



Gastro Foundation

15th Liver interest Meeting

Saturday 26 October 2024

Radisson Blu Gautrain Hotel, Sandton

08:30 – 14:30

Promoting Gastroenterology for the Future.

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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.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT



THE
GASTROENTEROLOGY FOUNDATION
OF SOUTH AFRICA

Non-Gain Trust IT4253/2006 ~ Established 2006

INAUGURAL MEETING 2007

*Recent advances in Gastroenterology and Hepatology
A meeting designed for the practising
gastroenterologist in South Africa*

DATE:
Saturday 10 - Sunday 11 February 2007

VENUE:
The Pharmaceutical Society, Rosebank, Gauteng

INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS:
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

For more information go to www.gastrefoundation.co.za



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1st GI Post graduate fellows meeting

Spier February 2009











Postgraduate Fellows annual meeting
Post graduate courses
Hepatology Interest groups
GHASSA
G-ECHO
Ad boards and guidelines
AU - Nepad
African viral hepatitis Convention May 2024
HEPBRIDGE

Over the last 18 years



***The Gastroenterology Foundation of South Africa
invites you to attend the
'Best of the 2012 AGA Spring Post Graduate Course' held at the DDW San Diego***

Join us at our first AGA Symposium, featuring presentations by local and international guest speakers and screenings of DVD presentations

JOHANNESBURG | Saturday 1 September 2012

DURBAN | Wednesday 5 September 2012

CAPE TOWN | Saturday 8 September 2012

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GI Hepatology Interest groups

- Endoscopy
- IBD
- Liver cancer
- Patient blood management
- Paediatric GI
- GI/Liver histopathology
- H pylori infection
- **Oesophageal ph and impedance**



9th annual Liver interest group meeting Nov 2018





THE
GASTROENTEROLOGY FOUNDATION
OF SOUTH AFRICA

Travels Into Africa

Beginning in 2015





THE AGA INSTITUTE

Save the date | Monday 1 September 2014

The Gastroenterology Foundation of South Africa invites you to attend

The Gastro Foundation / AGA 2014 Spring Post Grad Course

Date: Monday 1 September 2014

Venue: Mövenpick Hotel, Accra, Ghana

Topics: Inflammatory Bowel Disease | Pancreatic-biliary
Functional Bowel Disorders | Colon
Upper GI / Oesophagus | Hepatology

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to be held at NECA Hall, Alausa, Ikeja: Wednesday, 20 July 2016

The Gastroenterology Foundation welcomes you to attend
the Best of European Association for the Study of the Liver (EASL) meeting in Lagos.

Best of EASL – Topics

- Screening, transmission, prevention, access to care – strategies to combat liver diseases
- Approach to the patient with liver diseases – practical management
- Standard evaluation of fatty liver disease
- 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
Hepatology, Imperial College,
United Kingdom



Dr. Frank Tacke, RWTH
Aachen University, Germany



Best of EASL – Lagos



Femi Adewumi



The Gastroenterology Foundation of South Africa

&

The Gastroenterology Association - Ethiopia

Introducing the inaugural meeting of the sub Saharan GI-Hepatology Working Group

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

29 September – 1 October 2016

Best of AGA Post Grad Course 2016

Best of EASL : Addis Ababa



1st SSA post graduate course for Fellows Addis Ababa 2016





Viral Hepatitis Advisory Committee Addis Ababa 2015













TOYOTA HILUX



Julian Kruger 2017



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





Project ECHO

Extension for Community Health Outcomes

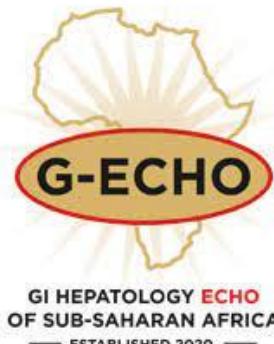


Moving Knowledge Instead of Patients

Tele-mentoring Programme



***Sanjeev Arora
Founder and Director***



G-ECHO

- Endoscopy
- IBD
- Liver cancer
- Patient blood management
- Paediatric GI
- Pathology
- H pylori
- Metabolic syndrome
- Viral hepatitis

ECHO Viral hepatitis monthly
ECHO Gi Fellows biweekly

ECHO Model of Care Tele-mentoring Program



Four basic principles

- 1. Using technology to leverage scarce resources**
- 2. Share best practices**
- 3. Employ case-based learning**
- 4. Monitor outcomes to ensure ongoing benefit**

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

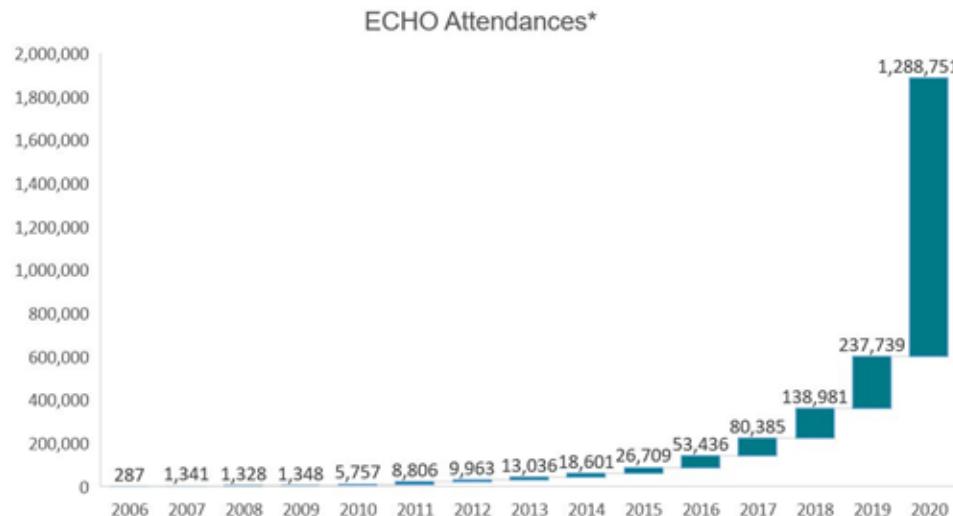


Project ECHO

Extension for Community Health Outcomes

Mission

- To democratize medical knowledge and get best practice care to underserved people all over the world
- Vision – to touch the lives of 1 billion people by 2025



Founder
Dr Sanjeev Arora,
UNM
Albuquerque





G-ECHO PATHOLOGY

GI Hepatology ECHO of sub Saharan Africa

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
East Africa	17:00

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Please pre-register to attend

<https://echo.zoom.us/j/97629326104?pwd=S2hWNkV3K3JCWERJRHZGbmxBxovUT09>

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The recordings of these webinars are available on the Gastro Foundation website

**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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GI Hepatology ECHO of Sub-Saharan Africa

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 Sobnach (Cape Town, South Africa)

The IHPBA HPBridge project: International bidirectional engagement and collaboration

GMT 14:30
Central/South Africa 16:30

East Africa 17:30
West Africa 15:30

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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)

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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

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: Fumini 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



<i>Time : SAST</i>	<i>Presentation</i>	<i>Presenters</i>
14h30	Welcome	Prof Wendy Spearman
14h35 – 14H55	Didactic Lecture: <i>Hepatitis B: Criteria for Treatment</i>	Prof Wendy Spearman Head: Division of Hepatology, Department of Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Cape Town
14h55 – 15h05	Ghana: Clinical Case: Hepatitis B: Should we treat	Dr Mary Afihene Senior Lecturer, Consultant Gastroenterologist Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology, Kumasi
15h05-15h15	Zimbabwe: Clinical Cases: Update on TDF side-effects HIV/HBV Coinfection and haemodialysis	Dr Leo Katsidzira Consultant physician & Gastroenterologist University of Zimbabwe College of Health Sciences & Parirenyatwa Central Hospital, Harare, Zimbabwe
15h15– 15h30	Discussion	Speakers and participants



GI Hepatology ECHO of sub Saharan Africa

Wednesday afternoon WEEKLY interactive webinars

Wednesday 7 July 2021

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

Introduction and welcome –

Prof Chris Kassianides, Chairman, Gastroenterology Foundation of SSA.
Dr Sanjeev Arora, Founder, ECHO
Ibrahim Mayaki, CEO, AUDI-NEPAD

