



Gastro Foundation Endoscopy and Hepatology Interest Group Meeting

Saturday 21 June 2025

Radisson Blu Gautrain, Sandton Johannesburg

Supporting Gastroenterology for the Future





Postgraduate Fellows annual meeting

Interest groups

GHASSA

G– ECHO

Ad boards and guidelines

AU - Nepad

African viral hepatitis Convention May 2024

HEPBRIDGE

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16th Post graduate course for Fellows
Lord Charles hotel Somerset West
4 April - 6 April 2025



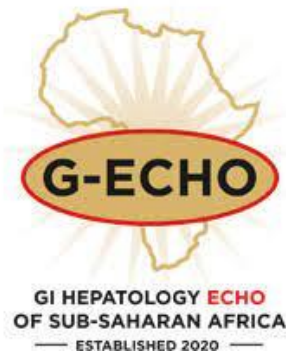


Fellows post graduate meeting Endoscopy base



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G-ECHO

- Upper Endoscopy
- Lower Endoscopy
- IBD
- Liver cancer
- Patient blood management
- Paediatric GI
- Pathology
- **Pancreatology**

ECHO Viral hepatitis monthly

ECHO Gi Fellows biweekly



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Wednesday afternoon WEEKLY interactive webinars

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Wednesday 19 March 2025

G-ECHO UPPER ENDOSCOPY

Chair: Professor Sandie Thomson & Galya Chinnery



"Diagnosing GORD: A Practical Approach to pH and Impedance Testing"

Dr Matthias Scriba
Specialist Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeon
Groote Schuur Hospital
University of Cape Town



GMT	14:30
West Africa	15:30
Central/Southern Africa	16:30
East Africa	17:30

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Wednesday 14 May 2025

G-ECHO UPPER ENDOSCOPY

Chair: Professor Sandie Thomson



**“Innovating and Maintaining an ERCP
Service in a Conflict Zone”**



Dr Abdelmounem E. Abdo

Consultant Physician and Gastroenterologist

Ibnsina Gastroenterology Centre, Khartoum, Sudan

With a Specialisation in Interventional Gastroenterology

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Wednesday 18 June 2025

LOWER Endoscopy

Chairman: Sandie Thomson Vikash Lala

Gastroenterologists: A multiverse of questions and the inevitable but is this the end game?

Dr Sarah Berkenfeld
Paediatric Gastroenterologist
Donald Gordon Centre
University of Witwatersrand

Round Table Panelist discussion



Sandie Thomson



Vikash Lala



Tim de Maayer



Giulia Brisighelli

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Wednesday 4 October 2023

Hepatocellular carcinoma

Surgical treatment

Welcome and introduction

Chairman: Eduard Jonas



Management and outcomes of HCC in sub-Saharan Africa

Case presentation

Dr Rashid Nashidengo (Windhoek, Namibia)



The management and outcomes of HCC in sub-Saharan Africa: a systematic review

Dr Sanju Sobnath (Cape Town, South Africa)



The IHPBA HPBridge project: International bidirectional engagement and collaboration

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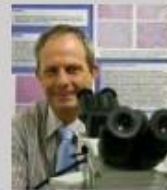
Wednesday 12 March 2025

G-ECHO PATHOLOGY

Chairman: Dr Bilal Bobat



“Diagnostic dilemmas”



Prof Martin Hale

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Wednesday 2 April 2025

G-ECHO PANCREATOLOGY

Chairman: Prof John DeVar

“What’s new in pancreatic cystic lesions”

Dr Sean Burmeister
Groote Schuur Hospital
University of Cape Town

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West Africa 15:30
East Africa 17:30

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Wednesday 30 April 2025

Inflammatory Bowel Disease

Chair: Prof Gill Watermeyer



Case Presentations

"Old drug – new tricks"

Dr Colin Rush
Gastroenterologist
LIFE Kingsbury Hospital, Cape Town

"A case of watery diarrhoea"

Prof Gill Watermeyer
Gastroenterologist
Groote Schuur Hospital

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Wednesday 16 April 2025

Patient Blood Management

Chairman: Vernon Louw



“Oral iron: Treatment and Supplementation”



Dr Evan Bowen
Haematology Department
Universitas Hospital
University of the Free State

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Wednesday 26 March 2025

G-ECHO PAEDIATRICS

Chairman: Dr Tim de Maayer



Case Presentation

Tim de Maayer

"EoE an overview of the guidelines and clinical implementation of diagnosis and management of EoE"



Marinda McDonald

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VIRAL HEPATITIS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA iECHO Clinic

Pre-register for the Monthly iECHO Clinics

22 May 2025 | Thursday 14:30-15:30 (SAST)



CLINIC MEDICAL DIRECTORS		Time : SAST	Presentation	Presenters
PROFESSORS WENDY SPEARMAN AND MARK SONDERUP DIVISION OF HEPATOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE, FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN AND GROOTE SCHUUR HOSPITAL		14h30	Welcome	Prof Wendy Spearman
Medical Specialists	Burkina Faso: Alice Guinane and Team Cameroon: Christian Tzeuton and Team Ethiopia: Abate Shewaye and Team, Hailemichael Desalegn and Team Ghana: Mary Yeboah Afihene, Eileen Micah and Team Kenya: Betty Musau, Fatuma Some and Team Mozambique: Lina Brito Cunha and Team Nigeria: Fumni Lesi and Team, Chidi Nnabuchi South Africa: Chris Kassianides (Morningside Mediclinic, Johannesburg), Bilal Bobat (Wits Donald Gordon Medical Centre, Johannesburg) Tanzania: Rachel Maseke The Gambia: Gibril Ndow and Team United Kingdom: Geoff Dusheiko Zimbabwe: Leo Katsidzira	14h35 - 14h50	Didactic Lecture: <i>Vertical transmission of hepatitis B in Africa: Is elimination an achievable goal?</i>	 Dr Alex Stockdale Senior Clinical Lecturer and Consultant in Infectious Diseases University of Liverpool, UK; Malawi Liverpool Wellcome Research Programme
		14h50 - 15h00	South Africa: Clinical Case: Hepatitis B <i>To treat or not to treat? That is the question</i>	 Dr Liz Gatley Hepatology Fellow Division of Hepatology, Department of Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences University of Cape Town
		15h00 - 15h10	Cameroon: Clinical Case: HBV/HDV <i>When to screen and vaccinate?</i>	 Prof Christian Tzeuton Professor of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Douala Teaching Hospital, Douala, Cameroon
Target Audience	ECHO: Viral Hepatitis in sub-Saharan Africa: Spokes in: Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, The Gambia, United Kingdom and Zimbabwe and Midwives in SSA	15h10 - 15h30	Discussion	Speakers and participants



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Monday evening interactive webinars

Monday 2 June 2025 : 18:00

and every 2nd week thereafter

G-ECHO Gastroenterology Fellows

Chairperson: Prof Wendy Spearman

PH assessment of nutritional status and management of sarcopenia in chronic liver disease

Presenter: Dr Ramah Hassan

CMJAH, Wits

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2025

HEPATOLOGY MODULE 2025			
Date	Topic	Fellow	Facilitator
Monday			
20 Jan	Hepatitis C	Godknows Shamhuyashe	Mark Sonderup
3 Feb	Hepatitis B	Elizabeth Gatley	Wendy Spearman
17 Feb	Complications of Cirrhosis	Pascal Kuka	Bilal Bobat
3 Mar	Hepatocellular Carcinoma	Ibrahim Mohamed	Dinen Parbhoo
17 Mar	Autoimmune Liver Diseases: AIH, PSC and PBC	Gillian Gaskin	Neliswa Gogela
31 Mar	MASLD	John Midhun	Wendy Spearman
14 Apr	Alcohol-related liver disease	Sandy Mosenye	Mark Sonderup
28 April	Public Holiday		
12 May	Liver Transplantation -indications, assessment and immediate post- operative management in first week	Sipho Nkandlalalana	Bilal Bobat
19 May	Drug-induced Liver Injury	Simon Veenstra	Neliswa Gogela
2 June	PH Assessment of Nutritional status and management of sarcopenia in chronic liver disease	Ramah Hassan	Wendy Spearman
16 Jun	Public holiday		
30 June	Acute liver failure	Midhun John	Dinen Parbhoo



4-6 April Fellows Weekend

School holidays

G-ECHO Medical Fellows

2025

2nd half schedule



12	14 July	Acute and Chronic Pancreatitis	Camagu Potelwa	Martin Brand
13	28 July	Pancreatic cysts	Patrick Nachipo	Sean Burmeister
14	11 Aug	Acute cholangitis, cholecystitis	Muaz Moosa	Sean Burmeister
15	25 Aug	Liver abscesses and cystic liver diseases	Lillian Musyoka	Christo Kloppers
16	8 Sept	Acute Severe UC	Yaseen Sungay	Neo Seabi
17	22 Sept	Pouchitis	Jack Turyahikayo	VG Naidoo
18	6 Oct	Peri-anal disease and fistulae	Ibrahim Mohammed	Nonee Ramonate
19	20 Oct	Post-operative recurrence CD	Godknows Shamhuyashe	Shiraaz Gabriel
20	3 Nov	Conventional drugs in IBD	Midhun John	Gill Watermeyer
21	17 Nov	Advanced drugs in IBD	Pascal Kuka	Gill Watermeyer
22	1 Dec	Feedback on the programme		Mashiko Setshedi



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CAPE TOWN - SOUTH AFRICA
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Cape Town is known as
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LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Organizing committee

Chris Kassianides – South Africa (chair)
Wendy Spearman – South Africa (co-chair)
Mark Sonderup – South Africa (co-chair)
Bilal Bobat – South Africa
Geoff Dusheiko – United Kingdom
Ed Jonas – South Africa
Anna Kramvis – South Africa
John Ward – USA
Manal El-Sayed – Egypt
Halle Michael Desalegn Mekonnen – Ethiopia
Danjuma Adda – Nigeria
Gibril Ndow – The Gambia
Christian Tzeuton – Cameroon
Manzeno Casimir – Democratic Republic of Congo

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Debzi Nabil – Algeria
Kabagambe Kenneth – Uganda
Leolin Katsidzira – Zimbabwe
Edith Okeke – Nigeria
John Rwegasha – Tanzania
Janvier Serumondo – Rwanda
Maude Lemoine – United Kingdom
Philipa Mathews – United Kingdom



HEPBRIDGE
AVHC meeting May 2024







H.E. Amb. Minata Samate Cessouma
Commissioner for Health Humanitarian Affairs and Social development African Union





SA Hepatitis B guidelines for 2025 Ad board meeting

**Saturday Nov 2 2024
Radisson Gautrain Sandton**

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South African Guidelines for the Management of Hepatitis B: 2025

Saturday 2 November 2024, Sandton, Gauteng

8h30-9h00	Arrive and registration	
9h00-9h10	Welcome and Introductions	Prof Mark Sonderup
9h10-9h25	Background: South African 2019 Hepatitis B Management Guidelines	Prof Wendy Spearman
9h25-9h40	Recent NICD data on Hepatitis B seroprevalence in South Africa	Dr Nishi Prabodial-Sing
9h40-10h10	Update on NDOH Implementation of Prevention of mother-to-child transmission of hepatitis B programmes	Dr Vilakazi-Nhlapo & NDOH team
	Roll-out of antenatal HBsAg screening and targeted Hepatitis B Birth dose vaccination to neonates of HBsAg positive pregnant women (20 minutes).	
	I. Which provinces have initiated the programme and how many women have been screened for HBsAg and how many neonates have been vaccinated? II. How many HBsAg positive pregnant women have initiated Tenofovir and been linked to long term care? III. Is the HB-Birth Dose vaccine going to be funded and included in the EPI schedule? IV. What education programmes are being run around the implementation of antenatal HBsAg screening and HB-Birth Dose vaccination? V. Is there dedicated domestic funding of these programmes	
	Challenges faced in the initiation of the Antenatal HBsAg screening and HB Birth dose vaccination programmes (10 minutes)	
10h10-10h30	Tea	
10h30-10h45	How do we position the role of point-of-care diagnostics in South Africa"	Prof Mark Sonderup
10h45-11h15	Proposal of Updated Hepatitis B guidelines for South Africa	Prof Wendy Spearman
11h15-13h00	Open discussion: Chaired by Prof Mark Sonderup and Prof Wendy Spearman	

SA HBV Guidelines meeting
Raddison Gauteng Nov 2024







Meeting with DOH June 2025
Universal MBDV and Triple elimination





SSA H Pylori interest group Ad board meeting

Friday 27th October 2023

Vineyard Hotel, Cape Town

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***Helicobacter pylori* management in Sub-Saharan Africa. Is it time for a nuanced approach?**

Mashiko Setshedi and Chris Kassianides

Background

Helicobacter pylori (*H. pylori*) is the commonest infection worldwide, affecting 4.4 billion people. Half of the world's population and more than 60% of people in Africa are infected. Although the infection is asymptomatic in 80-90% of patients, in the remainder infection is associated with peptic ulcer disease, gastric adenocarcinoma (GCA), and several extra-gastric disorders. International societies have published guidelines on many aspects of *H. pylori*, including diagnosis and treatment. These guidelines although useful, do not address some of the unique challenges of management of this condition in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA); this has been highlighted and published in several papers from Africa. The aim of this communication is to present practical recommendations made by a group of experts, after careful interrogation of available data, and taking into account local factors. These will in turn facilitate the development of a clear, comprehensive and context-sensitive 'Guidance' document.



