

## ANNUAL WORKSHOP ON ADVANCED CLINICAL CARE (AWACC) – AIDS DURBAN 2010



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### **Rajesh Gandhi, MD**

Dr. Gandhi is the director of HIV Clinical Services and Education at the Massachusetts General Hospital and Associate Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. He is the site-principal investigator for the Massachusetts General Hospital AIDS Clinical Trials Unit (ACTU) and the Director of the Harvard University Center for AIDS Research (CFAR) Clinical Core. His research interests are in clinical trials of immune-based therapies for HIV and in HIV viral hepatitis co infections. He has organized the HIV Online Provider Education (HOPE) conference series, along with his colleagues in South Africa, for many years.

### **Dr Francois Venter**

Dr Francois Venter is currently Cluster Head of the HIV Management Cluster, Reproductive Health and HIV Research Unit. He is a lecturer in the Department of Medicine, University of the Witwatersrand as well as the head of Infectious Diseases at Johannesburg Academic Hospital. Dr Venter is currently President of the Southern African HIV Clinicians Society, which has over 15 000 members throughout Africa.

### **Dr Basgoz**

Dr. Basgoz is the Associate Chief and Clinical Director of the Infectious Disease Division at Massachusetts General Hospital and an Associate Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. Among her areas of long-term interest are prevention and treatment of opportunistic infections in HIV infection.

### **Prof Ian Sanne**

Prof Sanne is a specialist physician and infectious diseases sub- specialist. He is director of the Clinical HIV Research Unit and the Wits HIV Research Group of the University of Witwatersrand, a Clinical Trials Unit including ACTG, HPTN and IMPAACT activities funded by the National Institute for Health (USA). Prof Sanne is the founder and managing director of "Right of Care" a non-profit company which has accessed USAID/ PEPFAR funding to support the national antiretroviral therapy roll-out program for HIV/AIDS treatment.

### **Dr Sarah Fakroodeen**

Dr Sarah Fakroodeen is a Palliative Care Physician who is presently the Medical Director of Highway Hospice. She is a lecturer at the Nelson Mandela School of Medicine and serves as the Vice Chair of Board of HPCA. She is also a Member of Education and Research Sub-Committee of HPCA, Chairperson of HPCA Ethics Committee, Chairperson of The PCSSA and Head of Palliative Care forum for KZN.

### **Prof S.S Naidoo**

Prof Naidoo is the Chief Specialist, Professor and Head of Department of Family Medicine, Servier Chair of Family Medicine at the Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine, Department of Family Medicine. He is also a Member of the Faculty Board of the Nelson R Mandela Medical School and a Member of the Editorial Board of South African Family Practice Journal (SAFP). He is the Vice President of SAMA KZN Coastal Branch. He received his FCFP (SA) from the College of Medicine of SA in 2007.

### **Dr Jaysingh Brijkumar**

Dr. Brijkumar is currently the clinical manager at the RK Khan Hospital Outreach Clinic. The Outreach Clinic is one of the busiest HIV rollout clinic in the District. There are 7100 patients on active treatment at the Clinic.

**Dr H Sunpath**

Dr Sunpath is the Head of Internal Medicine and Director of Education for Adult HIV Medicine at Mc Cord Hospital, Durban (since 2002). He has several ongoing research projects and publications in ARV resistance in KZN. His other research interests are in TB/HIV co-infection with KRITH, UKZN. He is researching the model of inpatient ART programmes for an MPH degree. He has been a member of the Executive committee of the SAHIV Clinicians Society. He is an Honorary Lecturer in the Department of Infectious Diseases at the Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine, UKZN. He is the Co-Chair of the Annual Workshop of Advanced Clinical Care -AIDS. Previously he worked in the Dept of Internal Medicine, R.K. Khan Hospital, Durban (1991 -2001) and was founding medical director of the Dream center AIDS Palliative Care Hospital in Pinetown.