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

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



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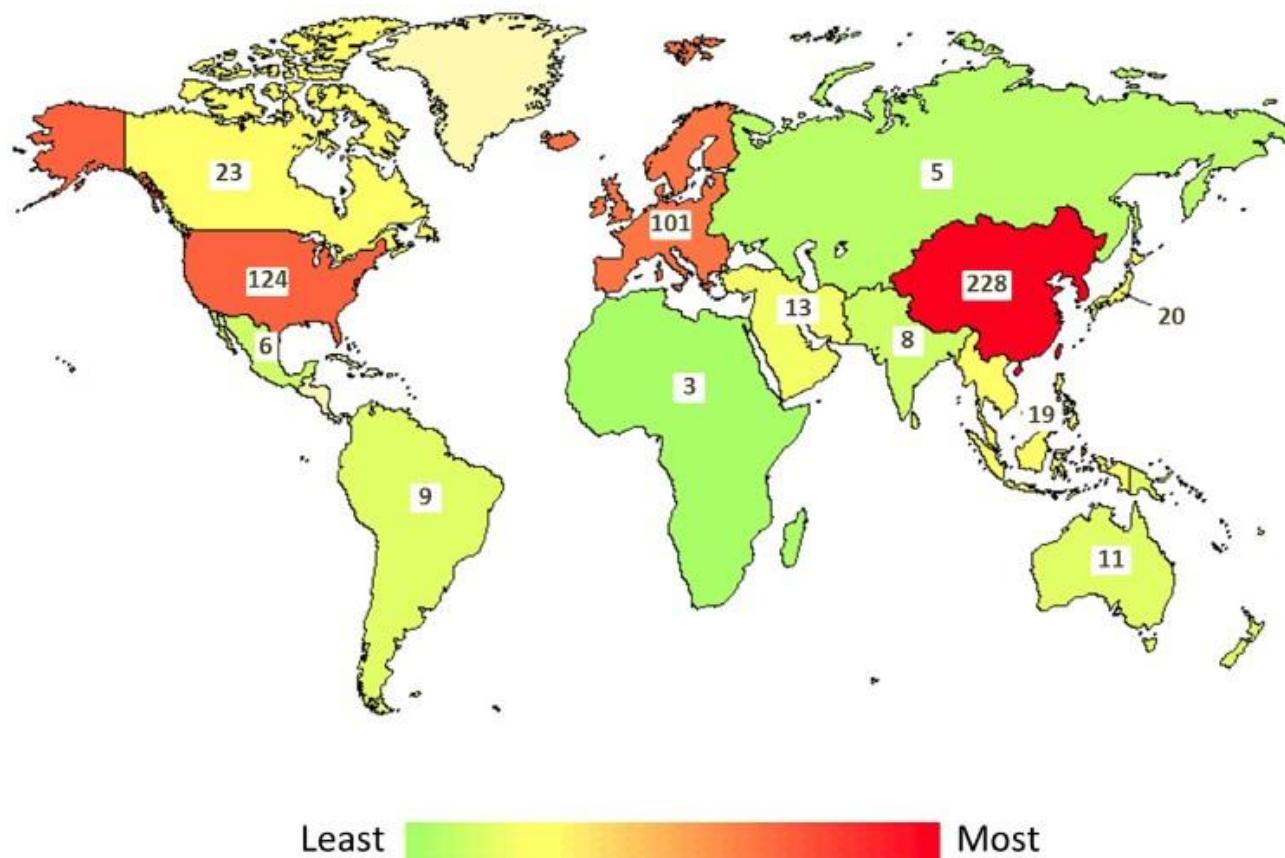


Beginning September 2020



20 countries in SSA
50 – 100 participants

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
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 Ocamo, Olusegun Ojo, Imran Paruk, Christian Tzeuton, 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, Margaret Ndomondo-Sigonda, Charles A Onyekwere, John Rwegashira, Abate B Shewaye, Mark W Sonderup, on behalf of the Gastroenterology and Hepatology Association of sub-Saharan Africa (GHASSA)

Lancet Gastrohep 6:12,971 – 1056 Nov 2021

■ Series

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

C Wendy Spearman, Geoffrey Dusheiko, Eduard Jonas, Abdelmounem Abdo, Mary Afihene, Lina Cunha, and others

The Lancet Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Vol. 7, No. 11

Published: July 7, 2022

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

Eduard Jonas, Marc Bertron, Barbara Robertson, Chris Kassianides, Elie Keli, Kwaku Offei Asare, and others

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Series

Inflammatory bowel disease in sub-Saharan Africa: epidemiology, risk factors, and challenges in diagnosis

Gillian Watermeyer, Leolin Katsidzira, Mashiko Setshedi, Smita Devani, Wisdom Mudombi, Chris Kassianides, and others

The Lancet Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Vol. 7, No. 10

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Challenges in the management of inflammatory bowel disease in sub-Saharan Africa

Gillian Watermeyer, Yaw Awuku, Ernst Fredericks, David Epstein, Mashiko Setshedi, Smita Devani, and others

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THE LANCET Gastroenterology & Hepatology

Managing cirrhosis with limited resources: perspectives from sub-Saharan Africa

Mark W Sonderup, Patrick S Kamath, Yaw A Awuku, Hailemichael Desalegn, Neliswa Gogela, Leolin Katsidzira, Christian Tzeuton, Bilal Bobat, Chris Kassianides, C Wendy Spearman on behalf of the Gastroenterology and Hepatology Association of sub-Saharan Africa

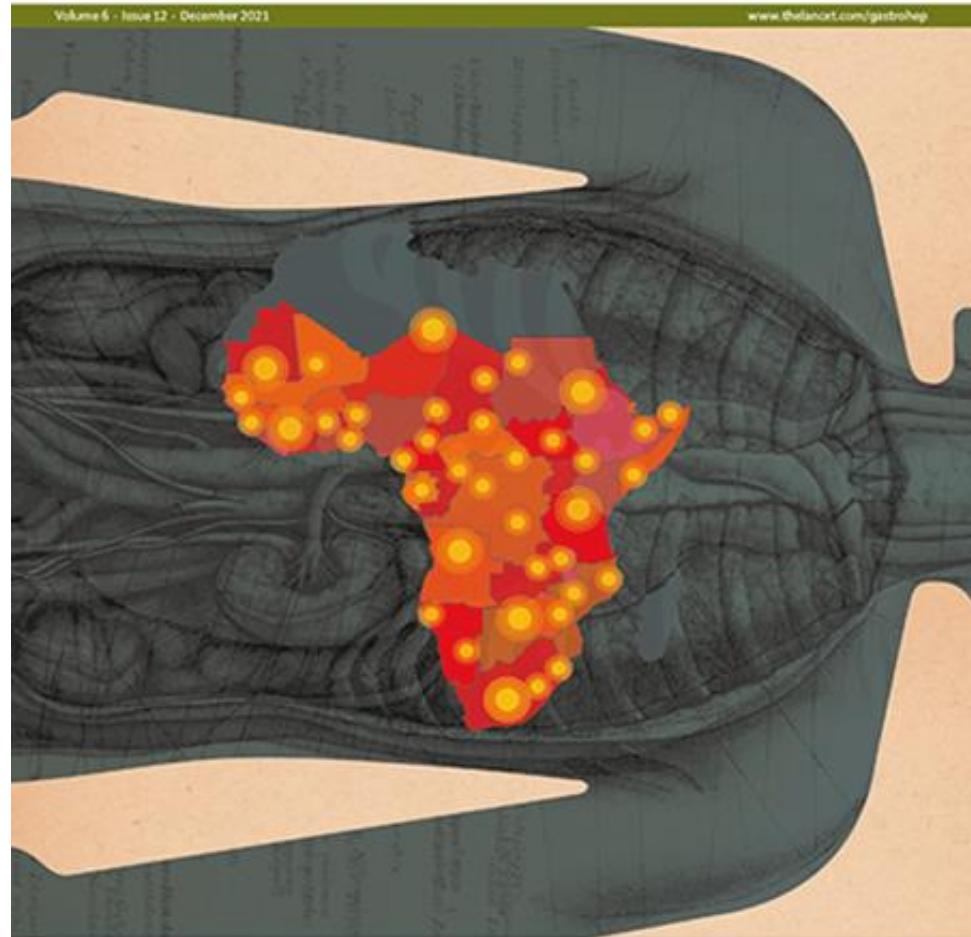
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Articles