SSA Metabolic syndrome interest group

Steatotic liver disease

Ad board

Friday 1st Dec 2023

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SSA METABOLIC SYNDROME INTEREST GROUP

Steatotic Liver Disease

Inaugural Advisory Board meeting

Friday, 1 December 2023

Vineyard Hotel, Cape Town

Attendees

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| 1. Professor Wendy Spearman | Hepatology |
| 2. Prof Chris Kassianides | Foundation |
| 3. Dr Bilal Bobat | Hepatology |
| 4. Professor Mark Sonderup | Hepatology |
| 5. Dr Jeff Wing | Endocrine |
| 6. Dr Marisa Noeth | Endocrine |
| 7. Dr Wayne May | Endocrine |
| 8. Prof Joel Dave | Endocrine |

SAMMSS

SA Metabolic Medicine and Surgery Society

SEMDSA

Society for Endocrinology Metabolism and Diabetes of SA



Gastro Hepatology Foundation Meetings 2025



- Steatotic Liver Disease ad board MAFLD 2025
- TB in patients with IBD and on anti TNF Biologics 2025
- Twilight symposium at SAGES August 2025
- PBM meeting CT SASA September 2025
- Women's Health summit Triple elimination 2025/26
- IBD interest group meeting Dec 2025



IBD INTEREST GROUP MEETING
Saturday, 6 December 2025
Vineyard Hotel, Cape Town

Registration and refreshments

08:45 **Welcome and introduction**

Prof Chris Kassianides

Chair: **Prof Mashiko Setshedi and Dr Shiraaz Gabriel**
09:00 Monoclonal antibodies targeting IL-23 - an update
9.25 Case of complicated UC
9.50 The new global guidelines: pregnancy and IBD
10:15 Colorectal cancer surveillance in IBD-colitis
10.40 Case of complicated CD

Dr Thania Khan
Dr Neo Seabi
Prof Gill Watermeyer
Dr Eduan Deetlefs
Dr Dion Levin

11.05 – 11.50 Brunch

Chair: **Prof Adam Boutall and Dr Neo Seabi**
11.50 Targeted small molecules in IBD
12.15 IBD surgery update
12.40 How do we communicate risk and benefit to our patients?
13.05 IBD-Africa: an update
13.30 **Close**

Dr Naayil Rajabally
Dr Daniel Surridge
Sr Karin Davidson
Dr Dave Epstein

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UEG week Vienna 2022



Endoscopy Interest Group Meeting

Saturday 21 June 2025

Radisson Blu Gautrain, Johannesburg

Endo-Hepatology a new dimension

08:30	Registration and refreshments	
09:00	Welcome	Prof Chris Kassianides
	Portal Hypertensive Bleeding	
Chairs:	Prof Damon Bizo and Prof Adam Mahomed	
09:10	Quality care in oesophageal variceal bleeding	Dr Dinen Parbhoo
09:30	Portal gastropathy and GAVE	Dr Bilal Bobat
09:50	Gastric Varices - New classifications and Novel Management	Dr Vikash Lala
10:10	TIPS for Bleeding varices	Prof Charles Sanyika
10:30	Session Q&A	
10:45	BRUNCH	
	EUS/ERCP – Session 1	
Chairs:	Dr Chris Ziedy and Dr Peter Barrow	
11:30	EUS basic anatomy	Dr Neo Seabi
11:50	Role of endoscopy in PSC	Dr Sharan Rambarran
12:10	EUS guided management of cholecystitis	Prof JWS Devar
12:30	Session Q&A	
12:40	Comfort break / Tea	
	EUS/ERCP – Session 2	
Chairs:	Dr Fritz Potgieter and Dr Neo Seabi	
13:00	EUS guided biliary drainages	Dr Uzayr Khan
13:20	EUS guided Liver biopsy and Portal Pressure measurement - Ready for prime time?	Prof Schalk vd Merwe
13:50	Ethics of blood transfusion	Jackie Thompson
14:20	Session Q&A	
14:30	Close	CPD Accredited Dr Vikash Lala

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Dr Bilal Bobat



Prof. Mashiko Setshedi

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16th Liver Interest Group Meeting

Saturday 7th December 2024

Vineyard Hotel, Cape Town

08:30 – 14:30

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PROGRAMME

Saturday 7th December 2024

8:30	Registration	
8:45-9:00	Welcome and Introduction	Prof Chris Kassianides
	Viral Hepatitis: Chairs: Dr Neliswa Gogela and Prof Geoff Dusheiko	
9:00-9:30	WHO 2024 Hepatitis B Guidelines Update: Increasing access to antiviral therapy	Prof Wendy Spearman
9:30-10:00	Hepatitis B sAg prevalence in under 5-year-olds in South Africa: Why implementation of the Hepatitis B Birth dose vaccine is important	Dr Nishi Prabdial-Sing
10:00-10:30	Hepatitis C in key populations in South Africa: Identification and Linkage to care	Dr Andrew Scheibe
10:30-11:00	Addressing Harm reduction: Access to opiate substitution therapy	Dr Lisa Dannat
11:00-11:30	Brunch	
	Metabolic Dysfunction-associated Steatotic Liver Disease: Chairs: Dr Bilal Bobat and Prof Joel Dave	
11:30-12:00	Steatotic Liver Disease and the importance of risk stratifying for MASLD	Prof Wendy Spearman
12:00-12:30	Addressing the driving forces of MASLD: Obesity and Diabetes	Prof Joel Dave
12:30-13:00	Role of Non-invasive tests for risk stratification: Up-Referral and HCC surveillance	Dr Neliswa Gogela
	Hepatocellular Carcinoma: Chairs: Prof Marc Bemon and Dr Dale Creamer	
13:00-13:30	Update: The management and outcomes of hepatocellular carcinoma in sub-Saharan Africa	Prof Ed Jonas (Virtual)
13:30-14:00	The expanded role of TACE in the management of hepatocellular carcinoma	Prof Marc Bemon
14:00-14:30	Update on immunotherapy for the management of hepatocellular carcinoma	Dr Bilal Bobat
14:30	Close	Prof Wendy Spearman



Gastro Foundation 15th Liver interest Meeting

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08:30 – 14:30

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Metabolic syndrome interest group meeting Steatotic liver disease

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15th Liver interest group meeting
Gauteng Oct 2024



PROGRAMME

Saturday 26th October 2024

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 09:20 Welcome and introduction Prof Chris Kassianides

Chairs: Prof Wendy Spearman and Dr Bilal Bobat

09:20 – 09:40 Hepatitis B update – New Guidelines Prof Wendy Spearman

09:40 – 10:00 Viral Hepatitis C-
breaking down barriers to treatment Dr Mzamo Mbelle (Vir)

10:00 – 10:20 HCC listing criteria – is West best? Dr Sanju Sobnach

10:30 – 11:00 BRUNCH

LIFESTYLE

Chairs: Prof Mark Sonderup and Dr Fran van der Schyff

11:00 – 11:20 MASLD: why the need to change again Prof Wendy Spearman

11:20 – 11:40 The Therapeutic pipeline in MASLD:
new agents loading Prof Mark Sonderup

11:40 – 12:00 Acute Alcohol Hepatitis:
Time to consider transplant Dr Bilal Bobat

12:00 – 12:30 Ethics of Liver Transplantation –
the foreign patient, the cancer patient
and the diseases of lifestyle Prof Chris Lundgren

12:30 – 13:00 TEA BREAK

PANCREATOLOGY

Chairs: Dr Neo Seabi and Dr Imran Sadiwalla

13:00 – 13:20 Managing Acute Pancreatitis –
Chasing Waterfalls Prof John Devar

13:20 – 13:40 Approach to Pancreatic cysts

13:40 – 14:00 IgG4 Disease Prof Adam Mahomed

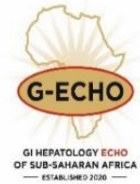
14:00 – 14:20 Management of Chronic Pancreatitis Dr Neo Seabi

14:30 Close Dr Bilal Bobat

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Prof Geoff Dusheiko
Emeritus Prof of medicine RFH and UCLSM and Kings CH London



Prof Martin John Hale, MB ChB, LRCP(Edin), LRCS(Edin), LRCP&S(Glas), FC Path

Prof Martin Hale is a specialist anatomical pathologist who has spent his entire career working in the public sector both in Zimbabwe and South Africa. He has extensive experience in diseases that are prevalent in sub-Saharan Africa, particularly infectious disease and malignancy, inclusive of HIV.

Recently he has headed up histopathology support to the liver transplant unit which is the largest of its kind on the African continent. He is committed to the development of pathology in sub-Saharan Africa, a significant milestone being the successful hosting of the International Congress of the International Academy of Pathology in Cape Town, South Africa in 2012, a first for the African continent.

Prof Hale has been involved with a number of collaborative research projects over the years, presented at numerous international meetings, authored and co-authored peer reviewed publications and book chapters and supervised a number of post-graduate students. He has been collaborating with Prof Shabir Madhi investigating childhood mortality, and recently, the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic.

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Thursday afternoon WEEKLY interactive case webinars

HEPATOLOGY

CLINICO-PATHOLOGICAL CASE PRESENTATIONS

Thursday 12 November 2020

Moderator: Prof Mashiko Setshedi

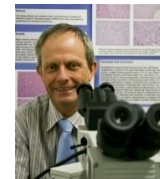
Approach to the normal liver microanatomy

Prof Martin Hale, Wits

Case presentation

Dr Bilal Bobat

A 36 year old man with HIV, dysphagia and abnormal Liver Associated Enzymes



Prof Martin Hale



Dr Bilal Bobat

GMT	14:00
West Africa	15:00
Central/Southern Africa	16:00
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Wednesday afternoon WEEKLY interactive webinars

Wednesday 4 October 2023

Hepatocellular carcinoma

Surgical treatment

Welcome and introduction

Chairman: Eduard Jonas



Management and outcomes of HCC in sub-Saharan Africa

Case presentation

Dr Rashid Nashidengo (Windhoek, Namibia)



The management and outcomes of HCC in sub-Saharan Africa: a systematic review

Dr Sanju Sobnath (Cape Town, South Africa)



The IHPBA HPBridge project: International bidirectional engagement and collaboration

GMT 14:30

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SAGES report on academic gastro-intestinal unit survey
SAMJ November 2004, Vol. 94, No. 11



“Academic gastro-enterology is not functioning well, research output is down and fewer trainees are choosing it as a career path. The South African Gastro-enterology Society (SAGES) council felt that a composite appraisal of the national problems was necessary. I was tasked.....”

Sandie R Thomson is Professor of Surgery at the Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine and Head of the Department of General Surgery and the Endoscopy Unit at Addington Hospital.



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*Recent advances in Gastroenterology and Hepatology
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DATE:

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*Professor Pauline Hall, Australia
Professor Joseph Sung, Hong Kong*

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Failed PPI therapy. What to do?

HIV and the liver

Biologics in IBD

*Step up vs top down therapy?
Managing pregnancy in IBD*

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Is it all infective?

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*What to do if you are reported to HPCSA
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Best of EASL – Topics

- Screening, transmission, prevention, access to care – strategies to combat liver diseases
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- Non-alcoholic fatty liver – new developments
- Alcoholic liver disease – new developments
- Hepatitis B and HBV/HIV coinfections: clinical presentation and diagnosis
- Hepatitis B: EASL guideline and new strategies for cure
- HCC screening, diagnosis and therapy
- Hepatitis C: therapeutic options in Africa
- Hepatitis C: EASL guideline and new options
- Approach to the patient with liver cirrhosis
- Acute-on-chronic liver failure
- Complications of liver cirrhosis

International Speakers



Prof. Mark Thursz, Professor of
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Dr. Frank Tacke, RWTH
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Best of EASL – Lagos





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29 September – 1 October 2016

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Best of EASL : Addis Ababa



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8th Liver Interest Group Annual Meeting

Announcement of the Gastroenterology and Hepatology Association of SSA (GHASSA)
Vineyard Hotel, Cape Town, 1 and 2 December 2017







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Sanjeev Arora
Founder and Director

Tele-mentoring Programme

ECHO Model of Care Tele-mentoring Program



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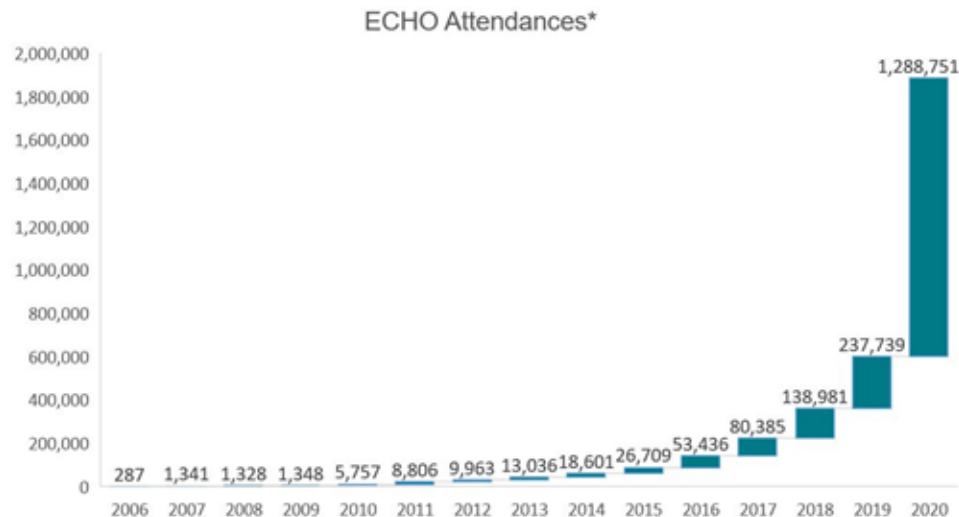


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VIRAL HEPATITIS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA iECHO Clinic

Pre-register for the Monthly iECHO Clinics

4 April 2024 | Thursday 14:30-15:30 (SAST)



CLINIC MEDICAL DIRECTORS	PROFESSORS WENDY SPEARMAN AND MARK SONDERUP DIVISION OF HEPATOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE, FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN AND GROOTE SCHUUR HOSPITAL	<i>Time : SAST</i> 14h30 14h35 – 14H55 14h55 – 15h05 15h05-15h15 15h15– 15h30	<i>Presentation</i> Welcome Didactic Lecture: <i>Hepatitis B: Criteria for Treatment</i> Ghana: Clinical Case: Hepatitis B: Should we treat Zimbabwe: Clinical Cases: Update on TDF side-effects HIV/HBV Coinfection and haemodialysis Discussion	<i>Presenters</i> Prof Wendy Spearman  Prof Wendy Spearman Head: Division of Hepatology, Department of Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Cape Town  Dr Mary Afihene Senior Lecturer, Consultant Gastroenterologist Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology, Kumasi  Dr Leo Katsidzira Consultant physician & Gastroenterologist University of Zimbabwe College of Health Sciences & Parirenyatwa Central Hospital, Harare, Zimbabwe Speakers and participants
Medical Specialists	Burkina Faso: Alice Guinane and Team Cameroon: Christian Tzeuton and Team Ethiopia: Abate Shewaye and Team, Hailemichael Desalegn and Team Ghana: Mary Yeboah Afihene, Eileen Micah and Team Kenya: Betty Musau, Fatuma Some and Team Mozambique: Lina Brito Cunha and Team Nigeria: Fumni Lesi and Team, Chidi Nnabuchi South Africa: Chris Kassianides (Morningside Mediclinic, Johannesburg), Bilal Bobat (Wits Donald Gordon Medical Centre, Johannesburg) Tanzania: Rachel Maseke The Gambia: Gibril Ndow and Team United Kingdom: Geoff Dusheiko Zimbabwe: Leo Katsidzira			
Target Audience	ECHO: Viral Hepatitis in sub-Saharan Africa: Spokes in: Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, The Gambia, United Kingdom and Zimbabwe and Midwives in SSA			



GI Hepatology **ECHO** of sub Saharan Africa

Wednesday afternoon WEEKLY interactive webinars

Wednesday 7 July 2021

GHASSA in association with AUDA-NEPAD EXTRAORDINARY G-ECHO MEETING

Introduction and welcome –

Prof Chris Kassianides, Chairman, Gastroenterology Foundation of SSA

Dr Sanjeev Arora, Founder, ECHO

Ibrahim Mayaki, CEO, AUDA-NEPAD

SSA G-ECHO presentations to AUDA-NEPAD (5 mins each)

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| • <u>Endoscopy</u> : | Prof Sandie Thomson |
| • <u>IBD</u> : | Prof Gill Watermeyer |
| • Viral <u>hepatitis</u> : | Prof Wendy Spearman |
| • Liver <u>cancer</u> : | Prof Eduard Jonas |
| • Patient blood <u>management</u> : | Prof Vernon Louw |
| • GI Hepatology Fellow <u>training</u> : | Prof Mashiko Setschedi |
| • Discussion (20 mins) | |
| • Close | Prof Chris Kassianides |