**Dr Rocio Hurtado**

Dr Rocio Hurtado, MD, DTM&H, is an Infectious Disease physician at the MGD ID unit and is the director of the MGH Mycobacterial program. Her clinical interests are MDRTB and HIV co- infection (through her work in MDRTB in Peru since 2002) and the intersection of HIV and tropical medicine. She is also the Co-associate Program Director for Global Health for the Department of Medicine at MGH.

**Dr Iqbal Master**

Dr Iqbal Master is a Chief Medical Officer in TB at King George V Hospital, Durban. This hospital functions as the provincial centre of expertise for the management of Drug Resistant TB in Kwa-Zulu Natal. Dr Master has 14 years experience in the management of MDR and XDR TB. He has been involved in many research projects in Drug Resistant TB carried out by various organizations at King George Hospital.

**Prof Yunus Moosa**

Prof Moosa is an Associate Professor, chief Specialist and Head of Department of Infectious Diseases at the he Immunology and Microbiology at Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan. His research interests include Immune Reconstruction Inflammatory Syndrome, Smear Negative Tuberculosis and anti- retroviral drug resistance.

**Dr. Victoria Kasprovicz**

Victoria Kasprovicz, M. Biochem, Ph.D., is an Instructor in Medicine at Harvard Medical School and Honorary Senior Lecturer at the University of Kwazulu-Natal's Nelson R. Mandela School of Medicine. Her research focuses on the immune response to Mycobacterium tuberculosis (MTB) in the context of the HIV epidemic in Durban, South Africa. Her studies aim to identify the correlates of protective MTB immunity, guide the design of novel immunodiagnostics, and understand the mechanisms leading to an accelerated course of both diseases in the setting of HIV-MTB co-infection. Victoria is also Acting Director of Education and Training at the newly created KwaZulu-Natal Research Institute for Tuberculosis and HIV (K-RITH). K-RITH is a result of a groundbreaking partnership between the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) and the University of KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa. The aim of this initiative is to establish an international research center focused on making major scientific contributions to the worldwide effort to control the devastating co-epidemic of tuberculosis and HIV, and on training a new generation of scientists in Africa.

**Dr Neville Chelin**

Dr Neville Chelin graduated with an undergraduate medical degree in 2002 from The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. After spending another year in Ireland he took up a training post in Internal Medicine in Melbourne, Australia. He returned to South Africa in 2005 and started in the Department of Medicine at McCord Hospital, where he has been since. He is currently the unit leader for the Department of Medicine at McCord Hospital, has obtained his diploma in HIV management and is currently finishing his postgraduate studies in Family Medicine (UKZN). His interests are in HIV and TB management and he has collaborated with Dr Sunpath on several studies concerning ARV resistance and TB diagnostics.

**Dr Christie Cloete**

Dr Cloete graduated with an MBChB with honours in 2005 and did her internship and community service and worked in outpatient settings in Nelspruit before moving to Durban. She started work at McCord ARV unit in April 2009 and started managing the Adult ARV programme from the beginning of this year.

**Dr Tracy Cho, MD, MA**

Dr Tray Cho completed his MD in 003 at Yale University. He trained as a fellow in General Neurology at MGH and is currently also an instructor in neurology at Harvard Medical School. He also holds leadership positions as the Associate Program Director and at

MGH and the Harvard Partners Neurology Residency at Brigham and Woman's Hospital. He also has a vast number of responsibilities in teaching and training. He has a specialized interest in Neurological complications of HIV. He has also presented repeatedly over the last few years on HIV Online Provider Education, MGH, South Africa, and India.

#### **Dr. Thumbi Ndung'u, BVM, PhD**

Thumbi Ndung'u, BVM, PhD is an Associate Professor in HIV/AIDS Research at the Doris Duke Medical Research Institute, Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine, and Visiting Scientist at Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School. He holds the South African Research Chair in Systems Biology of HIV/AIDS. He is the Scientific Director of the HIV Pathogenesis Program at UKZN and he is co-chair of the Young and Early Career Investigators Committee (YECIC) of the Global HIV Vaccine Enterprise. He is an investigator with the NIH-funded International Maternal Pediatric Adolescent AIDS Clinical Trials (IMPACT) Group. He is a recipient of several awards for excellence in research and has co-authored 34 papers in peer-reviewed.