Ursodeoxycholic acid for the prevention of symptomatic gallstone disease after bariatric surgery
See page 993

Articles

Comparative efficacy and safety of biologic therapies for moderate-to-severe Crohn's disease
See page 1002

Series

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



Metabolic syndrome interest group meeting

Steatotic liver disease

Friday 1st Dec 2023

Vineyard Hotel, Cape Town

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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

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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. Prof Jeff Wing | Endocrine |
| 6. Dr Marisa Noeth | Endocrine |
| 7. Dr Wayne May | Endocrine |
| 8. Professor Joel Dave
SAMMSS
SEMDSA | SA Metabolic Medicine and Surgery Society
Soc for Endocrinology Metabolism and Diabetes of SA |

Agenda

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|-------|---|-------------------|
| 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 | |



SSA H Pylori interest group Ad board meeting

Friday 27th October 2023

Vineyard Hotel, Cape Town

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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 Mohammed
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	



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 Prabdial-Sing
9h40-10h10	Update on NDOH Implementation of Prevention of mother-to-child transmission of hepatitis B programmes	Dr Vilakazi-Nhlapho & 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	

AFRICAN VIRAL HEPATITIS CONVENTION

HOSTED BY GHASSA

The Gastroenterology and Hepatology Association of
sub-Saharan Africa



PROSPECTUS

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12 - 17 MAY 2024

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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
Halemmichael Desalegn Mekonnen - Ethiopia
Danjuma Adda - Nigeria
Gibril Ndow - The Gambia
Christian Tzeuton - Cameroon
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Edith Okeke - Nigeria
John Rwegashwa - Tanzania
Janvier Serumondo - Rwanda
Maude Lemoine - United Kingdom
Philipa Mathews - United Kingdom



HEPBRIDGE
AVHC meeting May 2024





HepBridge



Amb. Minata Samate Cessouma
Commissioner for Health African Union



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 Thania 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 Surridge

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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LIVER UPDATE: CAPE TOWN 7 DECEMBER 2024, VINEYARD HOTEL		
8:30	Registration	
8:45-9:00	Welcome and introduction	Prof Chris Kassianides
	Viral Hepatitis: Chairs: Dr Neliwa 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 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 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 Neliwa Gogela
LIVER UPDATE: CAPE TOWN 7 DECEMBER 2024, VINEYARD HOTEL		
	Hepato-cellular Carcinoma: Chairs: Prof Marc Benson 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 Benson
14:00-14:30	Update on immunotherapy for the management of HCC	Dr Bilal Bobat
14:30	Close	Prof Chris Kassianides

Trustees



- Prof E Jonas
- Prof J Ramos
- Prof W Spearman
- Prof G Watermeyer
- Dr Bilal Bobat
- Prof G Dusheiko
- Dr L Katsidzira
- Prof C Kassianides

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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 Sardiwalla		
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



Gastro Foundation 14th Liver Interest group Meeting

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

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Mozambique
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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 Liam 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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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
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SSA Metabolic syndrome interest group

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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
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**Dr. Massimo
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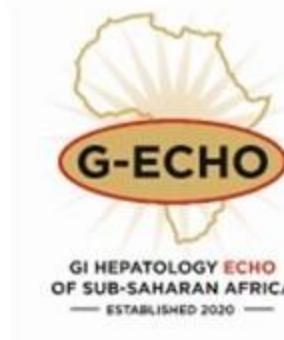
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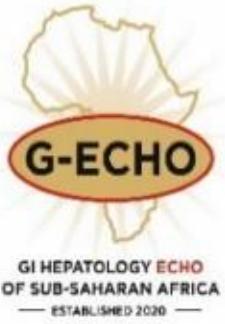
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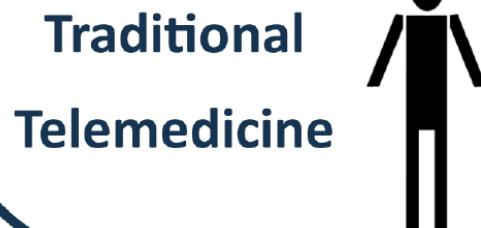
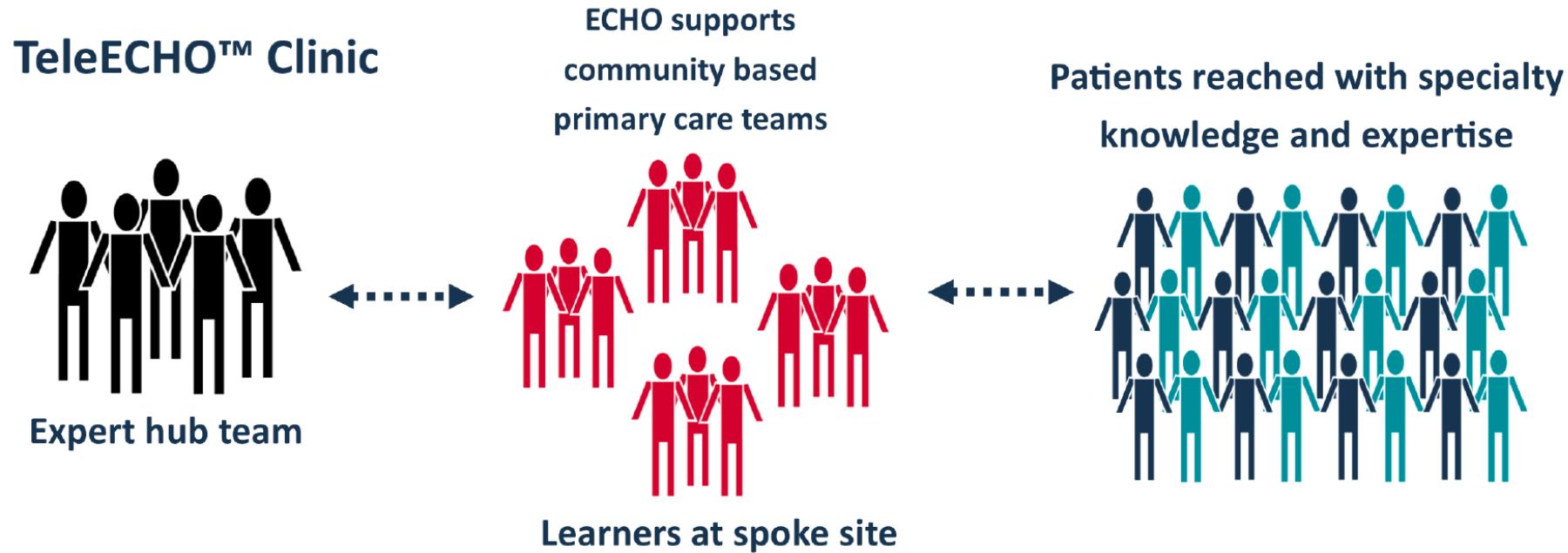
VIRAL HEPATITIS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA iECHO Clinic
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES/OST PROGRAMMES
20 June 2024 | Thursday 14:00-15:00 (SAST)

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
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



Time : SAST	Presentation	Presenters
14h05	Welcome	<i>Prof Wendy Spearman</i>
14h05 – 14h20	<i>Didactic Lecture: "An introduction to HCV self-testing".</i>	 <i>Dr Andrew Scheibe Technical advisor for TB-HIV Care & Researcher at University of Pretoria Dept of Family Medicine</i>
14h20 – 14H30	<i>"DECISION MAKING IN HEPATITIS C".</i>	<i>Sr Bongani Sibande Biobehavioural Study Research Nurse at TB-HIV Care. Site lead for PWID Biobehavioural Study at Ehlanzeni.</i>
14h30-14h40	<i>"DECISION MAKING IN HEPATITIS C".</i>	<i>Sr Dumisani Mkhize Biobehavioural Study Research Nurse at TB-HIV Care based at Ethekwini. Site lead for PWID Biobehavioural Study</i>
14h40– 15h00	Discussion	Speakers and participants