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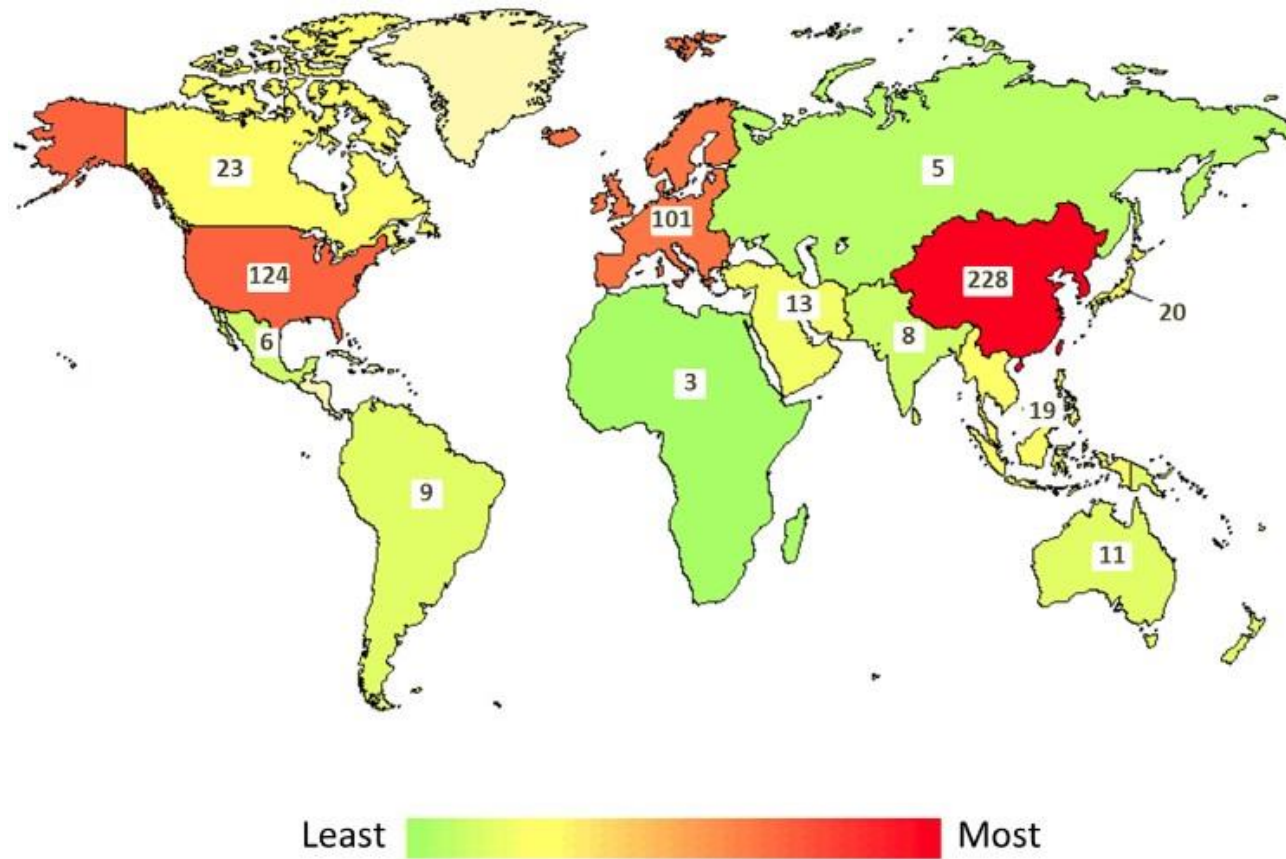


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Liver cancer research in Africa



Less than 1% of ongoing clinical HCC trials are conducted on the continent

Viral hepatitis in sub-Saharan Africa 1

Lancet Gastroenterol Hepatol
2017; 2: 900–09

Hepatitis B in sub-Saharan Africa: strategies to achieve the 2030 elimination targets

C Wendy Spearman, Mary Afihene, Reidwaan Ally, Betty Apica, Yaw Awuku, Lina Cunha, Geoffrey Dusheiko, Neliswa Gogela, Chris Kassianides, Michael Kew, Philip Lam, Olufunmilayo Lesi, Marie-Jeanne Lohouès-Kouacou, Papa Saliou Mbaye, Emmanuel Musabeyezu, Betty Musau, Olusegun Ojo, John Rwegasha, Barbara Scholz, Abate B Shewaye, Christian Tzeuton, Mark W Sonderup, on behalf of the Gastroenterology and Hepatology Association of sub-Saharan Africa (GHASSA)

Viral hepatitis in sub-Saharan Africa 2

Lancet Gastroenterol Hepatol
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Hepatitis C in sub-Saharan Africa: the current status and recommendations for achieving elimination by 2030

Mark W Sonderup, Mary Afihene, Reidwaan Ally, Betty Apica, Yaw Awuku, Lina Cunha, Geoffrey Dusheiko, Neliswa Gogela, Marie-Jeanne Lohouès-Kouacou, Phillip Lam, Olufunmilayo Lesi, Papa Saliou Mbaye, Emmanuel Musabeyezu, Betty Musau, Olusegun Ojo, John Rwegasha, Barbara Scholz, Abate B Shewaye, Christian Tzeuton, Chris Kassianides, C Wendy Spearman, on behalf of the Gastroenterology and Hepatology Association of sub-Saharan Africa (GHASSA)

Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease in sub-Saharan Africa 1



Epidemiology, risk factors, social determinants of health, and current management for non-alcoholic fatty liver disease in sub-Saharan Africa

C Wendy Spearman, Mary Afihene, Omolade Betiku, Bilal Bobat, Lina Cunha, Chris Kassianides, Leolin Katsidzira, Hailemichael D Mekonnen, Ponsiano Ocama, Olusegun Ojo, Imran Paruk, Christian Tzeutori, Mark W Sonderup, on behalf of the Gastroenterology and Hepatology Association of sub-Saharan Africa (GHASSA)

Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease in sub-Saharan Africa 2



Health-care provision and policy for non-alcoholic fatty liver disease in sub-Saharan Africa

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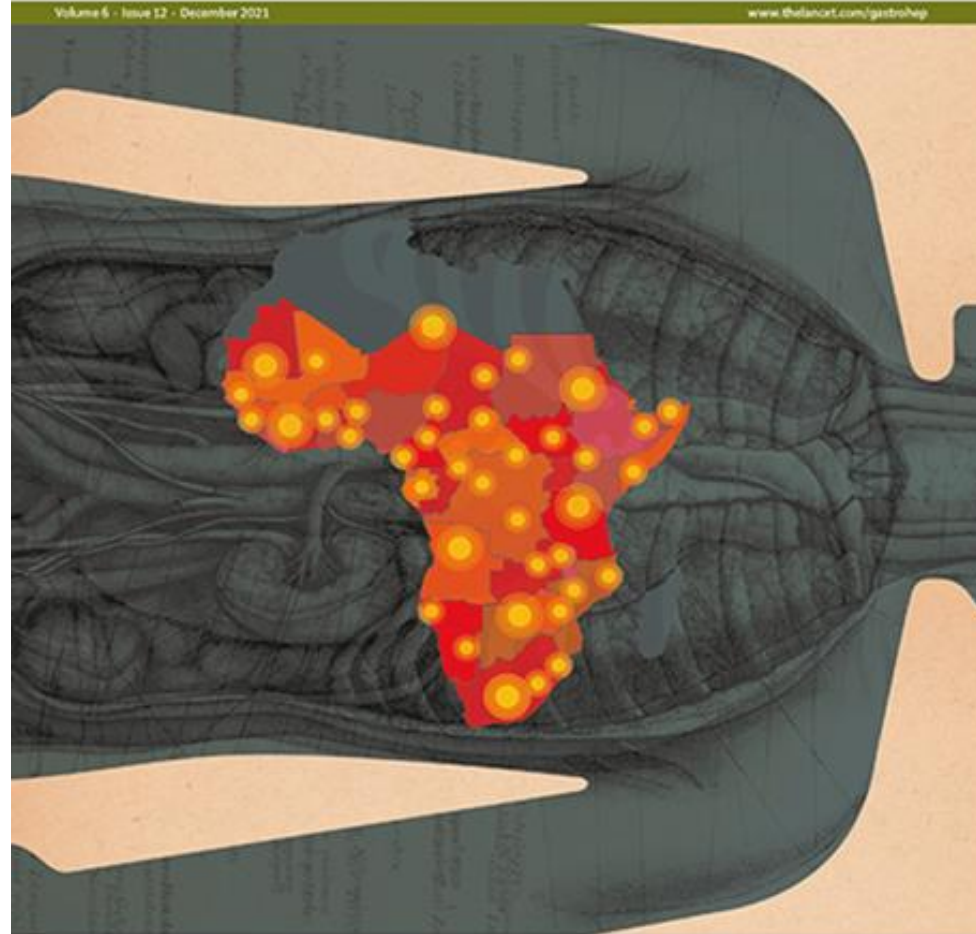
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Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease in sub-Saharan Africa
See pages 1036 and 1047



Non-Gain Trust IT 4253/2006

**SSA METABOLIC SYNDROME INTEREST GROUP
STEATOTIC LIVER DISEASE
INAUGURAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**Friday, 1 December 2023
Vineyard Hotel, Cape Town**

Attendees

1. Professor Wendy Spearman	Hepatology
2. Prof Chris Kassianides	Foundation
3. Dr Bilal Bobat	Hepatology
4. Professor Mark Sonderup	Hepatology
5. Prof Jeff Wing	Endocrine
6. Dr Marisa Noeth	Endocrine
7. Dr Wayne May	Endocrine
8. Professor Joel Dave	Endocrine
SAMMSS	SA Metabolic Medicine and Surgery Society
SEMDSA	Soc for Endocrinology Metabolism and Diabetes of SA

Agenda

17:00	Registration and refreshments	
17:30	Welcome and introduction	Chris Kassianides
17:40	Introduction to Obesity in Sub-Saharan Africa	Marisa Noeth
18:00	Steatotic Liver Disease: New nomenclature and role of screening	Wendy Spearman
18:30	Treatment of Metabolic-dysfunction associated steatotic liver disease	Mark Sonderup
19:00	Discussion	

Chairman: Prof Chris Kassianides

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**FOCUS GROUP MEETING
H PYLORI INTEREST GROUP MEETING
Friday, 27 October 2023
Vineyard Hotel, Cape Town**

Attendees

1. Professor Mashiko Setshedi
2. Prof Chris Kassianides
3. Dr Vikash Lala
4. Professor Reid Ally
5. Dr Hafeez Mohammed
6. Dr Ebrahim Mohamed (Not present)
7. Dr Leo Katsidzira
8. Dr Bilal Bobat
9. Dr Yuthika Naidoo

Agenda

18:00	Registration and refreshments	
18:10	Welcome and introduction.	Professor Chris Kassianides
18:15	Introduction to point of care Stool H pylori Ag test	Dr Yuthika Naidoo
18:25	Update on H-pylori testing	Dr Hafeez Mohamed
18:45	How do I treat an H-Pylori patient in SSA?	Professor Mashiko Setshedi
18:55	SSA H pylori review	All
20:00	Close	

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SA Hepatitis B guidelines for 2025 Ad board meeting

**Saturday Nov 2 2024
Radisson Gautrain Sandton**

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South African Guidelines for the Management of Hepatitis B: 2025

Saturday 2 November 2024, Sandton, Gauteng

8h30-9h00	Arrive and registration	
9h00-9h10	Welcome and Introductions	Prof Mark Sonderup
9h10-9h25	Background: South African 2019 Hepatitis B Management Guidelines	Prof Wendy Spearman
9h25-9h40	Recent NICD data on Hepatitis B seroprevalence in South Africa	Dr Nishi Prabdi-Sing
9h40-10h10	Update on NDOH Implementation of Prevention of mother-to-child transmission of hepatitis B programmes	Dr Vilakazi-Nhlapo & NDOH team
	Roll-out of antenatal HBsAg screening and targeted Hepatitis B Birth dose vaccination to neonates of HBsAg positive pregnant women (20 minutes).	
	I. Which provinces have initiated the programme and how many women have been screened for HBsAg and how many neonates have been vaccinated? II. How many HBsAg positive pregnant women have initiated Tenofovir and been linked to long term care? III. Is the HB-Birth Dose vaccine going to be funded and included in the EPI schedule? IV. What education programmes are being run around the implementation of antenatal HBsAg screening and HB-Birth Dose vaccination? V. Is there dedicated domestic funding of these programmes	
	Challenges faced in the initiation of the Antenatal HBsAg screening and HB Birth dose vaccination programmes (10 minutes)	
10h10-10h30	Tea	
10h30-10h45	How do we position the role of point-of-care diagnostics in South Africa"	Prof Mark Sonderup
10h45-11h15	Proposal of Updated Hepatitis B guidelines for South Africa	Prof Wendy Spearman
11h15-13h00	Open discussion: Chaired by Prof Mark Sonderup and Prof Wendy Spearman	



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PROGRAMME

Saturday 16th November 2024

08:45	Welcome and introduction	Prof Chris Kassianides
Chair:	Dr Neo Seabi and Dr Shiraaz Gabriel	
09:00	Diet as therapy for IBD	Dr Thanla Kahn
9.25	Case presentation - hiding in plain site (differential diagnosis of CD)	Dr Simon Veenstra
9.50:	Monoclonal antibodies targeting IL-23 - an update	Prof Gill Watermeyer
10:15	Advances in the diagnosis and management of stricturing Crohn's disease	Dr Eduan Deetlefs
10.40	Case of complicated IBD	Dr Ernst Fredericks
11.05 – 11.50 Brunch		
Chair:	Prof Adam Boutall and Dr Ernst Fredericks	
11.50	Targeted small molecules in IBD	Dr Neo Seabi
12.15	IBD surgery update (mesenteric resection, Kono-S anastomosis)	Dr Daniel Sumridge
12.40	Management of isolated ulcerative proctitis – the neglected IBD phenotype	Dr Dion Levin
13.05	Treat to target – what really matters to our patients?	Sr Karin Davidson
13.30	Close	

