – 20:30, Plenary 3
Co-chairs: Dr Charles Mwansambo, Chief of Health Services, Ministry of Health, Malawi; Dr Angela Mushavi, Director PMTCT services, Ministry of Health and Child Welfare, Zimbabwe

INSPIRE is a South-South collaboration consisting of six implementation research projects in Malawi, Nigeria and Zimbabwe examining diverse interventions to improve retention-in-care of HIV-infected mothers. In this session, methodological issues relating to study design, improving the quality of routine data, study definitions of “retention in care” and approaches to assessing the effectiveness of interventions will be presented and discussed.

Realizing the potential for HIV self-testing
Tuesday, 22 July 2014, 18:30-20:30, Room 101-102
Co-chairs: Paul Semugoma, Health4Men Program, ANOVA Health Institute; Rachel Baggaley, Coordinator, Key populations and prevention, WHO/HIV

HIV self-testing (HIVST) has huge potential to scale-up access to HIV testing. This session features AIDS & Behaviour special issue on HIVST, and opportunities and challenges facing HIVST.

Young key populations: at risk but not reached!
Event by Inter-agency Working Group on Key Populations and the PACT: Wednesday, 23 July 2014, 11:00-12:30, Youth Pavilion

Co-facilitators: Fabienne Hariga, UNODC; Carlo André Oliveras Rodriguez, ITPC, HIVYLF, The PACT

This session will introduce the draft technical brief on HIV and young key populations by the Inter-agency Working Group on Key Populations. A series of presentations will convey the everyday reality of members of young key populations framed by critical content in the technical briefs including the social determinations of vulnerability, how to increase service access as well as outlining the legal and policy constraints. This session will generate an urgent call to action to ensure young people among key populations have access to the services and information they need. It will conclude with outlining key next steps developed together with young people who attended the the AIDS 2014 youth pre-conference.

PrEP as part of combination prevention: using evidence and identifying research gaps
Side-event organized by WHO and NEMUS: Wednesday, 23 July 2014 18:30 - 20:30, Crown Towers Hotel, River Room 1
Chair: Carlos F. Caceres, NEMUS, Peru

This session will present current state of the art on PrEP, including current evidence as well as current activities on implementation research and regulatory issues. The session will also provide an opportunity for those actively involved in any aspect of research on PrEP to meet others with similar interests and to contribute to the future agenda and direction of NEMUS. Representatives of academia, international and national organizations, industry and community groups will speak. Refreshments will be served.

Assuring the quality of diagnostics used at point-of-care; pre-market assessment and post-market surveillance
WHO satellite WESA06: Wednesday, 23 July 2014, 18:30-20:30, Plenary 1
Co-chairs: (TBC)

The session will highlight the issues related to assuring quality of in vitro diagnostics (IVDs) for resource-limited settings, where regulation of IVDs may be suboptimal or poorly enforced. The session will present the streamlined approach to WHO Prequalification of IVDs Programme and introduce plans by WHO to develop guidance on post-market surveillance for IVDs through complaint reporting/handling and lot verification testing.
WHO press conference “New strategies, new guidelines and new focus: WHO, HIV and key Populations”
Time: Monday, 21 July 2014, 11:00-11:45
Venue: Media centre
Contact: Glenn Thomas, Tel: +41 79 506 0677, e-mail: thomasg@who.int

WHO press conference “Think Hepatitis, Think HIV –World Hepatitis Day - 28 July”
Time: Wednesday, 23 July 2014, 11:00-12:00
Venue: Media centre
Contact: Glenn Thomas, Tel: +41 79 506 0677, e-mail: thomasg@who.int

WHO publications and information materials will be displayed at the UNAIDS Cosponsors Booth at AIDS2014. Key new products include:

- WHO Consolidated guidelines on HIV prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care for key populations, July 2014, including a brief for policymakers
- 2014 Global update on the health sector response to HIV, July 2014
- WHO discussion paper “HIV, universal health coverage and the post-2015 development agenda”
- WHO, PEPFAR, CDC, GFATM, and ASLM joint publication “Technical and operational considerations for expansion of viral load testing”
- Report “Access to antiretroviral drugs in low- and middle-income countries 2014 update”
- WHO HIV Department E-Kit of information products and publications (on USB), July 2014
- Elimination of mother-to-child transmission (EMTCT) of HIV and syphilis
  Global guidance on criteria and processes for validation

You can also visit the WHO HIV office at AIDS2014: Second Floor, Room 208, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. Contact: Hayet Souissi (souissih@who.int, telephone: +41 79 376 88 90)
All our information materials are available on our website: www.who.int/hiv and http://www.who.int/hiv/events/2014/aids-conference/en/. Please access the “WHO at AIDS2014” website by scanning the QR code below.