ECHO vs. Telemedicine



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)

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: Fumini 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 14h35 – 15H30	Welcome South Africa: “An HCV HCC journey” Egypt: Discussants	Prof Mark Sonderup Prof Mark Sonderup Consultant Hepatologist Division of Hepatology, Department of Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Cape Town Prof Ashraf Omar Professor of Hepatology & Tropical Medicine Faculty of Medicine at Cairo University Director of the Multidisciplinary Liver Cancer Clinic, Cairo University
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			Panellists: Prof Spearman, Prof Beningfield, Dr De Stadler, Prof Jonas and Prof Bernon





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Wednesday afternoon WEEKLY interactive webinars

Wednesday 7 August 2024

Blood Patient Management

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



Katerina Pavenski

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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 HOC



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Friday, 1 December 2023

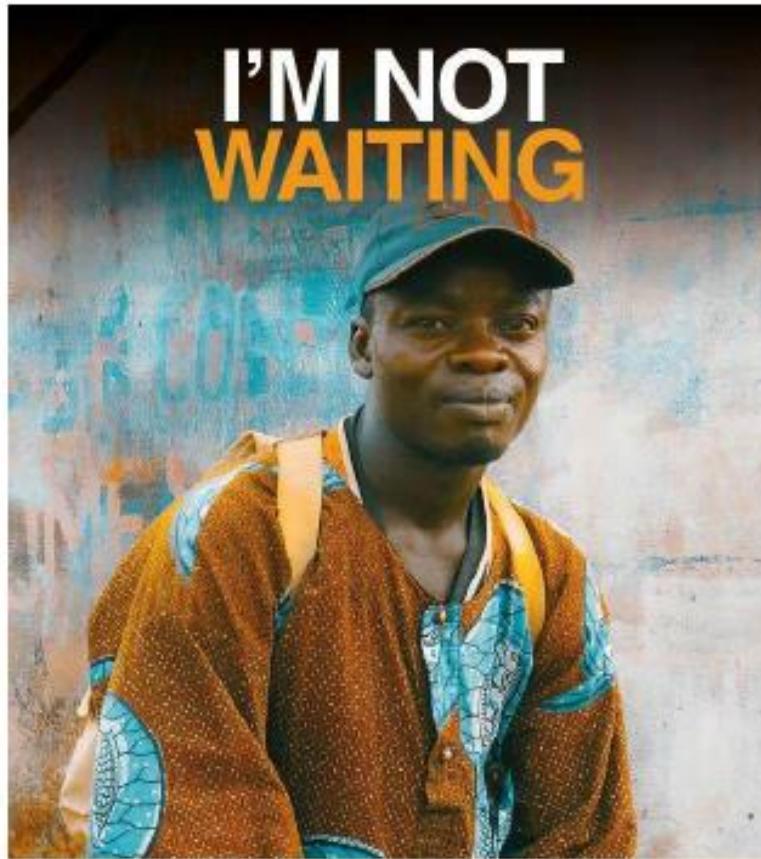
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Attendees

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

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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, Kalishmanv 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:** Adis 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

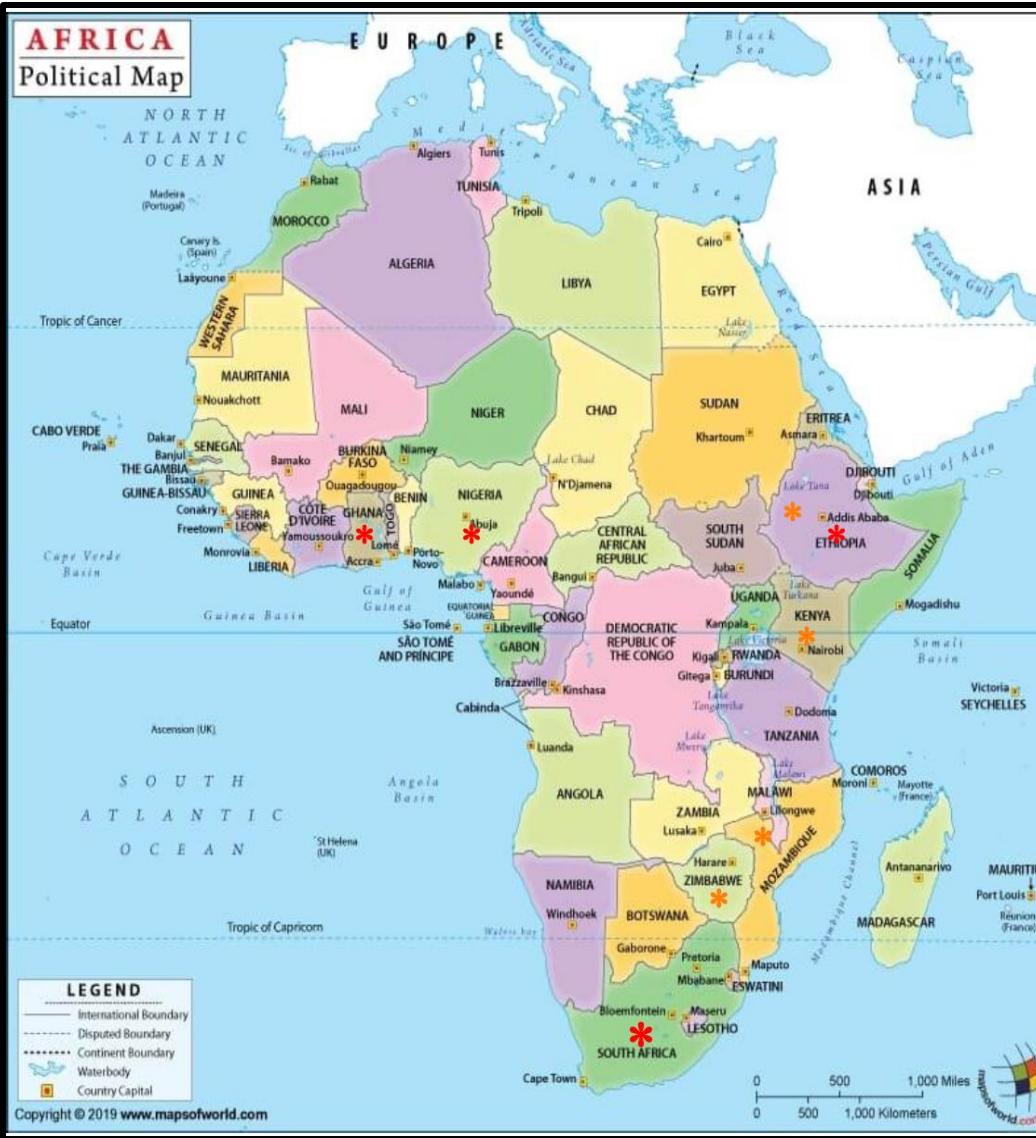
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- Management discussions: 40