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8:30	Registration	
8:45-9:00	Welcome and introduction	Prof Chris Kassianides
Viral Hepatitis: Chairs: Dr Neliswa Gogela and Prof Wendy Spearman		
9:00-9:30	WHO 2024 Hepatitis B Guidelines update: Increasing access to antiviral therapy	Prof Wendy Spearman
9:30-10:00	Hepatitis B sAg prevalence in under 5-year-olds in South Africa: Why implementation of the Hepatitis B Birth dose vaccine is important	Dr Nishi Prabdhial-Sing
10:00-10:30	Hepatitis C in key populations in South Africa: Identification and Linkage to care	Dr Andrew Scheibe
10:30-11:00	Addressing Harm reduction: Access to opiate substitution therapy	Dr Lisa Dannat
11:00-11:30	Brunch	
Metabolic Dysfunction-associated Steatotic Disease: Chairs: Dr Bilal Bobat and Prof Joel Dave		
11:30-12:00	Steatotic Liver Disease: The New Nomenclature	Prof Wendy Spearman
12:00-12:30	Addressing the driving forces of MASLD: Obesity and Diabetes	Prof Joel Dave
12:30-13:00	Role of NITS for risk stratification: Up-Referral and HCC surveillance	Dr Neliswa Gogela
LIVER UPDATE: CAPE TOWN 7 DECEMBER 2024, VINEYARD HOTEL		
Hepatocellular Carcinoma: Chairs: Prof Marc Bernon and Prof Ed Jonas		
13:00-13:30	Update: The management and outcomes of hepatocellular carcinoma in sub-Saharan Africa	Prof Ed Jonas
13:30-14:00	The expanded role of TACE in the management of HCC	Prof Marc Bernon
14:00-14:30	Update on immunotherapy for the management of HCC	Dr Bilal Bobat
14:30	Close	Prof Chris Kassianides

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Saturday 26th October 2024

08:30 – 09:00	Registration	
09:00 – 09:20	Welcome and introduction	Prof Chris Kassianides
Chairs: Prof Wendy Spearman and Dr Bilal Bobat		
09:20 – 09:40	Hepatitis B update – New Guidelines	Prof Wendy Spearman
09:40 – 10:00	Viral Hepatitis C- breaking down barriers to treatment	Dr Mzamo Mbelle (Vir)
10:00 – 10:20	HCC listing criteria – is West best?	Dr Sanju Sobnach
10:30 – 11:00	BRUNCH	
LIFESTYLE		
Chairs: Prof Mark Sonderup and Dr Fran van der Schyff		
11:00 – 11:20	MASLD: why the need to change again	Prof Wendy Spearman
11:20 – 11:40	The Therapeutic pipeline in MASLD: new agents loading	Prof Mark Sonderup
11:40 – 12:00	Acute Alcohol Hepatitis: Time to consider transplant	Dr Bilal Bobat
12:00 – 12:30	Ethics of Liver Transplantation – the foreign patient, the cancer patient and the diseases of lifestyle	Prof Chris Lundgren
12:30 – 13:00	TEA BREAK	
PANCREATOLOGY		
Chairs: Dr Neo Seabi and Dr Imran Sadiwalla		
13:00 – 13:20	Managing Acute Pancreatitis – Chasing Waterfalls	Prof John Devar
13:20 – 13:40	Approach to Pancreatic cysts	
13:40 – 14:00	IgG4 Disease	Prof Adam Mahomed
14:00 – 14:20	Management of Chronic Pancreatitis	Dr Neo Seabi
14:30	Close	Dr Bilal Bobat

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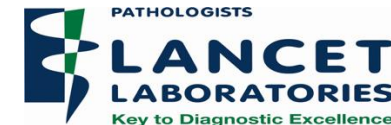
Saturday 2nd December 2023

Vineyard Hotel, Cape Town

08:30 – 13:30

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15th IBD and Endoscopy Interest Group Meeting

Saturday 28 October 2023

Vineyard Hotel, Cape Town

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Sub-Saharan Africa
Zimbabwe
Mozambique
Kenya

SPOKES evolve to HUBS





PATIENT BLOOD MANAGEMENT
An Interest Group Meeting
Saturday 28 September 2019
Crystal Towers, Cape Town, 08:30 – 13:30

08:30 Registration & refreshments

09:00 Welcome

Chair: Prof Vernon Louw & Dr Jackie Thomson

Prof Chris Kassianides

09:15 What is PBM and practical experience in setting up a PBM programme

Dr Axel Hofmann (40 mins)

09:55 Saving Blood, Saving Lives. Lessons learnt & guidance for others

Dr Matthew Gibbs (25 mins)

10:20 Iron deficiency anaemia in gastroenterology

Dr Eduan Deetlefs (25 mins)

10:45 Nuts & bolts of running an IVI clinic

Sr Karin Davidson (25 mins)

11:10 Brunch

Chair: Dr Anthony Beeton & Dr Matthew Gibbs

11:40 ICU and peri-operative medicine

Dr Lliam Brannigan (25mins)

12:05 "Bundles of care" : Challenges at a tertiary level

Prof Vernon Louw (25 mins)

12:30 Blood service perspective on PBM - costs and benefits

Dr Jackie Thomson (25mins)

12:55 The ethics of treating a patient who declines blood transfusion

Dr Caroline Hilton (25 mins)

13:20 Close

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SSA H Pylori interest group Ad board meeting

Friday 27th October 2023

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Professor Chris Kassianides Chairperson of the GFSSA and GHASSA with Mr Adam Molai Chairman of TRT investments announcing a 25 million USD annual drive to boost maternal birth dose vaccine to all African children born on the continent.

**Announced at the African Viral Hepatitis Convention
Hosted by GHASSA in Cape Town May 16 – 18 2024**

Lifesaving boost for viral hepatitis in Southern Africa.



The Gastroenterology Foundation of South Africa 15th Weekend for Fellows Lord Charles Hotel , Somerset West 19 - 21 April 2024



Julian Krüger 2024



Best of EASL – Africa

- Approach to elevated transaminases
- Approach to the cholestatic patient
- Standard evaluation of NAFLD
- Management of NAFLD
- NAFLD in Africa – does it differ?
- Screening & Staging of HCV
- New treatment options for HCV
- Chronic hepatitis B: whom to treat & new strategies for finite treatment
- HIV / HBV co-infection in Africa
- HCC screening, diagnosis and therapy
- Screening for portal hypertension in cirrhosis
- Complications of cirrhosis: update 2015
- Management and treatment-failure of autoimmune & cholestatic liver diseases

International Speakers



**Dr. Tom
Hemming
Karlsen,**
*University
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**Dr. Massimo
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*University
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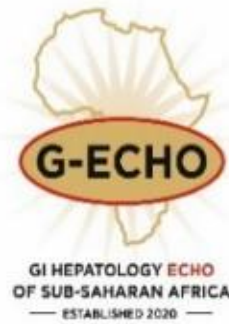
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The 14th Post graduate meeting for fellows

The Lord Charles Hotel Somerset West
17 – 19 March 2023



VIRAL HEPATITIS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA iECHO Clinic

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES/OST PROGRAMMES

20 June 2024 | Thursday 14:00-15:00 (SAST)



CLINIC MEDICAL DIRECTORS	PROFESSORS WENDY SPEARMAN AND MARK SONDERUP DIVISION OF HEPATOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE, FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN AND GROOTE SCHUUR HOSPITAL	<i>Time : SAST</i> 14h05 14h05 – 14h20 14h20 – 14H30 14h30-14h40 14h40– 15h00	<i>Presentation</i> Welcome Didactic Lecture: "An introduction to HCV self-testing". "DECISION MAKING IN HEPATITIS C". "DECISION MAKING IN HEPATITIS C". Discussion	<i>Presenters</i> Prof Wendy Spearman  Dr Andrew Scheibe Technical advisor for TB-HIV Care & Researcher at University of Pretoria Depart of Family Medicine Sr Bongani Sibande Biobehavioural Study Research Nurse at TB-HIV Care. Site lead for PWID Biobehavioural Study at Ehlanzeni. Sr Dumisani Mkhize Biobehavioural Study Research Nurse at TB-HIV Care based at Ethekwini. Site lead for PWID Biobehavioural Study Speakers and participants
Medical Specialists	TB HIV Care (Correctional Services Program): Dr Joel Steingo, Dr Gaynor Grace, Sr Lulu Dipa, Sr Nokuzola Sityana TB HIV Care: OST Sites: Dr Shalon Naidoo & Sr Ranel Carla (Durban) ; Dr Duncan Laurenson, Sr Gcobokan Pheliwe Mdlulwa, Sr Sicelo (Cape Town) TB HIV Care/Head Office (strategic information/technical advisor): Dr Andrew Scheibe Anova Health Institute: Dr Nondumiso Makhunga, Sr Sibusiso Shezi University of Pretoria, Department of Family Medicine's Community Oriented Substance Use Programme (COSUP): Dr Urvisha Bhoora, Clinical Associate Dimakatso Nonyane NACOSA: Sr Angeline Satira			
Target Audience	ECHO: Viral Hepatitis in sub-Saharan Africa: Department of Correctional Services: Goodwood DCS staff; OST programs; ECHO staff			

ECHO vs. Telemedicine

TeleECHO™ Clinic



Expert hub team

ECHO supports
community based
primary care teams



Learners at spoke site

Patients reached with specialty
knowledge and expertise



Traditional Telemedicine



Specialist manages patient remotely



VIRAL HEPATITIS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA iECHO

HCC in Africa from South to North – HCC case presentation and discussion

25 July 2024 | Thursday 14:30-15:30 (SAST)

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Target Audience	ECHO: Viral Hepatitis in sub-Saharan Africa: Spokes in: Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, The Gambia, United Kingdom and Zimbabwe and Midwives in SSA															





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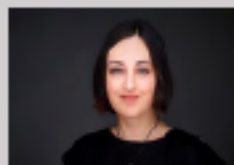
Wednesday 7 August 2024

Blood Patient Management

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“Implementing Patient Blood Management: Experience of the Regional PBM Program ONTraC”



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VHSSA – schedule (August – November 2024)

29 August – VHSSA

12 September – VHSSA

17 October - VHSSA

7 November - DCS/OST VHSSA

28 November – VHSSA HCC



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Steatotic Liver Disease

Inaugural Advisory Board meeting

Friday, 1 December 2023

Vineyard Hotel, Cape Town

Attendees

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| 1. Professor Wendy Spearman | Hepatology |
| 2. Prof Chris Kassianides | Foundation |
| 3. Dr Bilal Bobat | Hepatology |
| 4. Professor Mark Sonderup | Hepatology |
| 5. Dr Jeff Wing | Endocrine |
| 6. Dr Marisa Noeth | Endocrine |
| 7. Dr Wayne May | Endocrine |
| 8. Prof Joel Dave | Endocrine |

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SA Metabolic Medicine and Surgery Society

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Society for Endocrinology Metabolism and Diabetes of SA

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It could save your life.



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Project ECHO

Tele-mentoring Program



Mission

- **Founder: Dr Sanjeev Arora, Albuquerque, UNM**
 - ❖ **2003: <5% of 28 000 HCV pts treated, 8 month waiting time**
- To democratize medical knowledge and get best practice care to underserved people all over the world

Goals

- Develop capacity to safely and effectively treat HCV
- Rapidly expand the model to treat complex diseases in rural locations and developing countries

Touch the lives of 1 Billion people by 2025



ECHO Model of Care Tele-mentoring Program



Four basic principles of ECHO model of care

1. **Using technology to leverage scarce resources**
 - Deliver the right knowledge, training and administration, to the right people, at the right time
2. **Share best practices** to reduce disparities of healthcare
3. **Employ case-based learning** to master disease complexities
4. **Monitor outcomes to ensure ongoing benefit:** Web-based data base

Arora S, Geppert CM, Kalishman S, et al: Acad Med. 2007 Feb;82(2): 154-60



How does ECHO work?



- **ECHO links expert specialist teams** at an **academic ‘hub’** with primary care clinicians in **local communities (the ‘spokes’)**
- Together, they participate in **weekly - monthly teleECHO clinics**, which are like **virtual grand rounds**, combined with mentoring and patient case presentations
- **15 minute didactic lecture**
- The clinics are supported by multipoint telehealth video technology
 - ZOOM
- **Train doctors, nurses, pharmacists, community healthcare workers and their teams within their own communities**
- **Establish active learning loops**

VIRAL HEPATITIS IN SSA

HUB: South Africa: Liver clinic, Groote Schuur Hospital

SPOKES: APRIL 2019

South Africa: Johannesburg, Port Elizabeth, East London, George

4 Internationally linked spoke centres – EVOLVING INTO HUBS

- **Nigeria:** The University of Lagos, Lagos (***Prof Funmi Lesi***)
- **Ghana:** Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi (***Dr Mary Afihene***)
- **Ethiopia:** Addis Ababa University Medical School (***Prof Abate Shewaye***)
- **London:** UCL Institute of Liver & Digestive Disease; Kings College Hospital (***Prof G Dusheiko***); ***support and guidance***



VIRAL HEPATITIS IN SSA

Expanded to involve

Mozambique

- Dr Lina Cunha

Ethiopia

- Prof Hailemichael Desalegn

Zimbabwe

- Dr Leo Katsidzira

Kenya

- Drs Fatma Some and Mercy

Case-based clinical presentations

- Didactic lectures: 20
- Management discussions: 40

Participants: 665

- 30 per meeting

Seminar: 110 participants

- WHO Prevention of HBV MTCT

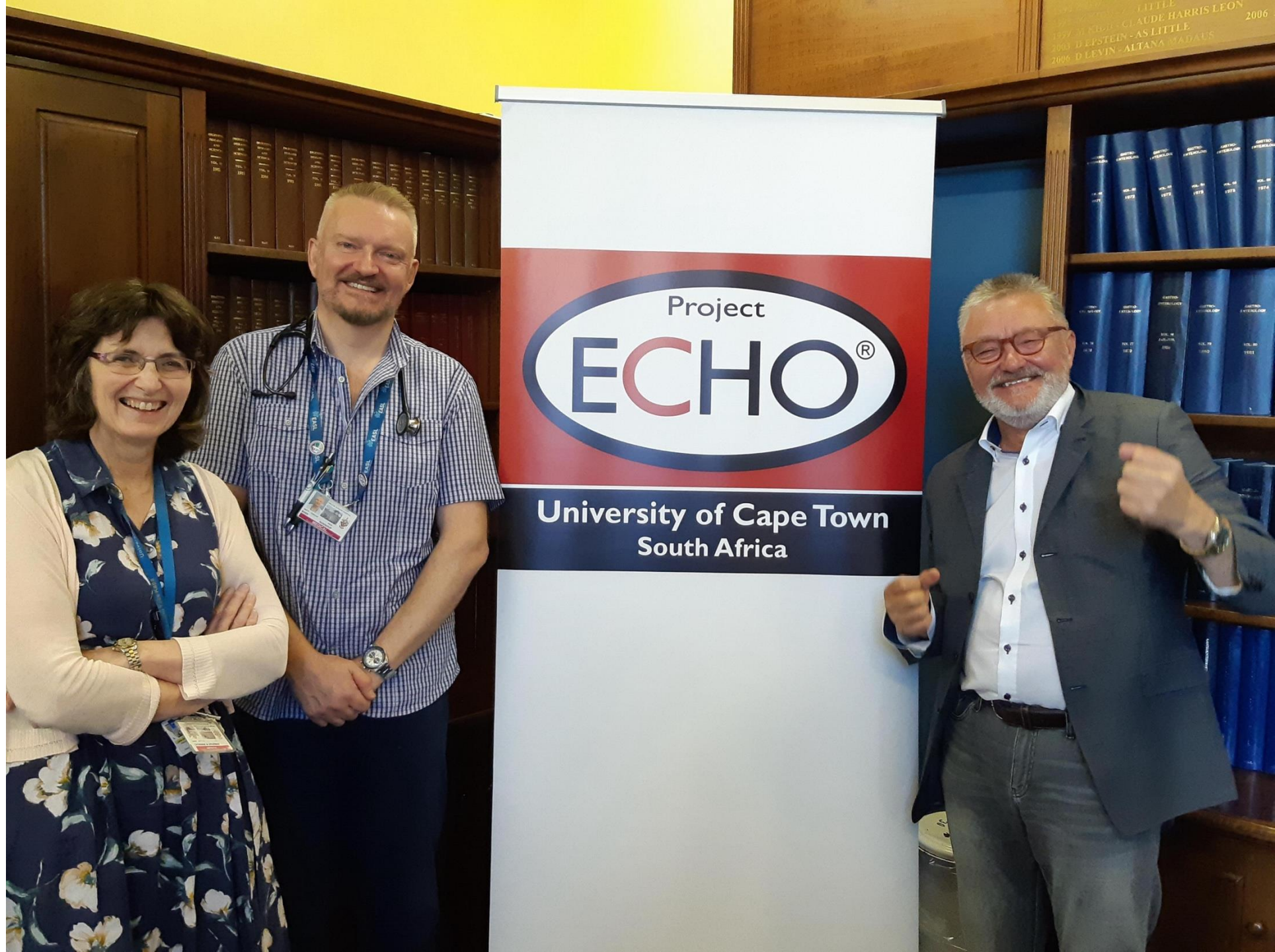


Project ECHO : Viral Hepatitis in sub-Saharan Africa

Extension for Community Health Outcomes



Moving Knowledge Instead of Patients



Supranational model in four pilot countries (South Africa, Nigeria, Ghana and Ethiopia)