#### **Dr Jane Hampton**

Jane Hampton started working as an MO in the multidisciplinary McCord HIV clinic, Sinkithemba, soon after its commencement in 1999, when the medical focus was on prophylaxis and the treatment of OI's with only a few being able to afford ARV's. She has been part of the scale up of ARV's at Sinikithemba, initially with PEPFAR funding and now with additional DOH support, and approximately 4000 people now benefit from comprehensive care, including ARV's at the clinic.

#### **Dr Dinesh Singh**

Dr Dinesh Singh has trained as a psychiatrist in South Africa and has a public health degree from Columbia University, USA. He has a special interest in HIV psychiatry. He is a senior researcher in the Medical Research Council of South Africa. He is the co-investigator of R01 grant from the National Institutes of Mental Health. He is also an honorary lecturer in departments' of Public Health and Psychiatry at University of Kwa Zulu Natal and Bioethics at University of Witwatersrand and is currently completing his PhD on *Psychiatric Epidemiology of HIV in South Africa*.

#### **Dr Sandy Pillay**

Dr Sandy Pillay is currently the Unit manager of research programmes for the Enhancing Care Initiative including the AIDS Clinical Trials Site, International Maternal, Paediatric and Adolescent Clinical Trials Network and various other research programmes. He is also the Project Director for an options project which is collaboration between UKZN, Universities of Connecticut, West Ontario and Yale and the Department of health- a 4 year study funded by the National Institute of Health. He is the Coordinator of Injongo Yethu Comprehensive Project, a PEPFAR-funded program to support the ARV rollout in the Eastern Cape Province. He is the Academic Coordinator for the HIV clinical HIV management course for nurses as well as the Course Director for the Post Graduate Masters Program in Clinical Management of HIV and Aids. He has various ongoing research projects and several publications related to HIV/ TB.

#### **Dr Ray Maharaj**

Dr Ray Maharaj is a specialist obstetrician and gynaecologist and is currently Head of Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Prince Mshiyeni Memorial Hospital and the Durban South Area. He has an interest in woman's health and is involved in various research projects in the area. The maternity department at Prince Mshuyeni Memorial Hospital is the largest in Kwa- Zulu Natal and has been at the centre of research for a while. He is also involved in the teaching of undergraduates and postgraduate students at University of Kwa- Zulu Natal.

#### **Dr Anisa Mosam**

Anisa Mosam is principal specialist and senior lecturer at the Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine, UKZN as well as King Edward Hospital VII and Inkhosi Albert Luthuli Central Hospital hospitals. She is involved in general, tropical and HIV dermatology. She has and HIV Diploma and has launched an updated version of "An Atlas of Skin Conditions in HIV/ AIDS."

#### **Dr Fundiswa Chonco**

Dr Fundiswa Chonco obtained her BSc in Medical Microbiology from UWC and her MBChB from UCT. She has a diploma in HIV Management from CMSA and has recently completed a programme in Clinical Effectiveness from Harvard School of Public Health in Boston, USA. She is currently specializing in Clinical Virology at IALCH and has worked in numerous Hospitals in Durban. Before coming to IALCH she worked as a research clinician for HHP where she was involved with identification and diagnosis of Acute HIV infection.

#### **Dr Kimesh Naidoo**

Dr Naidoo is a Principal Paediatrician at King Edward VIII Hospital. He is involved in various teaching, training and research programs related to paediatric HIV. He also is involved with Kwa-Zulu Natal Department of Health ARV roll-out and other Child Health Programs throughout the province. He is a member of the national Paediatric Working Group for ART in children and the Liaison Paediatrician in Kwa-Zulu Natal for CHIVA (UK) Kwa-Zulu Natal mentoring project. He is also the Co-investigator for the Durban International Clinical Trials Unit- Durban- affiliated to IMPAACT. He has several selected peer- reviewed publications and presentations at congress proceedings.