Participants: 665

- 30 per meeting

Seminar: 110 participants

- WHO Prevention of HBV MTCT

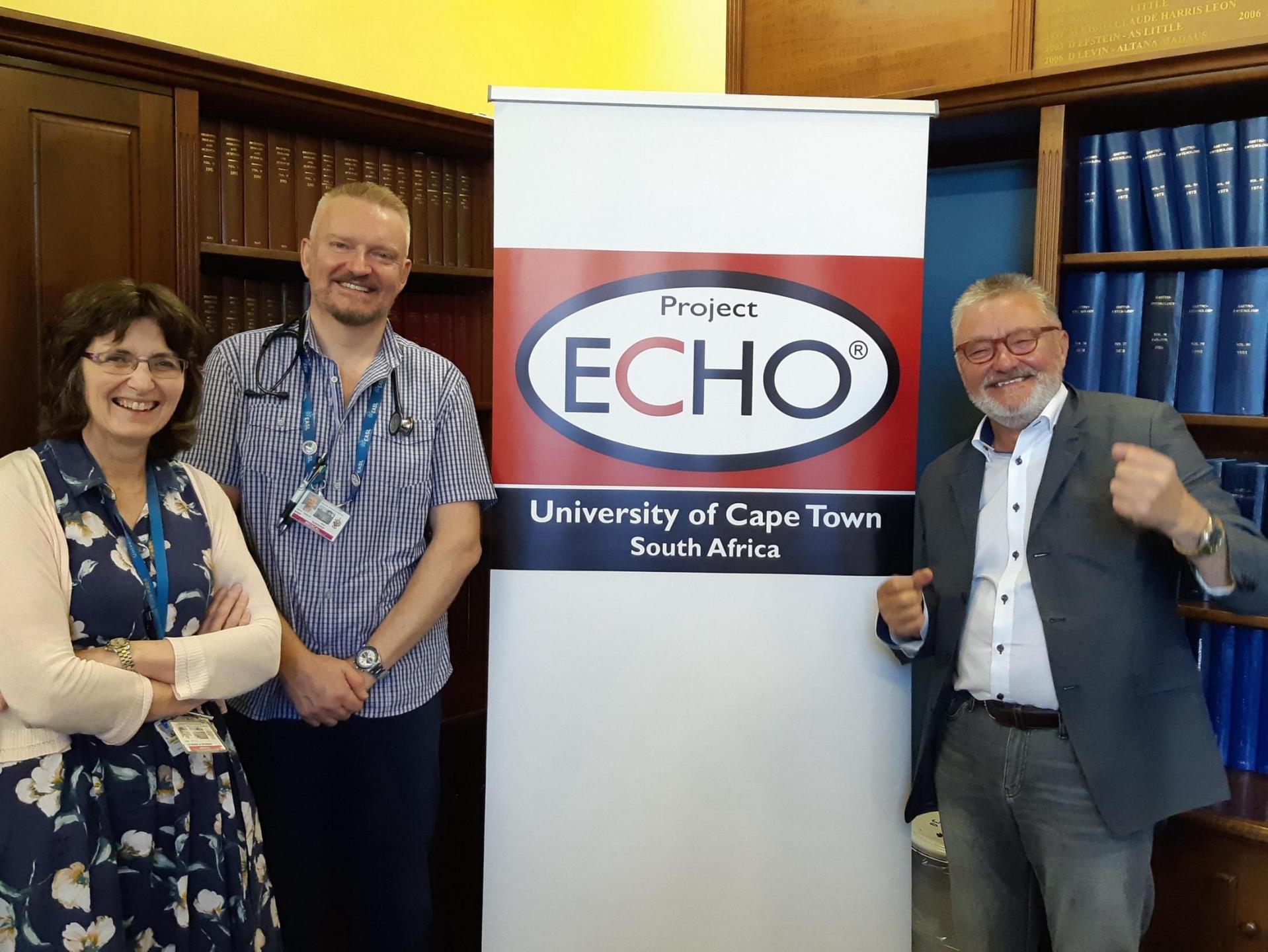


Project ECHO : Viral Hepatitis in sub-Saharan Africa

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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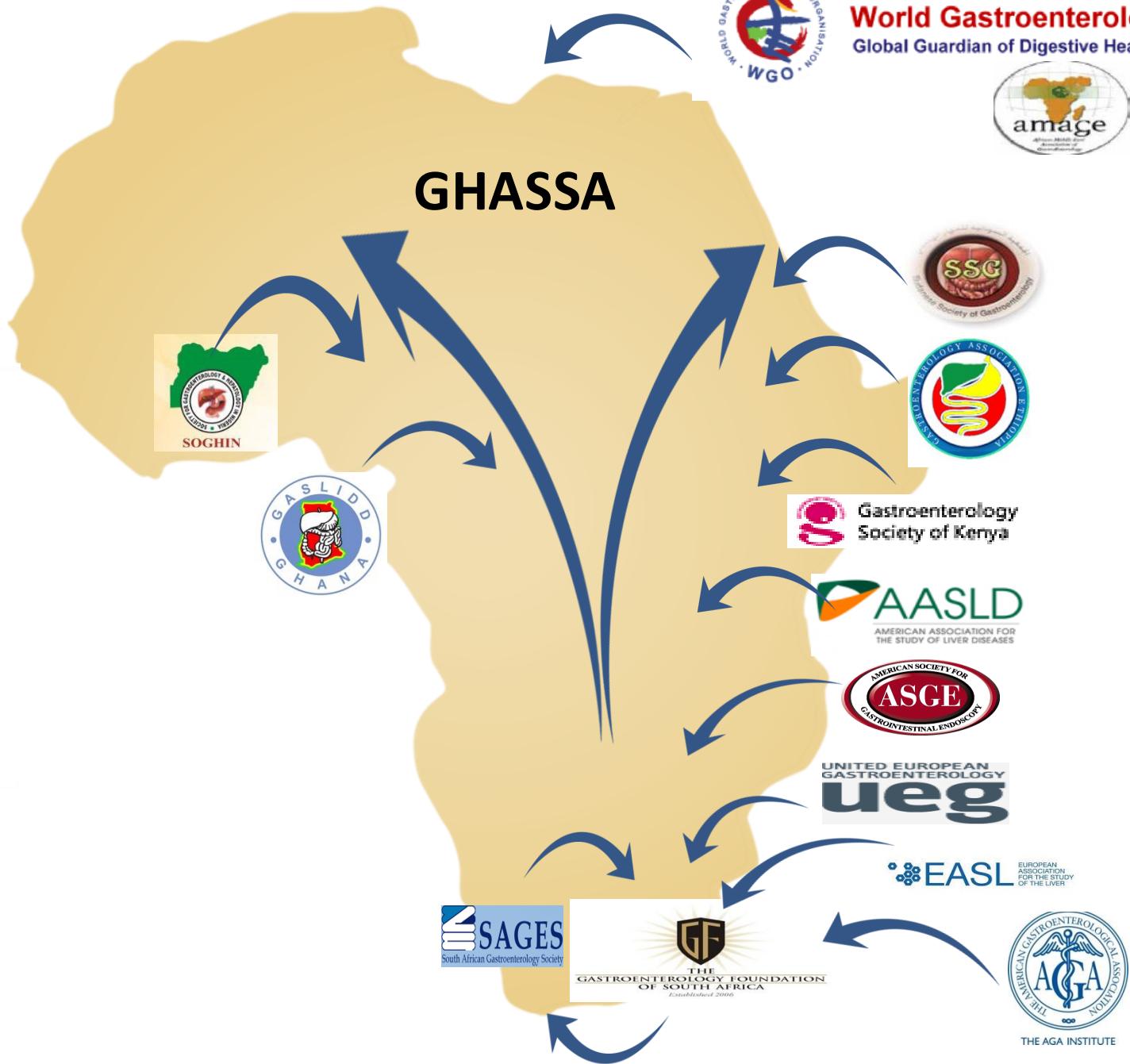
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Global impact of Project ECHO

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



Project ECHO



Mission

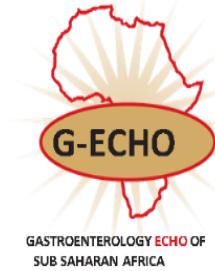
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Goals

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- Develop a model to treat complex diseases in rural locations and developing countries
- Expanded into 23 countries, managing a range of chronic conditions: viral hepatitis – women's health

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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



West Africa: 15:00

Central/South Africa: 16:00

East Africa: 17:00

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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 afternoon WEEKLY interactive webinars

Thursday 5 November 2020

G-ECHO ENDOSCOPY

Practical Endotherapy for non variceal bleeding

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



Dr Galya Chinnery

Approach to liver abscesses

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



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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

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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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Thursday afternoon WEEKLY interactive case webinars

Thursday 8 October 2020

Patient Blood Management :

Replacing blood with iron

Iron physiology, & the diagnosis of iron deficiency anaemia

Prof Vernon Louw



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Investigating iron deficiency anaemia – a gastroenterologist's approach

Prof Mashiko Setshedi



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In 2018 the introduction of the Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO) model of tele-mentoring for the treatment of chronic viral hepatitis B and C was initiated by Professor's Wendy Spearman and Mark Sonderup in South Africa and facilitated by the Foundation. ECHO links the Cape Town Hub with spokes in Johannesburg (SA), Kumasi (Ghana), Lagos (Nigeria) and Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) on a monthly basis and participation has grown as it has matured. With the advent of COVID, the ECHO model has been modified to include weekly COVID-related meetings hosted by experts in the field of epidemiology and infectious diseases.