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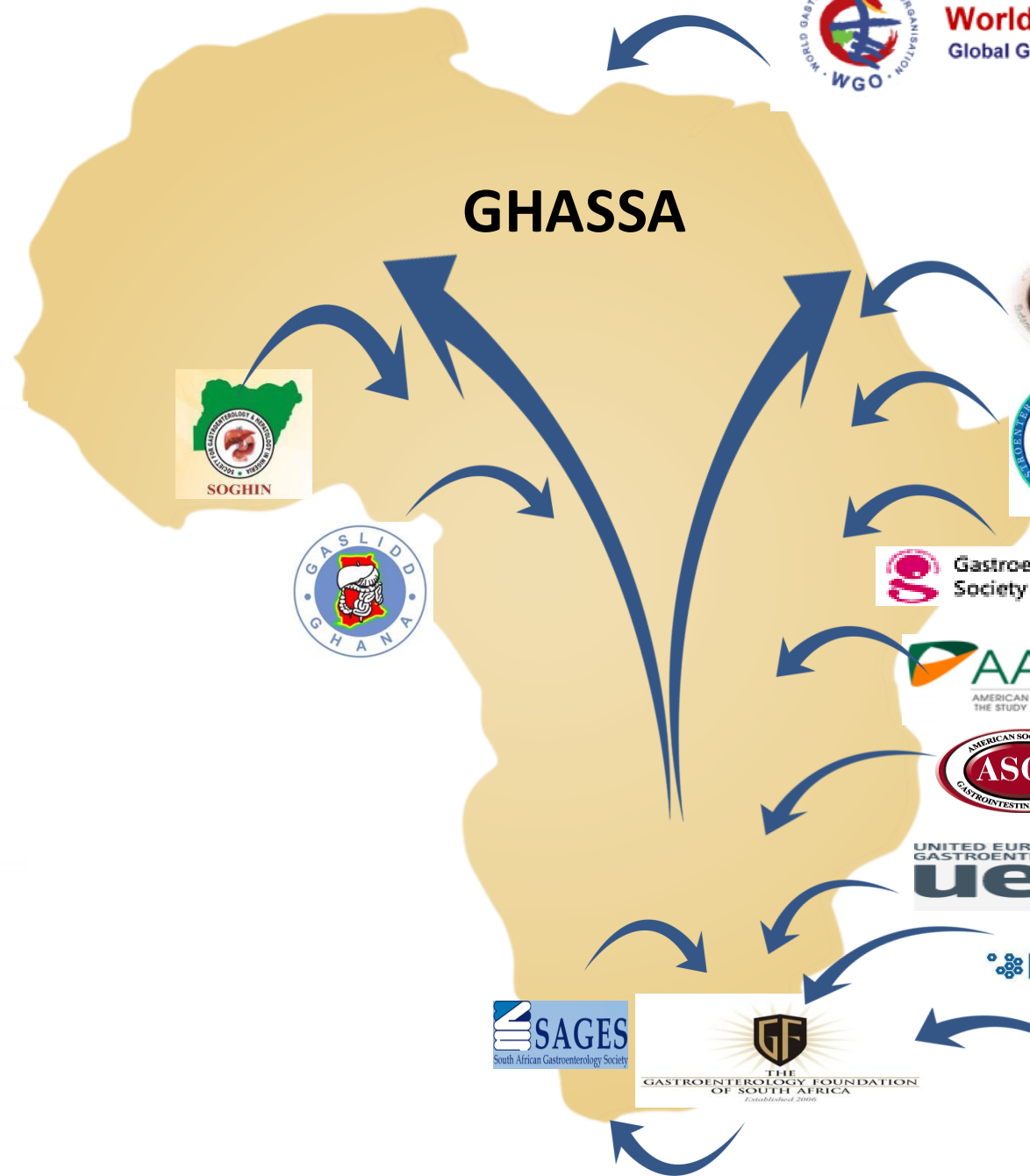
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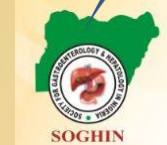
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Global impact of Project ECHO

- 34 countries
- 1 200 clinical sites in underserved communities
- Management of >50 different diseases

Project ECHO, Lancet Gastro Hepatol Feb 2019



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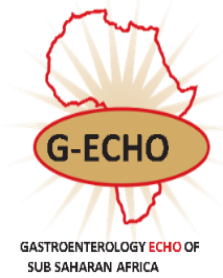
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Thursday afternoon WEEKLY webinars

The Gastroenterology Foundation invites you to join the first G-ECHO webinar

Thursday 3 September 2020

Guest speaker: Prof Peter Malfertheiner

"Key notes on H.pylori"

GI ENDOSCOPY cases



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Thursday afternoon WEEKLY interactive case webinars

Thursday 15 October 2020

"Endoscopic Interventions for refractory benign esophageal strictures: What's new"

Dr Kulwinder Dua
Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, USA

Case presentation : **Obscure gastrointestinal bleeding**
Dr Onesai Chihaka
Parirenyatwa Hospital, Harare, Zimbabwe



Dr Kulwinder Dua



Dr Onesai Chihaka

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Kulwinder S Dua completed his medical training/post-graduation in India (MBBS, DMSc Internal Medicine) and fellowship in Gastroenterology and Hepatology in the UK. He passed the British MRCP examination and subsequently was elected as the Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of both, the London and the Edinburgh colleges. In 1992 he moved to the US and joined the faculty at the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. He is currently a Professor in the Department of Medicine and Pediatric and is Professor of Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. He is US board certified in Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology.

Dr Dua's primary interest has been in advanced interventional endoscopy. He is an inventor and has several patents and FDA cleared devices.

Dr Dua has over 150 publications in peer-reviewed journals and is on the editorial board of several journals.

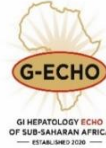
Recently Dr Dua was recognized in the scientific community for having re-grown the first human esophagus in-vivo using the principles of regenerative medicine (Dua et al, The Lancet, 2016).

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Thursday 5 November 2020

G-ECHO ENDOSCOPY

Practical Endotherapy for non variceal bleeding

Dr Galya Chinnery
Senior Consultant, Surgical Gastroenterology,
Groote Schuur Hospital & UCT

Approach to liver abscesses

Prof Sandie Thomson
Emeritus Professor
Division of Gastroenterology, Groote Schuur Hospital & UCT



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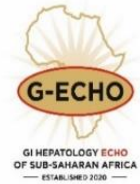
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Prof Martin John Hale, MB ChB, LRCP(Edin), LRCS(Edin), LRCP&S(Glas), FC Path

Prof Martin Hale is a specialist anatomical pathologist who has spent his entire career working in the public sector both in Zimbabwe and South Africa. He has extensive experience in diseases that are prevalent in sub-Saharan Africa, particularly infectious disease and malignancy, inclusive of HIV.

Recently he has headed up histopathology support to the liver transplant unit which is the largest of its kind on the African continent. He is committed to the development of pathology in sub-Saharan Africa, a significant milestone being the successful hosting of the International Congress of the International Academy of Pathology in Cape Town, South Africa in 2012, a first for the African continent.

Prof Hale has been involved with a number of collaborative research projects over the years, presented at numerous international meetings, authored and co-authored peer reviewed publications and book chapters and supervised a number of post-graduate students. He has been collaborating with Prof Shabir Madhi investigating childhood mortality, and recently, the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic.

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G-ECHO PATHOLOGY

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HEPATOLOGY

CLINICO-PATHOLOGICAL CASE PRESENTATIONS

Thursday 12 November 2020

Moderator: Prof Mashiko Setshedi

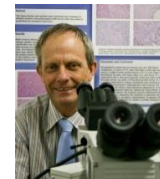
Approach to the normal liver microanatomy

Prof Martin Hale, Wits

Case presentation

Dr Bilal Bobat

A 36 year old man with HIV, dysphagia and abnormal Liver Associated Enzymes



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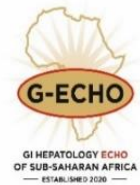
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Thursday 8 October 2020 Patient Blood Management : Replacing blood with iron

Iron physiology, & the diagnosis of iron deficiency anaemia
Prof Vernon Louw

Investigating iron deficiency anaemia – a gastroenterologist's approach
Prof Mashiko Setshedi



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Thursday 17 September 2020 Inflammatory Bowel Disease

Conventional therapy in the management of IBD
Prof Gill Watermeyer

Case presentation: Interactive discussion
Prof Mashiko Setshedi



GMT	14:00
West Africa	15:00
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Wednesday 25 October 2023

Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD)

Chair: Professor's Gill Watermeyer & Mashiko Setshedi
Department of Gastroenterology
Groote Schuur Hospital & University of Cape Town



Case presentation

"A clinical case of infectious colitis in a patient with IBD"

Prof Mashiko Setshedi

"Opportunistic infections and IBD therapy"

Prof Gill Watermeyer

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Wednesday 9th November 2022

G-ECHO ENDOSCOPY

Chair: Professors Sandie Thomson

Principles of train the trainers

Professor Sandie Thomson
Groote Schuur Hospital & UCT



Lessons from an International Advanced Endoscopy Fellowship

Uplifting endoscopy in SSA

Dr Vikash Lala



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Wednesday 26 July 2023

Endoscopy Upper

Chair: Professor's Sandie Thomson

"Ergonomics of Endoscopy"

Prof Sandie Thompson
Department of Gastroenterology
Groote Schuur Hospital & UCT



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Wednesday 18 October 2023

Endoscopy Lower

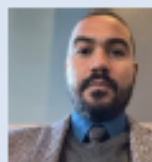
Chairman: Prof Sandie Thomson



Scoring Systems in IBD Endoscopy

Dr Shaun Temmers

Department of Gastroenterology
University of Kwazulu Natal



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Wednesday 27th September 2023

G-ECHO PATHOLOGY



Prof Martin Hale



Dr Bilal Bobat

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Wednesday 15th November 2023

G-ECHO PAEDIATRICS

Welcome and Introduction

Chairman: Dr Tim de Maayer



“Diagnosing and Managing Paediatric Autoimmune Hepatitis”

Dr Vusi Mudau

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West Africa	15:30
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VIRAL HEPATITIS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA iECHO Clinic

Pre-register for the Monthly iECHO Clinics

21 September 2023 | Thursday 14:30-15:30 (SAST)



CLINIC MEDICAL DIRECTORS	PROFESSORS WENDY SPEARMAN AND MARK SONDERUP DIVISION OF HEPATOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE, FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN AND GROOTE SCHUUR HOSPITAL	Time : SAST	Presentation	Presenters
Medical Specialists	Burkina Faso: Alice Guinane and Team Cameroon: Christian Tzeuton and Team Ethiopia: Abate Shewaye and Team, Hailemichael Desalegn and Team Ghana: Mary Yeboah Afihene, Eileen Micah and Team Kenya: Betty Musau, Fatuma Some and Team Mozambique: Lina Brito Cunha and Team Nigeria: Fummi Lesi and Team, Chidi Nnabuchi South Africa: Chris Kassianides (Morningside Mediclinic, Johannesburg), Bilal Bobat (Wits Donald Gordon Medical Centre, Johannesburg) Tanzania: Rachel Maseke The Gambia: Gibril Ndow and Team United Kingdom: Geoff Dusheiko Zimbabwe: Leo Katsidzira	14h30	Welcome	Prof Wendy Spearman
		14h35 – 14h55	Didactic Lecture: Pros and Cons of HBV anti-viral therapy	 Prof Wendy Spearman Head: Division of Hepatology, Department of Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Cape Town
		14h55 – 15h05	Zimbabwe Clinical Case: Hepatitis B and side-effects of antiviral therapy	 Dr Leo Katsidzira Consultant physician & Gastroenterologist University of Zimbabwe College of Health Sciences and Parirenyatwa Central Hospital, Harare, Zimbabwe
		15h05-15h15	South Africa: Clinical Case: HIV-HBV Coinfection	 Dr Sandy Mosenye Hepatology Fellow, Division of Hepatology, Department of Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Cape Town
Target Audience	ECHO: Viral Hepatitis in sub-Saharan Africa: Spokes in: Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, The Gambia, United Kingdom and Zimbabwe and Midwives in SSA	15h15– 15h30	Discussion	Speakers and participants



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Monday evening interactive webinars

Monday 24 July 2023 : 18:00

and every 2nd week thereafter

G-ECHO Gastroenterology Fellows

Chairperson: Dr Sean Burmeister

Pancreatic Cysts

Presenter: Dr Yonela Qubekile
IALCH, University of KZN

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Endoscopy interest group meeting GIEQS Foundation June 10 2023





Invitation: Live & Virtual event

Saturday 10 June 2023

08:30 – 13:00

Radisson Blu Gautrain, Sandton, Gauteng

Kindly RVSP using the links below – queries: Juliet.desilla@gmail.com

ENDOSCOPY INTEREST GROUP MEETING

Radisson Hotel Gautrain, Sandton

08:30	Registration and refreshments	
08:45	Welcome and introduction	Prof Chris Kassianides
Chair:	Prof Sandile Thomson / Dr Neo Seabi	
09:00	Endoscopy quality in SA - Where we are and where we need to be	Dr Ernst Fredericks
	UPPER GI	
09:15	Why quality matters - Post gastroscopy upper GI cancer	Dr Neo Seabi
09:30	Imaging in the upper GI Esophagus - Barrett's, adeno, squamous	Dr David Tate
Chair:	Dr Shiraaz Gabriel	
	LOWER GI- COLONOSCOPY QUALITY CONTROL	
09:50	Getting to the caecum consciously	Dr John Anderson/ Dr Roland Valorie
10:50	How to improve your ADR	Dr David Tate
11:10	Decision making in colorectal polyps	Dr Vikash Lala
11:30	BRUNCH	
Chair:	Dr Uzayr Khan	
	ERCP BASICS	
12:30	Indications and complications	Dr Imraan Sardiwalla
12:45	Round up and future meetings	Dr David Tate/Vikash Lala
13:00	Close	Prof Sandile Thomson



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*Professor Pauline Hall, Australia
Professor Joseph Sung, Hong Kong*

PRELIMINARY TOPICS:

Failed PPI therapy. What to do?

