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Identifying Advanced HIV Disease with immediate CD4 testing in Africa

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Learning objectives

- Familiarisation with rapid CD4 testing
- Identify which patients would benefit from a second test after stopping/starting ART
- Benefits of CD4 testing in different health settings

Topic	Presenter
Opening	Dr David Meya/Ms Emma Orefuwa
VISITECT CD4 AD and the HIV package of care in Senegal	Dr Moussa Sarr, IRESSEF, Senegal
Advantage of POC vs Central laboratory testing	Mr Tafese Tufa, Arsi University College of Health science, Asella, Ethiopia
Slow and fast ART responders	Dr David Meya, Makerere University, Uganda
Improving access to same-day CD4 testing	Mr Joseph Oerson, Omega Diagnostics
Q&A	Ms Emma Orefuwa, GAFFI
Wrap up	GAFFI

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Speakers



Dr David Meya

David is an Associate Professor in the School of Medicine at the College of Health Sciences, Makerere University and holds an appointment as adjunct Associate Professor at the University of Minnesota. He has been involved in clinical research of central nervous system infections and complications, with a focus on HIV Immune Reconstitution Inflammatory syndrome (IRIS), an often-deadly complication of antiretroviral therapy (ART) in persons living with AIDS with opportunistic infections such as cryptococcal meningitis and tuberculosis. He chairs the Advanced HIV Disease Technical Working group at the Ministry of Health and continues to be involved in advocacy to improve clinical care and outcomes in a predominantly HIV-infected patient population with limited resources for health focusing on advanced HIV disease.



Dr Moussa Sarr

Moussa is well respected in Senegal and the region. He currently holds the position of Principal Investigator & Head of Business Development and Cooperation Group at IRESSEF - Institut de Recherche en Santé, de Surveillance Epidemiologique et de Formations in Dakar, Senegal. Prior to this he spent over 20 years working as a Senior Epidemiologist and Principal Investigator for Westat. He holds a medical degree, Master of Public Health as well as a Postdoctoral Fellowship.



Mr Tafese Tufa

Tafese is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Microbiology at Arsi University College of Health Science in Asella, Ethiopia, he is also the coordinator of the Hirsch Institute of Tropical Medicine (HITM) Asella, Ethiopia, which was established through the collaboration between Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf and Arsi University in 2013. For the past 8 years, Tafese has been actively involved in conducting research in opportunistic fungal infections, TB/HIV, sepsis diagnosis and antimicrobial resistance in Ethiopia. He is also the GAFFI ambassador for Ethiopia and is currently reading for his PhD at the Heinrich Heine University, Germany.



Mr Joseph Oerson

Joseph is the Director of Sales, Africa at Omega Diagnostics

He holds a BSc Degree with Chemistry & Physics as majors obtained from the University of Western Cape, South and a Postgraduate Diploma in Business Admiration obtained from the University of Wales.

He has held several positions in the Diagnostics field with vast experience on the African continent and travelled the continent extensively and worked with Ministries of Health, NGO'S, FBO, Funders and other Stakeholders in the Diagnostics Space.



Ms Emma Orefuwa

Emma currently serves as Director of Programmes, Africa for the Global Action Fund for Fungal Infections (GAFFI) with responsibility for leading on programme development, supporting country ambassadors, network building and advocacy. She is currently engaged in a GAFFI led exercise to map access to diagnostics for fungal disease in Africa. Emma has worked extensively in Africa, Asia, and Europe. Her first degree was in Biochemical Sciences at the University of Salford in 2001. She then went on to obtain a Master of Science in the Biology and Control of Disease Vectors at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (2002) and subsequently, a Masters in Public Health from Kings College (University of London) in 2009.

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