Now we plan to extend ECHO meetings to other aspects of Gastroenterology, beginning in September 2020 with G-ECHO incorporating a weekly programme which includes GI Endoscopy, Inflammatory Bowel disease (IBD), Patient Blood Management (PBM) and a MDT approach to the Screening and treatment of Liver cancer (HCC) in SSA. COVID related issues will be addressed by each sub-specialty.

The endoscopy program, in partnership with the World Endoscopy Organization (WEO), will include a series of talks hosted by WEO faculty on aspects of GI endoscopy relevant to the SSA continent.

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In 2018 the introduction of the Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO) model of tele-mentoring for the treatment of chronic viral hepatitis B and C was initiated by Professor's Wendy Spearman and Mark Sonderup in South Africa and facilitated by the Foundation. ECHO links the Cape Town Hub with spokes in Johannesburg (SA), Kumasi (Ghana), Lagos (Nigeria) and Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) on a monthly basis and participation has grown as it has matured. With the advent of COVID, the ECHO model has been modified to include weekly COVID-related meetings hosted by experts in the field of epidemiology and infectious diseases.

Now we plan to extend ECHO meetings to other aspects of Gastroenterology, beginning in September 2020 with G-ECHO incorporating a weekly programme which includes GI Endoscopy, Inflammatory Bowel disease (IBD), Patient Blood Management (PBM) and a MDT approach to the Screening and treatment of Liver cancer (HCC) in SSA. COVID related issues will be addressed by each sub-specialty.

The endoscopy program, in partnership with the World Endoscopy Organization (WEO), will include a series of talks hosted by WEO faculty on aspects of GI endoscopy relevant to the SSA continent.

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Thursday afternoon WEEKLY interactive case webinars

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 Setschedi
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 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 Sobnach (Cape Town, South Africa)



The IHPBA HPBridge project: International bidirectional engagement and collaboration

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Wednesday 27th September 2023
G-ECHO PATHOLOGY



Prof Martin Hale



Dr Bilal Bobat

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Wednesday afternoon WEEKLY interactive webinars

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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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
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



<i>Time : SAST</i>	<i>Presentation</i>	<i>Presenters</i>
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
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
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June 10 2023





Invitation: Live & Virtual event

Saturday 10 June 2023

08:30 – 13:00

Radisson Blu Gautrain, Sandton, Gauteng

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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 Shirraaz 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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Is it all infective?

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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

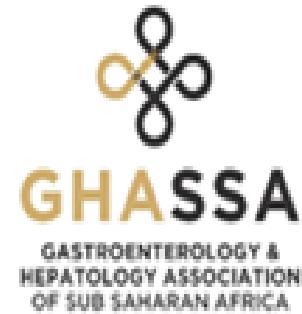
- 09:05 An overview of IBD associated colorectal cancer Prof Gill Watermeyer
09:30 Case presentation - dysplasia complicating IBD colitis Dr Dominic Mutura
09:50 Overview of surveillance strategies for IBD related dysplasia and colorectal cancer Dr Dion Levin
10:15 Advanced endoscopy for the treatment 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
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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 ENIGMA

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 PERSPECTIVE

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 Ahmad al Madkour

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

11:17-11:30 May 6



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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



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 Ocamo, Olusegun Ojo, Imran Paruk, Christian Tzeuton, 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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Lancet Gastrohep 6:12,971 – 1056 Nov 2021

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Eduard Jonas, Marc Bernon, Barbara Robertson, Chris Kassianides, Elie Keli, Kwaku Offei Asare, and others

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Inflammatory Bowel Disease A Sub-Saharan African Perspective

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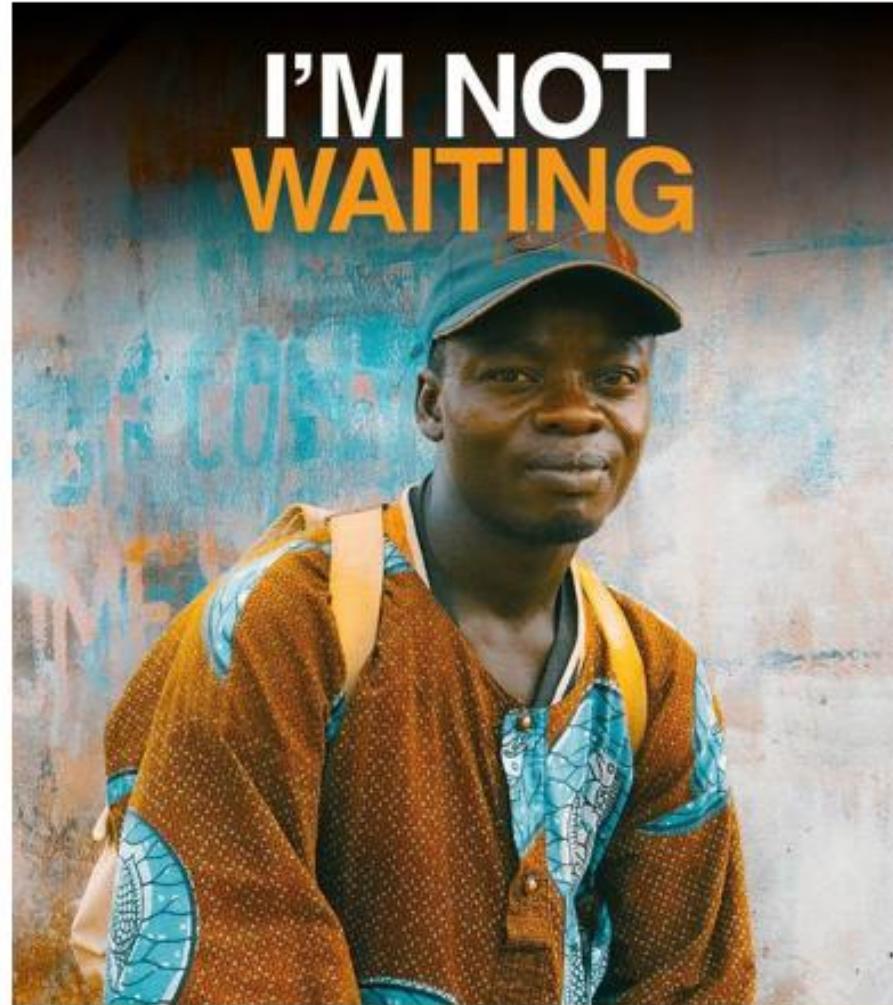
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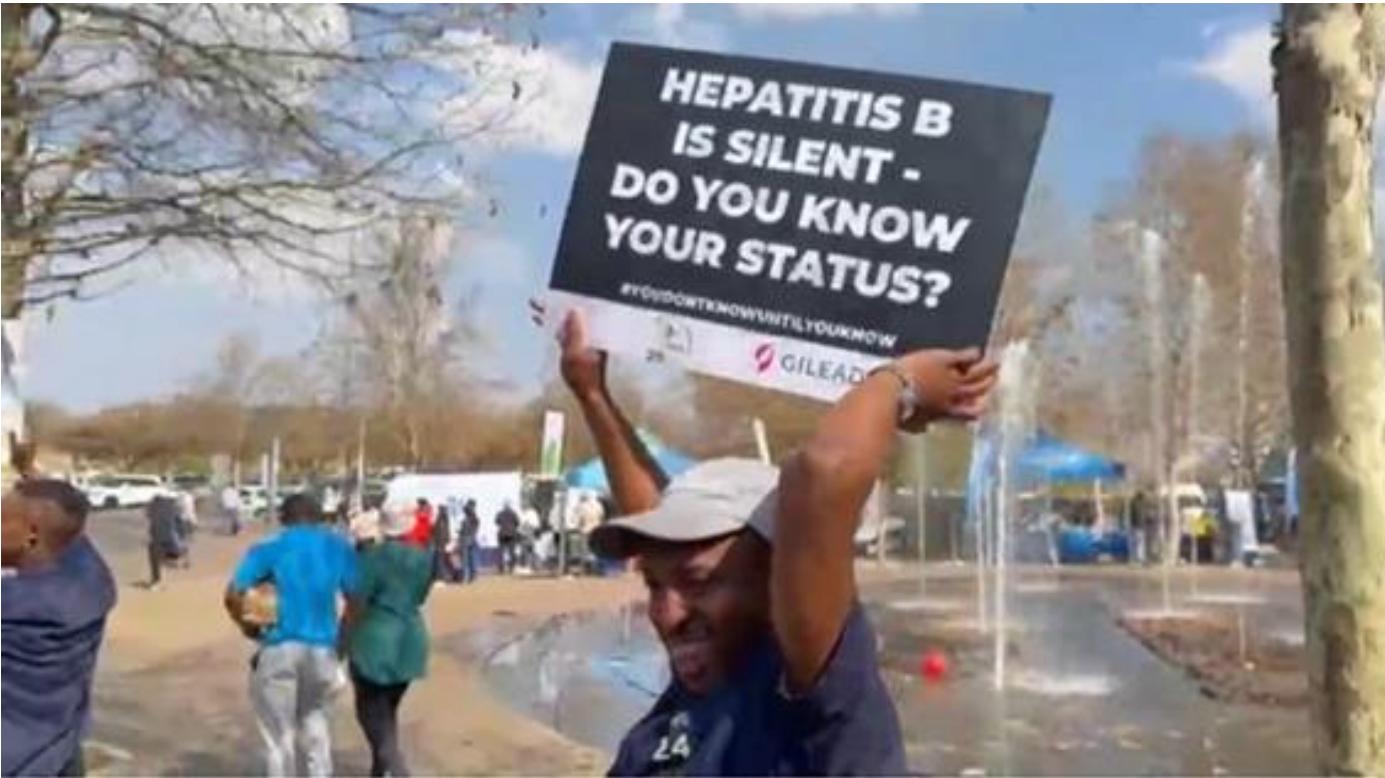