HIV and the liver

Biologics in IBD

*Step up vs top down therapy?
Managing pregnancy in IBD*

IBS

Is it all infective?

NSAIDS

*VIOX withdrawal justified?
Are the new COXIBS different?*

Management Issues

*What to do if you are reported to HPCSA
What to do if your funder fails to approve therapy etc*

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IBD & ENDOSCOPY INTEREST GROUP MEETING
Saturday, 28 October 2023
Vineyard Hotel, Cape Town

08:30	Registration and refreshments	
08:45	Welcome and introduction	Prof Chris Kassianides
Chair: Dr Neo Seabi / Dr Adam Boutall		
09:05:	An overview of IBD associated colorectal cancer	Prof Gill Watermeyer
09:30:	Case presentation - dysplasia complicating IBD colitis	Dr Dominic Mutura
09:50:	Overview of surveillance strategies for IBD related dysplasia and colorectal cancer	Dr Dion Levin
10:15	Advanced endoscopy for the treatment of IBD dysplasia	Dr Vikash Lala
10:40	Case presentation - foregut Crohn's disease	Dr Nasief van der Schyff
11:00	The role of VCE and DBE in diagnosing and managing small bowel Crohn's disease (overview and case)	Dr Eduan Deetlefs
11.25 Brunch		
Chair: Dr Shiraaz Gabriel / Prof Mashiko Setshedi		
12:00	Case presentation - IBD related hepatobiliary complications	Dr Neo Seabi
12:20	Endoscopic management of IBD related hepatobiliary complications	Prof Eduard Jonas
12:45	Endoscopic management of IBD related strictures	Dr Daniel Surridge
13:10	Case presentation - IBD anastomotic stricture and pneumatic dilation	Dr Adam Boutall
13:30	Close	

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A joint symposium by the American Society of Gastroenterology and Endoscopy and the Gastroenterology and Hepatology Association of SSA
Held at DDW meeting in Chicago, Saturday 6 May 2023

Moderators:	Hanna Abeera	Rwanda
	Akwi Asombang	USA
	Ganiyat Oyeleke	Nigeria
	Sandie Thomson	South Africa

INTRODUCTIONS

10:00-10:02 May 6

Sp136: HELICOBACTER PYLORI IN AFRICA:

THE AFRICAN ENGIMA

10:02-10:17 May 6

Mashiko Setshedi

Sp137: ENDOSCOPY TRAINING PROGRAM IN AFRICA

USING 'BOLUS' METHOD

10:17-10:32 May 6

Akwi W Asombang

Sp138: ENDOTHERAPY IN ESOPHAGEAL

CANCER: AFRICAN PRESPECTIVE

10:32-10:47 May 6

Michael M Mwachiro

Sp139: COLORECTAL CANCER IN AFRICA:

EPIDEMIOLOGY, SCREENING AND SURVEILL...

10:47-11:02 May

Leolin Katsidzira

Sp140: THIRD-SPACE ENDOSCOPY:

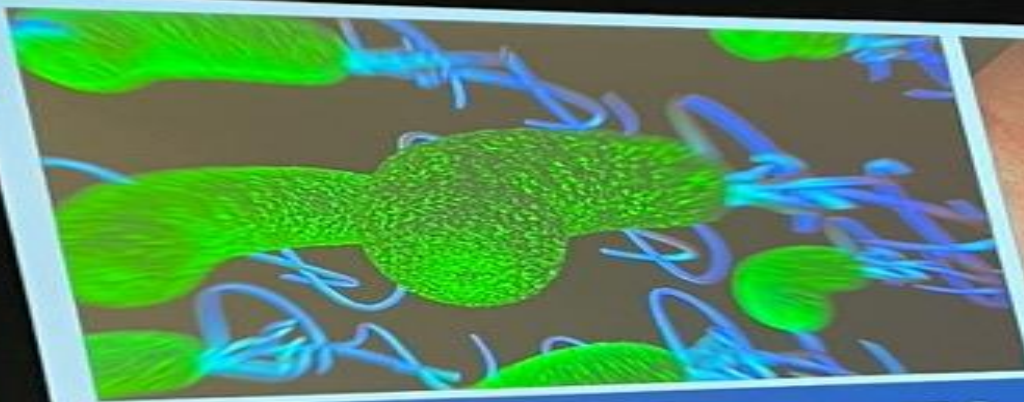
EXPANDING IN AFRICA

11:02-11:17 May 6

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

11:17-11:30 May 6



***Helicobacter pylori* in Africa: the African 'enigma'**

ASGE and GHASSA international
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African
Helicobacter &
Microbiota
Study
Group

Mashiko Setshedi 06 May 2023

DDW2023
Digestive Disease Week



SESSION 11	SAGES/GASTRO FOUNDATION
	VENUE:
	THEME: ASGE POST GRAD COURSE
	CHAIRPERSON: Sandie Thomson/Vikash Lala
08:00 - 08:10	WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS GFSSA/GHASSA - Prof Kassianides ASGE - Uzma Siddiqui/Kulwinder Dua
08:10 - 08:30	UGI bleed and Lower GI Bleed Koushik Das, Andy Tau, Jennifer Christie
08:30 - 08:50	Atrophic gastritis/IM/gastric dysplasia Dysphagia and reflux: workup and management Vani Konda, Saowanee Ngamruengphong, and Ara Sahakian Speaker
08:50 - 09:10	Commonly Encountered UGI Lesions Dennis Yang
09:10 - 09:25	DEBATE: Barrett's Management + Panel discussion CUT: Peter V. Draganov ABLATE: Sachin B. Wani
09:25 - 09:35	Panel Discussion - Q&A
09:35 - 09:50	Top 10 ways to improve your basic colonoscopy performance Douglas K. Rex
09:50 - 10:05	Maximizing efficiency and success at polypectomy Roy M. Soetikno
10:05 - 10:20	"Heated" Panel Debate on Polypectomy: Can Cautery Be Eliminated? HOT - Audrey Calderwood COLD - Evelien Dekker
10:20 - 10:30	Panel discussion - Q&A
10:30 - 11:00	Tea / Brunch

SESSION 12	SAGES/GASTRO FOUNDATION
	VENUE:
	THEME: ASGE POST GRAD COURSE
	CHAIRPERSON: Dion Levin/Adam Boutall + Chris Zaidy/Martin Brand
11:00 - 11:15	Using imaging for planning resection strategy in polypectomy Michael Bourke, Rajesh Keswani, Tonya Kaltenbach
11:15 - 11:25	Real time endoscopic decision making for colon EMR Tonya R. Kaltenbach
11:25 - 11:35	Does the Data Determine Which Resection Method to Use in Polypectomy? Rajesh N. Keswani
11:35 - 11:45	Endoscopic decision making to prevent recurrence and minimize adverse events Michael J. Bourke
11:45 - 11:55	AI in Endoscopy 2023: How can it help your practice today Prateek Sharma
11:55 - 12:10	Panel Discussion - Q&A
12:10 - 12:20	Biliary Stenting Pearls for Malignant vs Benign Biliary Strictures Jeanin E. Van Hooft
12:20 - 11:30	Managing Bile Duct Stones of All Sizes Shivangi Kothari
12:30 - 12:40	Overcoming challenges in pancreaticobiliary access Gregory B. Haber
12:40 - 12:55	Panel discussion - Q&A
12:55 - 13:00	Close - ASGE Uzma Siddiqui/Kulwinder Dua
13:05 - 13:30	Close of congress Speaker



Gastro Foundation ASGE Post Graduate Course

Saturday 12 August 2023
SAGES Congress, CSIR, Pretoria
08:00 - 13:00

Promoting Gastroenterology for the Future.

Viral hepatitis in sub-Saharan Africa 1

Lancet Gastroenterol Hepatol
2017; 2: 900–09

Hepatitis B in sub-Saharan Africa: strategies to achieve the 2030 elimination targets

C Wendy Spearman, Mary Afihene, Reidwaan Ally, Betty Apica, Yaw Awuku, Lina Cunha, Geoffrey Dusheiko, Neliswa Gogela, Chris Kassianides, Michael Kew, Philip Lam, Olufunmilayo Lesi, Marie-Jeanne Lohouès-Kouacou, Papa Saliou Mbaye, Emmanuel Musabeyezu, Betty Musau, Olusegun Ojo, John Rwegasha, Barbara Scholz, Abate B Shewaye, Christian Tzeuton, Mark W Sonderup, on behalf of the Gastroenterology and Hepatology Association of sub-Saharan Africa (GHASSA)

Viral hepatitis in sub-Saharan Africa 2

Lancet Gastroenterol Hepatol
2017; 2: 910–19

Hepatitis C in sub-Saharan Africa: the current status and recommendations for achieving elimination by 2030

Mark W Sonderup, Mary Afihene, Reidwaan Ally, Betty Apica, Yaw Awuku, Lina Cunha, Geoffrey Dusheiko, Neliswa Gogela, Marie-Jeanne Lohouès-Kouacou, Phillip Lam, Olufunmilayo Lesi, Papa Saliou Mbaye, Emmanuel Musabeyezu, Betty Musau, Olusegun Ojo, John Rwegasha, Barbara Scholz, Abate B Shewaye, Christian Tzeuton, Chris Kassianides, C Wendy Spearman, on behalf of the Gastroenterology and Hepatology Association of sub-Saharan Africa (GHASSA)

Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease in sub-Saharan Africa 1



Epidemiology, risk factors, social determinants of health, and current management for non-alcoholic fatty liver disease in sub-Saharan Africa

C Wendy Spearman, Mary Afihene, Omolade Betiku, Bilal Bobat, Lina Cunha, Chris Kassianides, Leolin Katsidzira, Hailemichael D Mekonnen, Ponsiano Ocama, Olusegun Ojo, Imran Paruk, Christian Tzeutori, Mark W Sonderup, on behalf of the Gastroenterology and Hepatology Association of sub-Saharan Africa (GHASSA)

Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease in sub-Saharan Africa 2



Health-care provision and policy for non-alcoholic fatty liver disease in sub-Saharan Africa

C Wendy Spearman, Abdelmounem Abdo, Aggrey Ambali, Yaw A Awuku, Chris Kassianides, Olufunmilayo A Lesi, Margareth Ndomondo-Sigonda, Charles A Onyekwere, John Rwegasha, Abate B Shewaye, Mark W Sonderup, on behalf of the Gastroenterology and Hepatology Association of sub-Saharan Africa (GHASSA)

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Hepatocellular carcinoma: measures to improve the outlook in sub-Saharan Africa

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Treatment of hepatocellular carcinoma in sub-Saharan Africa: challenges and solutions

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Inflammatory Bowel Disease A Sub-Saharan African Perspective

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World Hepatitis Day Media Briefing

Friday 28 July 2023

Vineyard Hotel, Cape Town

10:00 – 11:30

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Agenda

17:00 Registration and refreshments

17:30 Welcome and introduction

Chris Kassianides

17:40 Introduction to Obesity in Sub-Saharan Africa

Marisa Noeth

18:00 Steatotic Liver Disease: New nomenclature and role of screening

Wendy Spearman

18:30 Treatment of Metabolic-dysfunction associated steatotic liver disease

Mark Sonderup

19:00 Discussion



LIVER UPDATE MEETING
Saturday, 2 December 2023
Vineyard Hotel, Cape Town

VIRAL HEPATITIS AND HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA
BREAKING CYCLES OF INFECTION

08:30 Registration and refreshments

08:45 Welcome and introduction

Prof Chris Kassianides

Chair: Prof Mark Sonderup and Dr Bilal Bobat

09:00: Overview of risks of mother-to-child transmission of viral hepatitis in pregnancy

Prof Mark Sonderup

09:25 Prevention of mother-to-child transmission of viral hepatitis

Prof Wendy Spearman

09:50 The clinical implications of hepatitis B virus genotypes and HBeAg in paediatrics

Prof Anna Kramvis

10:15 Hepatitis B is seen in children - how do we manage this?

Dr Penny Rose

10:40 **Brunch**

Chair: Prof Marc Bernon and Dr Rene Krause

11:15 Hepatocellular carcinoma in pregnancy

Prof Ed Jonas

11:40 Treatment options for Hepatocellular carcinoma and outcomes in SSA

Dr Sanju Sobnach

12:05 Palliative care for liver cancer and its role in primary Hepatocellular carcinoma prevention

Dr Rene Krause

Chair: Chris Kassianides

12:30 Lessons learnt from HIV advocacy

Prof Mark Heywood

12:55 Close

Prof Chris Kassianides



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Wednesday 23 August 2023

Patient Blood Management

Chairman: Vernon Louw



Iron in Cardiothoracic Surgery

Dr Matthew Gibbs

Specialist Anaesthesiologist

Department of Anaesthesia and Perioperative Medicine
University of Cape Town & Groote Schuur Hospital



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VIRAL HEPATITIS AND HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA BREAKING CYCLES OF INFECTION

08:30 Registration and refreshments

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Prof Chris Kassianides

Chair: Prof Mark Sonderup and Dr Bilal Bobat

09:00: Overview of risks of mother-to-child transmission of viral hepatitis in pregnancy

Prof Mark Sonderup



09:25 Prevention of mother-to-child transmission of viral hepatitis

Prof Wendy Spearman

09:50 The clinical implications of hepatitis B virus genotypes and HBeAg in paediatrics

Prof Anna Kramvis

10:15 Hepatitis B is seen in children - how do we manage this?

Dr Penny Rose

10:40 **Brunch**

Chair: Prof Marc Bernon and Dr Rene Krause



11:15 Hepatocellular carcinoma in pregnancy

Prof Ed Jonas

11:40 Treatment options for Hepatocellular carcinoma and outcomes in SSA

Dr Sanju Sobnach

12:05 Palliative care for liver cancer and its role in primary Hepatocellular carcinoma prevention

Dr Rene Krause

Chair: Chris Kassianides

12:30 Lessons learnt from HIV advocacy

Prof Mark Heywood



12:55 Close
Kassianides

Prof Chris



Managing cirrhosis with limited resources – perspectives from SSA

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Liver interest group meeting

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Sat 2nd Dec 2023

Vineyard Hotel, Cape Town

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VIRAL HEPATITIS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA iECHO Clinic

The Viral Hepatitis in Sub Saharan Echo program has been moved to an updated iECHO platform introduced this year.

iECHO has a whole new automated way of receiving the monthly zoom invitations plus added features which you will learn about as we go along.

As an invited participant, you will need to do a once off registration to the new system.

