



SAMU HIV/TB News Flash

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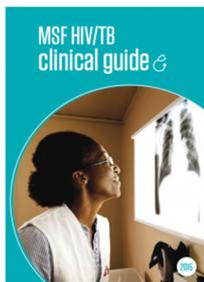


New clinical resources folder on the SAMU website!

Good news for all you clinicians out there! A [Clinical Resources page](#) has been added to the SAMU website. This consists of a series of folders containing articles and other publications that are considered relevant for clinicians working in the HIV/TB field. Though not meant to be comprehensive, it has a large collection of recently published articles from journals relevant to our resource-limited settings. Additional relevant articles will be regularly added as they become available. [Have a quick look now...](#)

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Guideline updates



The [MSF PMTCT and Paediatric Guidelines](#) were updated in 2014. If you haven't seen them yet, they are [available here](#).

The popular [MSF HIV/TB Clinical Guide](#) has again been updated (June 2015) and is now available in both English and French [here on the SAMU website](#).

Update your HIV knowledge online!

SAMU and MSF Canada, together with eScart, have developed an online interactive course for those with basic knowledge/experience in HIV/TB clinical management. The four modules include natural history of HIV, treatment (ART), PMTCT, and TB. Inquire and register at samu.elearning@joburg.msf.org.



CONFERENCES

Recent conference

The 22nd [Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections \(CROI\)](#) was held in Seattle, Washington in February 2015, during which the latest studies, important developments, and best research methods in the ongoing battle against HIV/AIDS and related infectious disease were shared. A few thoughts related to this conference, meant to provoke debate and discuss the issues at hand, [can be found here](#), courtesy of Tom Ellman.

Upcoming conferences

- The International AIDS Society (IAS) conference is taking place in Vancouver, Canada, from July 19-22. Twenty MSF-related abstracts have been accepted as poster presentations, and one oral presentation from the Khayelitsha project titled 'Implementation scale up of the Adherence Club model of care to 30,000 stable ART patients in the Cape Metro: 2011-2014'. MSF's Access Campaign is organising a satellite session on 'Reaching and Maintaining Undetectable Viral Load', jointly with the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the International Treatment Preparedness Coalition (ITPC).
- The 18th International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa (ICASA), originally scheduled to take place in Tunisia, has been moved to Harare, Zimbabwe from Nov 29 to Dec 4. The conference theme is 'AIDS in Post 2015: Linking Leadership, Science & Human Rights'.
- The 46th Union World Conference on Lung Health will take place in Cape Town, South Africa from December 2-6. The five-day scientific programme will address how the 'new agendas' (WHO's Global TB Strategy, Stop TB Partnership's Global Plan to Stop TB, plus the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals) will influence inter-related fights against tuberculosis, HIV, lung disease and non-communicable diseases.



HUMAN RESOURCES INFO

New team members

Welcome to the following new SAMU team members:

- Dr. Ousseni Tiemtore replaced Peter in late 2014 in the position of TB/HIV Advisor.
- Kleio Iakovidi is assisting Saar in the new position of HIV/TB Patient & Community Support Mobile Implementing Officer (MIO).
- Olivier Bluteau has joined SAMU as a Training Coordinator, courtesy of OCG. This position gives technical and pedagogical support in the conception, preparation and implementation of SAMU trainings, plus TB-HIV trainings implemented by missions and projects in the field. For further information on possible training support for your mission, please contact Olivier at olivier.bluteau@joburg.msf.org
- Dr. David Maman, a medical epidemiologist working for Epicentre, joined the SAMU team in June 2015. His work focuses mostly on operational research related to HIV (cohort analysis and population impact of the epidemic) and Hepatitis C (effect of new treatments and validation of serologic and virologic assays) in eastern/southern Africa and Asia.

Please [click here for further information on the SAMU team](#).

New portfolio distribution for SAMU focal points

Support by SAMU 'focal points' for missions and projects having HIV/TB/Hep C activities has been redistributed following the arrival of Ousseni (who is fluent in French and English) as follows:

- Eric Goemaere: DRC, South Africa, and recently Algeria
- Helen Bygrave: Malawi, Kenya, Lesotho
- Dmytro Donchuk: Ukraine, India, Egypt, Pakistan
- Ousséni Tiemtore: CAR, Guinea, Zimbabwe, Mauritania
- Tom Ellman: OCB in Tete and Beira, Mozambique
- Roger Teck: OCG in Swaziland, plus OCB and OCG in Maputo, Mozambique

In addition, SAMU remains available to provide HIV/TB/Hep C support for missions and projects in countries not listed above. To request this, please contact Dmytro at HQ level (dmytro.donchuk@brussels.msf.org) and/or Tom and Eric at the SAMU office in Cape Town (eric.goemaere@joburg.msf.org and tom.ellman@joburg.msf.org).