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Agenda

- 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 afternoon WEEKLY interactive case webinars

Wednesday 23 August 2023

Patient Blood Management

Chairman: Vernon Louw



Iron in Cardiothoracic Surgery

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Specialist Anaesthetiologist

Department of Anaesthesia and Perioperative Medicine

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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





Managing cirrhosis with limited resources – perspectives from SSA

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Liver interest group meeting

**HBV MOTHER TO CHILD TRANSMISSION AND MBDV
LIVER CANCER IN PREGNANCY
PALLIATIVE CARE**

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



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

Agenda

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|-------|--|----------------------------|
| 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 Ghindari |
| 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

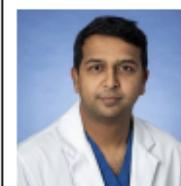
Welcome and introduction

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



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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 afternoon WEEKLY interactive webinars

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



Dr Piet Wessels

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VIRAL HEPATITIS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA iECHO Clinic

Pre-register for the Monthly iECHO Clinics

13 July 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: 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	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
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	15:10 – 15:30	Discussion	Speakers and participants

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GI Hepatology ECHO of Sub-Saharan Africa

Wednesday afternoon WEEKLY interactive webinars

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



Pathology
Martin Hale

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

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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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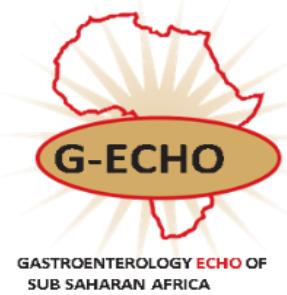


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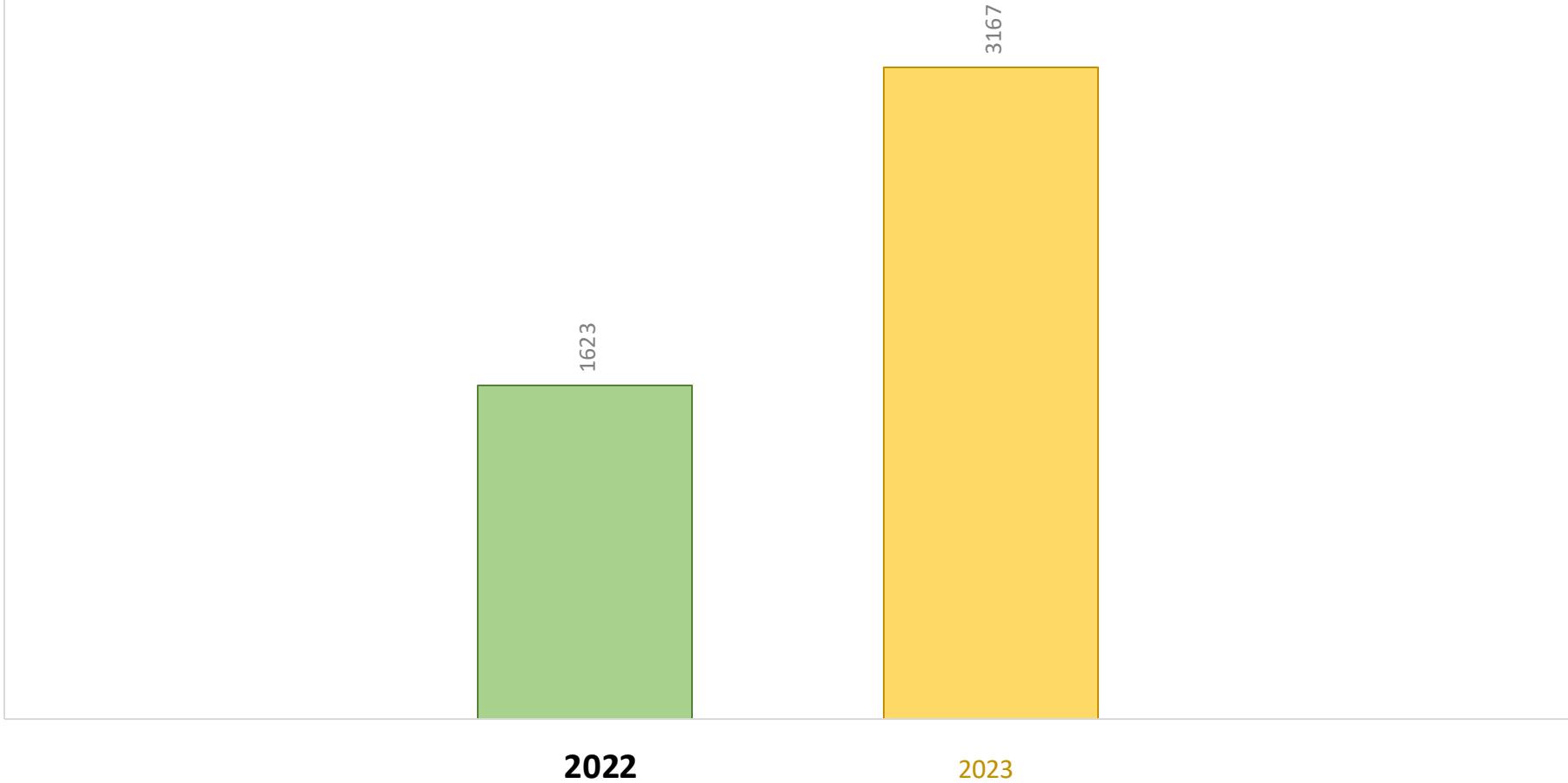


20 countries in SSA
50 – 100 registrations



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

MBChB(UCT), FCP(CMSA), Cert Gastroenterol(CMSA), MPH(UCT)