Direct link to the VHSSA program;

<https://iecho.org/public/program/PRGM1690786825146JIBPJIAQOP>

You will receive an email inviting you to join the Viral Hepatitis iEcho program. Please click "join" and follow the link to register on iECHO. We suggest you do this now and not delay to 5 minutes before the session on **Thursday 21st of September**. Note that the option to register a cell number does not work, due to system regulatory issues in South Africa.

[Please click here](#) to learn how to register to the iECHO platform (if you would like to watch the help video)

Thereafter, you will receive the invitations automatically, with reminders, and will join a session from within this new system.

[Please click here](#) to learn how to join the session, which then takes you into Zoom.

The iECHO help centre is on the below link:

<https://www.notion.so/echoindia/iECHO-Help-Center-f634696161a840f9876f86335cb15be3>

There is a 20-minute introductory video available there which will give you a full overview of the new features.

Looking forward to seeing you on the new platform, which takes you onto the already familiar zoom (so nothing new there)

Please do let me know if you run into any problems.

Regards
Cheryl Valentine



**ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
H PYLORI INTEREST GROUP MEETING
Friday, 27 October 2023
Vineyard Hotel, Cape Town**

Agenda

18:00	Registration and refreshments	
18:10	Welcome and introduction.	Prof Chris Kassianides
18:15	Introduction to point of care stool H pylori Ag test	Dr Sumesh Ghirdari
18:25	Update on H-pylori testing and GastroPanel	Dr Hafeez Mohamed
18:45	How do I treat an H-Pylori patient in SSA?	Professor Mashiko Setshedi
18:55	SSA H pylori review and communication	All



IBD & ENDOSCOPY INTEREST GROUP MEETING
Saturday, 28 October 2023
Vineyard Hotel, Cape Town

08:30	Registration and refreshments	
08:45	Welcome and introduction	Prof Chris Kassianides
Chair: Dr Neo Seabi / Dr Adam Boutall		
09:05:	An overview of IBD associated colorectal cancer	Prof Gill Watermeyer
09:30:	Case presentation - dysplasia complicating IBD colitis	Dr Dominic Mutura
09:50:	Overview of surveillance strategies for IBD related dysplasia and colorectal cancer	Dr Dion Levin
10:15	Advanced endoscopy for the treatment of IBD dysplasia	Dr Vikash Lala
10:40	Case presentation - foregut Crohn's disease	Dr Nasief van der Schyff
11:00	The role of VCE and DBE in diagnosing and managing small bowel Crohn's disease (overview and case)	Dr Eduan Deetlefs
11.25 Brunch		
Chair: Dr Shiraaz Gabriel / Prof Mashiko Setshedi		
12:00	Case presentation - IBD related hepatobiliary complications	Dr Neo Seabi
12:20	Endoscopic management of IBD related hepatobiliary complications	Prof Eduard Jonas
12:45	Endoscopic management of IBD related strictures	Dr Daniel Surridge
13:10	Case presentation - IBD anastomotic stricture and pneumatic dilation	Dr Adam Boutall
13:30	Close	

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Wednesday afternoon WEEKLY interactive webinars

Wednesday 30th November 2022

Hepatocellular carcinoma

Welcome and introduction

Prof Ed Jonas
Cape Town, South Africa



A multi-omic approach to HCC in sub-Saharan Africa

State of the Art by Africans for Africans

Dr Sanju Sobnach
Cape Town, South Africa



MDT case reports

Prof Marc Bernon
Cape Town, South Africa



GMT	14:30	Central/South Africa	16:30	Queries: Cheryl Valentine
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Wednesday afternoon WEEKLY interactive case webinars

Wednesday 26th October 2022

IBD

Chair: Professor's Gill Watermeyer & Mashiko Setshedi

“Thalidomide – an option for the treatment of IBD”

Professor Mashiko Setshedi
Groote Schuur Hospital,
Department of Gastroenterology, UCT



“Acute Severe UC – when things go wrong”

Professor Gill Watermeyer & Dr Isneen Hilmy
Groote Schuur Hospital
Department of Gastroenterology, UCT



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Wednesday 16 November 2022

G-ECHO PAEDIATRICS

Welcome and introduction

Chair: Dr Tim de Maayer



**Non-IgE Mediated
Gastrointestinal Food Allergy**

Dr Yolanda Monteiro

Department of Paediatrics, Tygerberg Hospital
University of Stellenbosch



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Wednesday 2nd November 2022

Patient Blood Management

Chairperson: Dr Matthew Gibbs

Specialist Anaesthesiologist
Department of Anaesthesia and Perioperative Medicine
University of Cape Town and Groote Schuur Hospital



Dr Matthew Gibbs

Anaemia in athletes

Dr Piet Wessels
Haematologist
University of Witwatersrand



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Pre-register for the Monthly iECHO Clinics

13 July 2023 | Thursday 14:30-15:30 (SAST)



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**PROFESSORS WENDY SPEARMAN
AND MARK SONDERUP**
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OF MEDICINE, FACULTY OF HEALTH
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Medical Specialists

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Cameroon: Christian Tzeuton and Team
Ethiopia: Abate Shewaye and Team, Hailemichael Desalegn
and Team
Ghana: Mary Yeboah Afihene, Eileen Micah and Team
Kenya: Betty Musau, Fatuma Some and Team
Mozambique: Lina Brito Cunha and Team
Nigeria: Fumni Lesi and Team, Chidi Nnabuchi
South Africa: Chris Kassianides (Morningside Mediclinic,
Johannesburg), Bilal Bobat (Wits Donald Gordon Medical
Centre, Johannesburg)
Tanzania: Rachel Maseke
The Gambia: Gibril Ndow and Team
United Kingdom: Geoff Dusheiko
Zimbabwe: Leo Katsidzira

Target Audience

ECHO: Viral Hepatitis in sub-Saharan Africa: Spokes in:
Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya,
Mozambique, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, The Gambia,
United Kingdom and Zimbabwe and Midwives in SSA

Time : SAST	Presentation	Presenters
14:30	Welcome	Prof Wendy Spearman
14:35 – 14:50	Didactic Lecture: <i>Chronic Hepatitis C: Management of DAA failures</i>	 Prof Wendy Spearman Head: Division of Hepatology Faculty of Health Sciences, UCT & Groote Schuur Hospital, RSA
14:50 -15:00	Nigeria Clinical case: Hepatitis C and failed DDA therapy	 Dr Chidi Nnabuchi Consultant Gastroenterologist & Hepatologist, Asokoro District Hospital/Nile University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital, Nigeria
15:00-15:10	Cameroon: Clinical Case: Hepatitis B and Behcet's Disease	 Prof Christian Tzeuton Professor of Gastroenterology & Hepatology, University of Douala, Douala, Cameroon  Professor Eloumou Professor of Gastroenterology & Oncology. Douala General Teaching Hospital, Douala Medical School, Douala, Cameroon
15:10 – 15:30	Discussion	Speakers and participants

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Wednesday 23 November 2022

CLINICO-PATHOLOGICAL CASE PRESENTATIONS WITH RADIOLOGY

Welcome and introduction

Dr Bilal Bobat



THE LIVER THROUGH THE LENSES

A combined Radiological and Histopathological review of two cases



Radiology
Charles Sanyika

Interventional radiologist based at Wits Donald Gordon Medical Centre, Johannesburg. An active member of the Liver Transplant multi disciplinary team



Pathology
Martin Hale

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ECHO GI Fellow post graduate Bi weekly program



Reminder: ECHO Session for G-ECHO Gastroenterology Medical Program program is about to start in 27 mins



**Session Reminder for G-ECHO
Gastroenterology Medical Program**

Hello Chris Kassianides,

G-ECHO Gastroenterology Medical Program session on Session 12 is about to begin in 27 mins at Mon, 24 Jul 2023 06:00 PM SAST (South Africa Standard Time).
Please join the session on time.

[Join Session through iECHO](#)

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Wednesday afternoon WEEKLY interactive case webinars

Wednesday 18 October 2023

Endoscopy Lower

Chairman: Prof Sandie Thomson



Scoring Systems in IBD Endoscopy

Dr Shaun Temmers
Department of Gastroenterology
University of Kwazulu Natal



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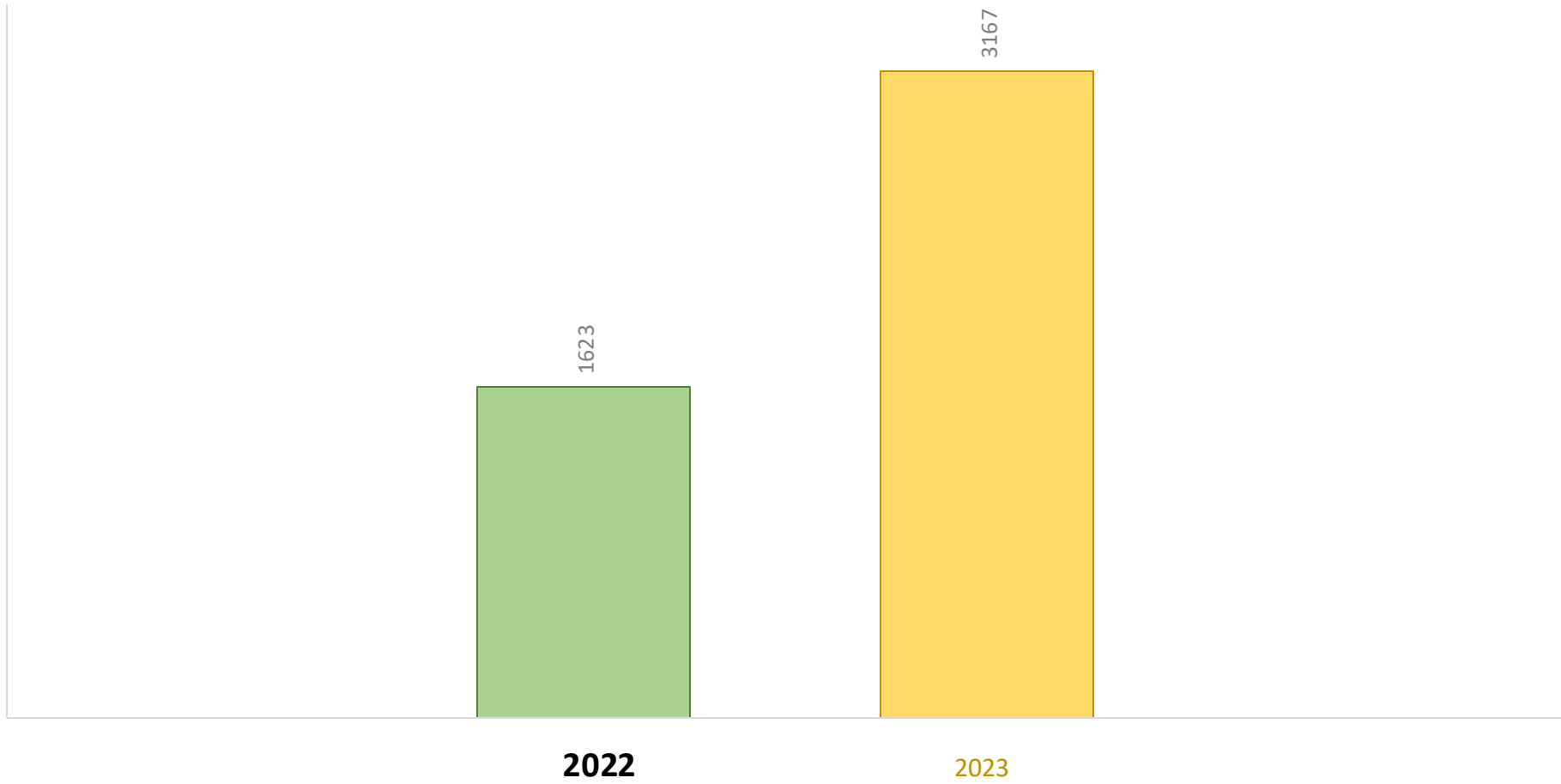


20 countries in SSA
50 – 100 registrations



38 countries
25 in Africa

GECHO WEEKLY MEETINGS



Liver interest group meeting Addis Ababa 2016





VIRAL HEPATITIS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA ECHO CLINIC

SYMPOSIUM ON HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA (HCC) IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

23 MARCH 2023: 16H00 to 17H30 SAST

- 16h00:** *Welcome: Wendy Spearman*
- 16h05:** *HCC - An overview from sub-Saharan Africa: Wendy Spearman (Head of the Division of Hepatology, University of Cape Town)*
- 16h20:** *Risk factors for HCC in sub-Saharan Africa: Mark Sonderup (Consultant Hepatologist, Division of Hepatology, University of Cape Town)*
- 16h35:** *Preventative strategies for reducing the burden of HCC in sub-Saharan Africa: Primary, secondary and tertiary prevention: Hailemichael Desalegn (Consultant Gastroenterologist/Hepatologist at St Pauls Hospital Millennium Medical College, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia)*
- 16h50:** *Treatment of HCC in sub-Saharan Africa: Eduard Jonas (Professor of Surgery and Head of the Surgical Gastroenterology Unit, University of Cape Town & Groote Schuur Hospital)*
- 17h05:** *HCC Research in Africa: Sanju Sobnach (Hepatobiliary surgeon, Surgical Gastroenterology Unit, University of Cape Town and Groote Schuur Hospital)*
- 17h15:** *Q and A: Panel Discussion: Speakers and Panelists:*
- 17h25:** *Closing Remarks: Chris Kassianides (Chair of the Gastroenterology Foundation of SSA)*

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Inflammatory Bowel Disease A Sub-Saharan African Perspective

Gillian Watermeyer

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Guidelines for the Gastrointestinal Evaluation and Management of Iron Deficiency in Sub-Saharan Africa