#### **Dr Vivian Black**

Vivian Black, Senior Clinical Programme Manager, Reproductive Health and HIV Research Unit. Dr. Black has been running a maternal health and HIV programme within the inner- city of Johannesburg for the past 6 years. She assists the South African DOH on the antiretroviral treatment guidelines committee, PMTCT committee and the STI committee. Dr Black ghost wrote the latest South African PMTCT guidelines. Together with a Department of Health Representative she co-chairs the South African National AIDS Council Treatment and Care Technical Task Team. She assists local government with programmatic advice and sits on their PMTCT and Training working groups. Dr Black has a number of publications in the field of maternal health and infectious disease.

#### **Dr Mohern Archary**

Dr Mohern Archary is a Paediatric Infectious Disease specialist in the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health, Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine, Durban, South Africa.

#### **Dr. Ryan Ramdass**

D. Ramdass completed his MBChB at the University Of Pretoria in 2002 and completed his FCP (SA) in 2009. He is a Specialist Physician in association with Drs Patel, Bhoola, Ramdass and Partners and is also a part time lecturer at the Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine in the Department of Internal Medicine. He is also a part time consultant at The Department of Medicine at McCord Hospital, Durban. He has participated in numerous Clinical trials.

#### **Prof Umesh Laloo**

Prof Laloo is a Professor and Chief Specialist as well as the Head of Respiratory and Critical Unit and Adult HIV Programs, School of Clinical Medicine, Nelson R Mandela Medical School, University of Kwa-Zulu Natal. He is also the Executive Director of the Enhancing Care Initiative KZN and the Principal Investigator in Adult AIDS Clinical Trials Unit, Durban (Unit of the Division of AIDS, US). He is involved in over 90 original scientific publications in peer reviewed journals and is actively involved in research in HIV and the Lung. He is also the Co-principal applicant for the KZN Global Fund award over 5 years with this program being run through the KZN DOH. He is also on the Editorial Board and is the reviewer of a highly rated international peer reviewed journal.

#### **Quarraisha Abdool Karim**

Professor Quarraisha Abdool Karim, PhD, is an infectious diseases epidemiologist whose main current research interests are in understanding the evolving HIV epidemic in South Africa; factors influencing acquisition of HIV infection in adolescent girls; and sustainable strategies to introduce HAART in resource-constrained settings. She is an Associate Professor in Epidemiology at the Mailman School of Public Health and an Associate Professor in Public Health and Family Medicine at the Nelson R. Mandela School of Medicine, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. Since 1998, she has played a central role in building the science base in southern Africa through the Columbia University - Southern African Fogarty AIDS International Training and Research Programme, and is also an Associate Scientific Director of the Centre for the AIDS Programme of Research in South Africa (CAPRISA). She is currently co-chair of the HIV Prevention Trials Network, a large NIH funded network that sets and undertakes key HIV prevention research globally.

#### **Professor T E Madiba**

MBChB, MMed, LL.M (Medical Law), PhD, FCS (SA), FASCRS, Diploma in Research Ethics. Thandinkosi E Madiba is Professor of Surgery at the Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) and is Head of the Colorectal Unit at the Inkosi Albert Luthuli Central Hospital, Durban. He is a Fellow of the College of Surgeons of South Africa and the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons. Professor Madiba has a distinguished career in research and has an active interest in Research Ethics.

#### **Dr. Julia Flores**

Dr Foltess graduated as MD in 1972 and an internal medicine specialist in 1980 (Harana, Cuba). She has her diploma in HIV Management (College of Medicine South Africa 2008). She has been working in the rural areas of South Africa since 1996 and has several paper presentations and has an interest in HIV associated Opportunistic Infections diagnosis and management and HIV Drug Persistence. She is currently the consultant at the Department of Medicine Madadeni Hospital and the Head of the HIV Clinic. She is also a consultant for the ART Program Pharmaceutical Services at the DOH (KZN).