University of Cape Town and Groote Schuur Hospital

South Africa





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

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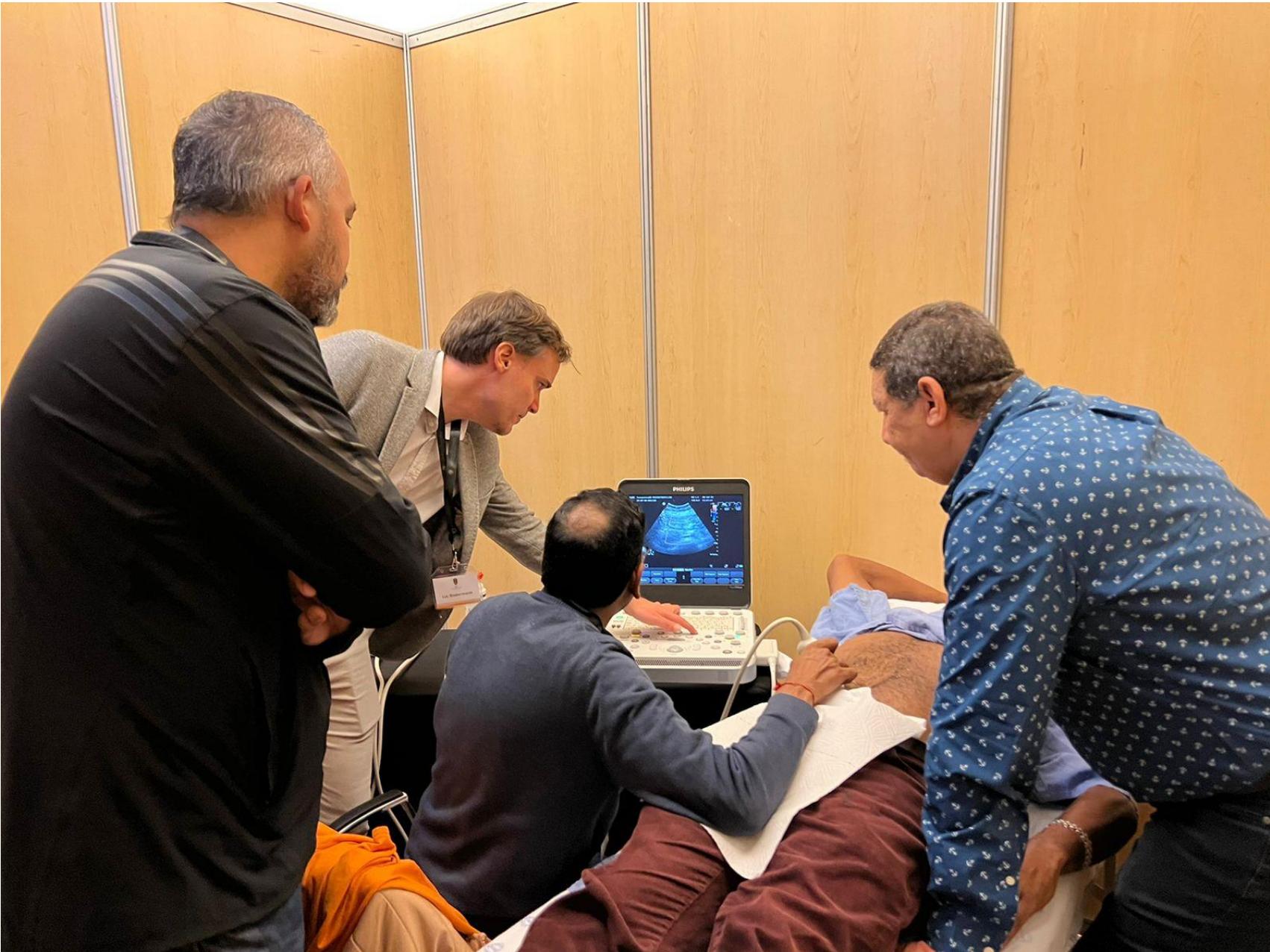
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Gastro Foundation 14th Liver Interest group Meeting

Saturday 2nd December 2023

Vineyard Hotel, Cape Town

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_BCT18QfxRE-hfULcfRwCw

To confirm attendance or set- up an interview with one of the experts, please email Bini Seale at
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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

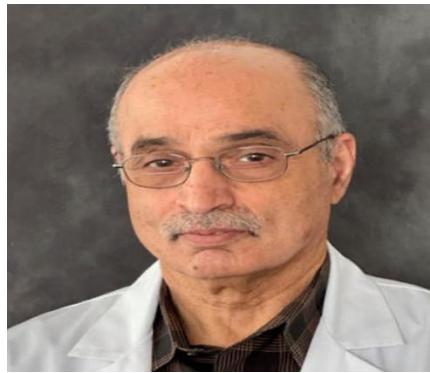
THERE ARE 5 TYPES OF HEPATITIS VIRUSES - **A, B, C, D AND E**. ALL HEPATITIS VIRUSES CAN CAUSE ACUTE INFECTION AND INFLAMMATION OF THE LIVER. STILL, INFECTION WITH HEPATITIS B, C AND D VIRUSES CAN ALSO RESULT IN CHRONIC HEPATITIS THAT CAN LEAD TO CIRRHOSIS AND LIVER CANCER.







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Kulwinder Dua



Vinay Chandrasekhara







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 Wisconsin 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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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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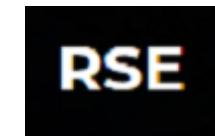
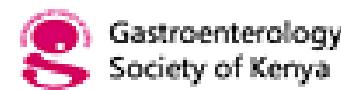
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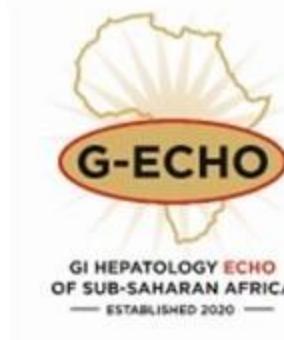
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SSA endoscopy 2023/24

- 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 14h30-15h30</i>	<i>Presentation</i>	<i>Presenters</i>	<i>Connection Mode</i>
14h30 – 14h45	Welcome Didactic Lecture: <i>Insights from PROLIFICA</i>	Prof Wendy Spearman Dr Gibril Ndow	Audio/Video
14h45 – 15h05	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





Fellows Post graduate program 2023



Gerhard Rogler



Geoff Dusheiko

SUMMARY		Registrations							Paticipations							
		Radiology	Path	Endo	IBD	HCC	PBM	Paeds	Radiolog	Path	Endo	IBD	HCC	PBM	Paeds	
2022																
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									18	105	150	143	143	129	
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13th Fellows Post Graduate Course 2022

Vineyard hotel





GHASSA 2023



2023 ECCO LECTURE GILL WATERMEYER
Copenhagen March 2023



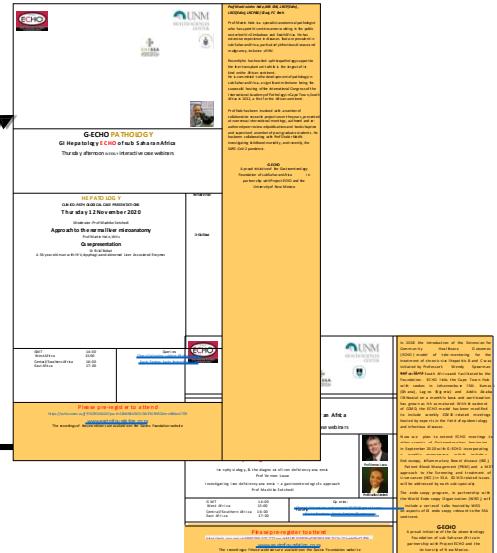
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Virtual First quarter 2023

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Chicago May 2023

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JHB 28 July 2023

GHASSA ASGE/HEPATOTOLOGY POSTGRADUATE COURSE SAGES
Pretoria August 2023

GF SSA GHASSA LIVER INTEREST GROUP MEETING
JHB Dec 2023





Treatment overview – Where do we stand today?

Dr Marc Bernon

Cape Town, South Africa



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MDT cases

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Dr Karan Gandhi, Nairobi, Kenya

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