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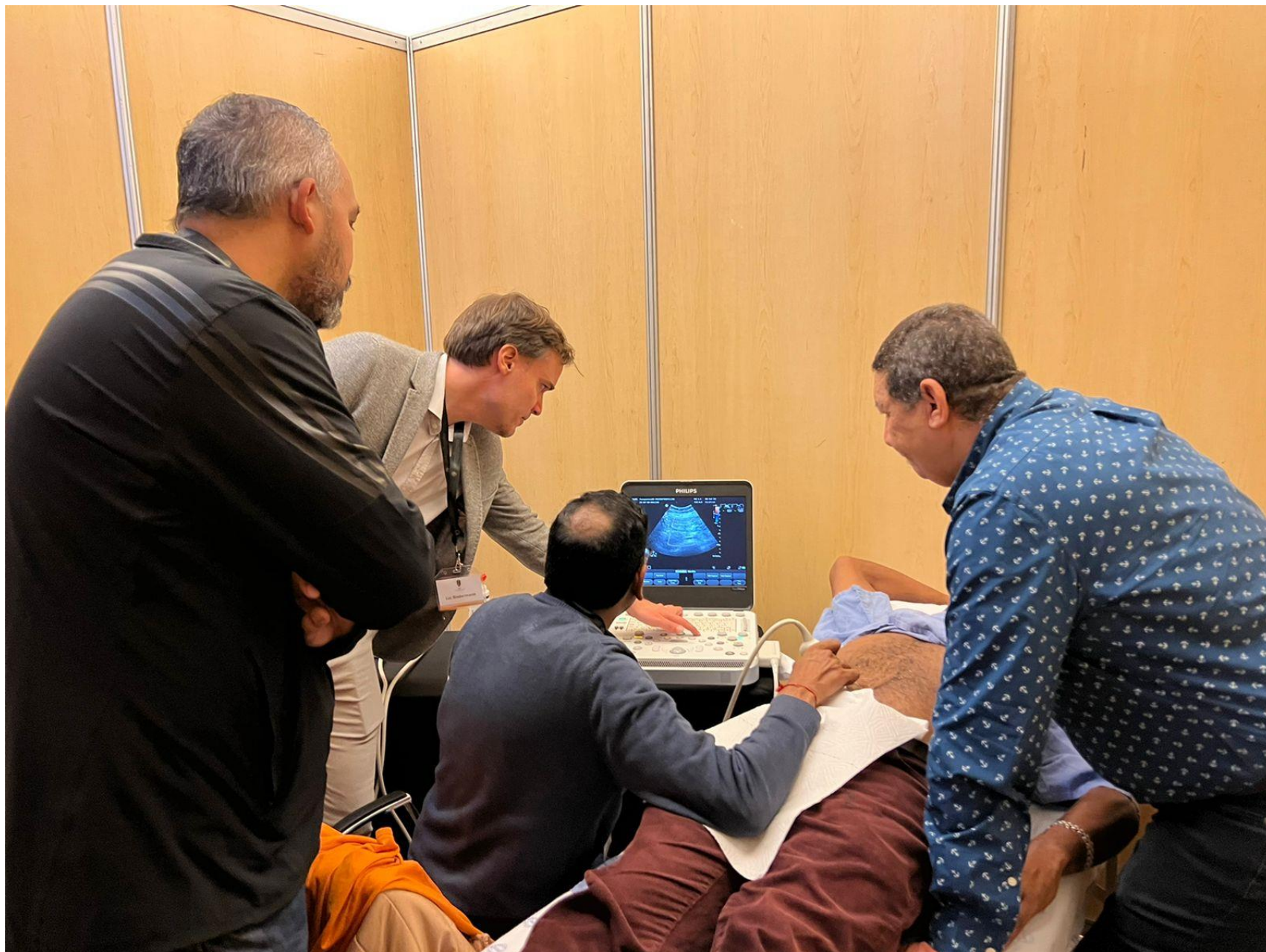
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Saturday 2nd December 2023

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08:30 – 13:30

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PRESS ADVISORY: WORLD HEPATITIS DAY “YOU DON’T KNOW UNTIL YOU KNOW”

Event: Media Briefing (online link available, if unable to join in person)

Date: Friday 28 July 2023

Time: 10:00

Venue: The Vineyard Hotel, Newlands, Cape Town

Registration: Please register below for the online media event.

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_BCT1BQfXRE-hfULCfRwCW

To confirm attendance or set-up an interview with one of the experts, please email Bini Seale at bini@global.co.za

Prime facts:

1. Liver cancer is a leading form of cancer in Africa.
2. More than 70% of liver cancer in Africa is Viral Hepatitis related! *
3. 2 million South Africans have chronic Hepatitis B virus infection *
4. Hepatitis B is vaccine preventable; hepatitis C is curable!

The Gastroenterology and Hepatology Association of Sub-Saharan Africa (GHASSA), a non-profit Association, will launch its programme of action on World Hepatitis Day, July 28th, 2023. In 2016, the World Health Assembly, of which most countries in the WHO Africa region participate, agreed to the global elimination of viral hepatitis by 2030. All WHO African state members, were signatories. Several countries globally are on track to achieve this. Except for champion countries such as Rwanda and Egypt, most African countries, including South Africa, lags behind. In May 2024, GHASSA will host the African Viral Hepatitis Convention at the CTICC, in Cape Town. It will partner with the prestigious International Hepato-Pancreatico-Biliary Association (IHPBA) meeting occurring simultaneously (<https://www.ihpba2024.org/>)

*<https://cdafound.org/polaris-countries-dashboard>

Factsheet

- Viral hepatitis, is caused by 5 viruses, hepatitis A, B, C, D and E - hepatitis **B and C** may cause chronic infection – usually silent and without symptoms;
- People only manifest symptoms when they develop **liver disease** or **liver cancer**;
- 82 million Africans have chronic hepatitis B and 9 million, chronic hepatitis C infection;
- 2 million South Africans are silently infected with hepatitis B – 300 000 with hepatitis C;
- Hepatitis B and C accounts for >70% of **liver cancer** in Africa – the second most frequent cancer in men and third in women in Africa;
- >70% of all children <5 years with chronic hepatitis B live in Africa;
- Those with chronic infection, including pregnant women, can unknowingly infect others;
- Hepatitis B is fully vaccine preventable **starting** with a birth dose in the vaccine schedule;
- Effective long-term treatment is available for those identified with chronic hepatitis B;
- Hepatitis C is curable – it requires 12 weeks of treatment with a tablet taken daily.

We must!

- Raise awareness and upscale simple screening for hepatitis B and C;
- Link patients to care;
- Screen pregnant woman for hepatitis B and offer effective prevention of mother-to-child transmission;
- Provide Universal hepatitis B birth dose vaccination.

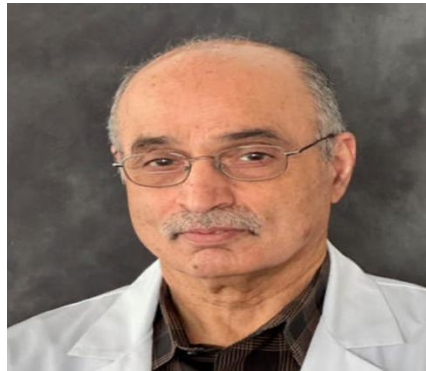
Leading up to the Convention, we will lead a campaign to raise awareness, ignite and enhance advocacy and provide ways to empower all to seek the goal of elimination and produce a hepatitis free generation.

#YouDontKnowUntilYouKnow #GetTested #ActionNow #HepatitisCantWait #ImNotWaiting

THERE ARE 5 TYPES OF HEPATITIS VIRUSES – A, B, C, D AND E.
ALL HEPATITIS VIRUSES CAN CAUSE ACUTE INFECTION AND
INFLAMMATION OF THE LIVER. STILL, INFECTION WITH HEPATITIS
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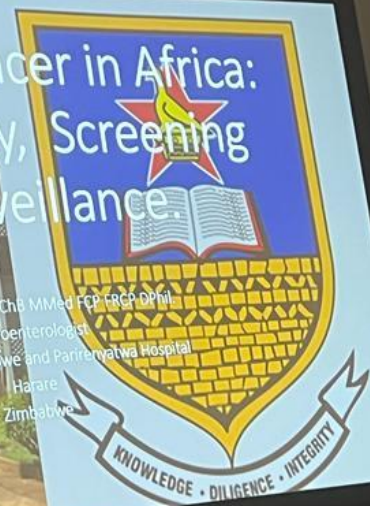
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Vinay Chandrasekhara

Colorectal Cancer in Africa: Epidemiology, Screening and Surveillance.

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**ASGE GHASSA ENDOSCOPY SYMPOSIUM
DDW WASHINGTON DC 2024
Proposal**

Introduction to GHASSA
Chris Kassianides South Africa

Endoscopy capacity in SSA - literature review
Leolin Katsidira - Zimbabwe

Endoscopy training in SSA
Rwanda Wisconson and GI rising
Hanna Aberra - Kigali

Ethiopia and the WEO
Hailemichel Desalegn - Addis Ababa

Nigeria and the WGO
Ganiyat Oyeleke - Lagos

Endoscopy training in SA – Bridging divides through cross border training
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2023 ASGE Annual Postgraduate Course:
Clinical Challenges and Real-Time Decision Making in GI Endoscopy
Sunday, May 7, 2023
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SESSION 11	SAGES/GASTRO FOUNDATION
	VENUE:
	THEME: ASGE POST GRAD COURSE
	CHAIRPERSON: Sandie Thomson/Vikash Lala
08:00 - 08:10	WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS GFSSA/GHASSA - Prof Kassianides ASGE - Uzma Siddiqui/Kulwinder Dua
08:10 - 08:30	UGI bleed and Lower GI Bleed Koushik Das, Andy Tau, Jennifer Christie
08:30 - 08:50	Atrophic gastritis/IM/gastric dysplasia Dysphagia and reflux: workup and management Vani Konda, Saowanee Ngamruengphong, and Ara Sahakian Speaker
08:50 - 09:10	Commonly Encountered UGI Lesions Dennis Yang
09:10 - 09:25	DEBATE: Barrett's Management + Panel discussion CUT: Peter V. Draganov ABLATE: Sachin B. Wani
09:25 - 09:35	Panel Discussion - Q&A
09:35 - 09:50	Top 10 ways to improve your basic colonoscopy performance Douglas K. Rex
09:50 - 10:05	Maximizing efficiency and success at polypectomy Roy M. Soetikno
10:05 - 10:20	"Heated" Panel Debate on Polypectomy: Can Cautery Be Eliminated? HOT - Audrey Calderwood COLD - Evelien Dekker
10:20 - 10:30	Panel discussion - Q&A
10:30 - 11:00	Tea / Brunch

SESSION 12	SAGES/GASTRO FOUNDATION
	VENUE:
	THEME: ASGE POST GRAD COURSE
	CHAIRPERSON: Dion Levin/Adam Boutall + Chris Zaidy/Martin Brand
11:00 - 11:15	Using imaging for planning resection strategy in polypectomy Michael Bourke, Rajesh Keswani, Tonya Kaltenbach
11:15 - 11:25	Real time endoscopic decision making for colon EMR Tonya R. Kaltenbach
11:25 - 11:35	Does the Data Determine Which Resection Method to Use in Polypectomy? Rajesh N. Keswani
11:35 - 11:45	Endoscopic decision making to prevent recurrence and minimize adverse events Michael J. Bourke
11:45 - 11:55	AI in Endoscopy 2023: How can it help your practice today Prateek Sharma
11:55 - 12:10	Panel Discussion - Q&A
12:10 - 12:20	Biliary Stenting Pearls for Malignant vs Benign Biliary Strictures Jeanin E. Van Hooft
12:20 - 11:30	Managing Bile Duct Stones of All Sizes Shivangi Kothari
12:30 - 12:40	Overcoming challenges in pancreaticobiliary access Gregory B. Haber
12:40 - 12:55	Panel discussion - Q&A
12:55 - 13:00	Close - ASGE Uzma Siddiqui/Kulwinder Dua
13:05 - 13:30	Close of congress Speaker



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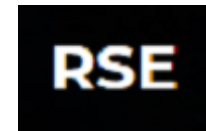
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NEW BIOLOGIC MOLECULES IN IBD:
WHO, WHY AND HOW?



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SSA endoscopy 2023/24

- Endoscopy interest group meeting
- GHASSA/ASGE post grad course at SAGES
- 2 publications in progress

SSA H pylori

SSA Endoscopy

- GHASSA/ASGE symposium 2024
- GIESQ's



VIRAL HEPATITIS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA iECHO Clinic



Pre-register for Monthly iECHO Clinics
Thursday 14:30-15:30 (SAST)

24 November 2022

<i>Clinic Medical Directors</i>	Professors Wendy Spearman and Mark Sonderup
<i>Medical Specialists</i>	Burkina Faso: Alice Guinane and Team Cameroon: Christian Tzeuton and Team Ethiopia: Abate Shewaye and Team, Hailemichael Desalegn and Team Ghana: Mary Yeboah Afihene, Eileen Micah and Team Kenya: Betty Musau, Fatuma Some and Team Mozambique: Lina Brito Cunha and Team Nigeria: Fumni Lesi and Team, Chidi Nnabuchi South Africa: Chris Kassianides (Morningside Mediclinic, Johannesburg), Bilal Bobat (Wits Donald Gordon Medical Centre, Johannesburg) Tanzania: Rachel Maseke The Gambia: Gibril Ndow and Team United Kingdom: Geoff Dusheiko Zimbabwe: Leo Katsidzira
<i>Target Audience</i>	ECHO: Viral Hepatitis in sub-Saharan Africa: Spokes in Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, The Gambia, United Kingdom and Zimbabwe; Midwives in SSA; ECHO staff
<i>Clinical Objectives</i>	ECHO Clinic
<i>Audio Connection</i>	Meeting ID: 81853764042 Password: 723792
<i>Video Connection</i>	Dial: 162.255.36.11 (US East) or 162.255.37.11 (US West)

Today's Agenda

<i>Time : SAST</i> <i>14h30-15h30</i>	<i>Presentation</i>	<i>Presenters</i>	<i>Connection Mode</i>
14h30 – 14h45	Welcome	Prof Wendy Spearman	Audio/Video
14h45 – 15h05	Didactic Lecture: <i>Insights from PROLIFICA</i>	Dr Gibril Ndow	
	Case 1: Ghana: Hepatitis B - when to treat Case 2: Ethiopia: Acute Hepatitis C	Dr Mary Afihene Dr Sisima Kornelios	
15h15 – 15h30	Discussion		Audio/Video



Endoscopy in SSA

H pylori infection





Gastro Foundation Endoscopy Interest Group Meeting

in association with GIEQS

Saturday 10 June 2023
Gautrain Radisson Hotel, Sandton



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SUMMARY		Registrations								Participations								
2022		Radiology	Path	Endo	IBD	HCC	PBM	Paeds		Radiolog	Path	Endo	IBD	HCC	PBM	Paeds		
Week 1-2	January																	
Week 1-4	February																	
Week 1- 5	March																	
Week 1 - 4	April																	
Week 1 - 4	May																	
Week 1 - 4	June (16th Public Holiday)		51	92			71				24	49			42			
Week 1 - 5	July	34			82	56		59		18			45	29		37		
Week 1 - 3	August		87	107	79		87	70			51	58	43		49	34		
Week 1 - 5	September		57	76	63	89					30	43	35	49				
Week 1- 4	October				40	121	49	69					20	65	23	34		
Week 1 -5	November						41	39							15	24		
Week 1 -2	December																	
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13th Fellows Post Graduate Course 2022

Vineyard hotel





GHASSA 2023



2023 ECCO LECTURE GILL WATERMEYER
Copenhagen March 2023

ECHO GHASSA SYMPOSIUM LIVER CANCER
Virtual First quarter 2023

ASGE GASSA SSA ENDOSCOPY SYMPOSIUM AT THE DDW
Chicago May 2023

GHASSA WORLD HEPATITIS DAY
JHB 28 July 2023

GHASSA ASGE/HEPATOLOGY POSTGRADUATE COURSE SAGES
Pretoria August 2023

GF SSA GHASSA LIVER INTEREST GROUP MEETING
JHB Dec 2023

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2. The 10th anniversary of the formation of the ANM

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Treatment overview – Where do we stand today?

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Cape Town, South Africa



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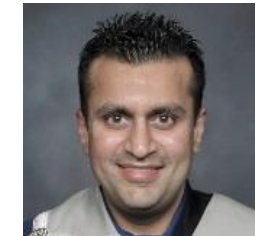
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