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# HIVPA News

Happy New year to you all!

Hopefully, you've all had a restful and relaxing festive period, refreshed to take on the new year. 2022 was a pivotal year in HIV therapeutics, ripe with many firsts—first in class therapeutic agents, injectables, with new PrEP options around the corner. Many of you will be picking up where you left off before the break, planning & implementing services, catching up new developments whilst continuing to provide outstanding patient care.

This edition of the bulletin focuses on updates in the past few months as well as a forward view of the conferences this year. As always, please send any comments or contributions either directly to me at [yemi.daramola@nhs.net](mailto:yemi.daramola@nhs.net) or via the new SurveyMonkey link below.

Yemi Daramola, HIVPA Bulletin Lead

## HIVPA Conference!

Following last year's one-day programme in 2022, the annual conference is back with a two-day programme taking place on the 16th & 17th of June 2023. The conference will be held at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Birmingham. The finishing touches are being added to the agenda and details will be available on the HIVPA website once finalised. Bookings and further details can be found at <https://hivpa.org/hivpa-conference-2021/>

## HIVPA Virtual Education Events

Recordings of HIVPA virtual educational events are available for members to watch online. Links can be found on the HIVPA eHive site (log-in required)



<https://ehive.hivpa.org/training-modules/>

## Advanced Practitioner Survey

Hasan Mohammed, Advanced Pharmacist Practitioner in HIV at Chelsea & Westminster NHS Trust has produced a survey to explore thoughts on the role of an APP as a career progression pathway

for HIV & GUM Pharmacists. The aim is to identify the appetite for pharmacists entering these types of roles and to identify the drivers and challenges nationally.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9JG92PN>

## BHIVA Webcasts

BHIVA have released a series of CPD webcasts. The first is an overview of the 2022 update to the BHIVA HIV treatment guidelines and is freely available to all.

To access the rest of the series you will need to be a BHIVA member, for which there is a reduced affiliate membership fee as a HIVPA member.

<https://www.bhiva.org/webcasts>

## BHIVA & EACS Guideline updates

The BHIVA HIV Treatment & EACS guidelines were update in autumn of 2022. BHIVA has an updated position on the appropriateness of same day ART, spontaneous virological control and the eagerly awaited first line treatment and maintenance options. EACS version 11.1 guidelines include updates to ART treatment section, additions to the drug-drug interaction section and update on OI management including learnings from the AMBITION study.

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<https://www.eacsociety.org/guidelines/eacs-guidelines/>

<https://www.bhiva.org/HIV-1-treatment-guidelines>

## BHIVA CD4 Test Supply disruption

[BHIVA] have been notified of a UK-wide supply disruption to Beckman Coulter products used for the CD4 T cell counts and lymphocyte subset pathology tests. [BHIVA] encourage all services to follow BHIVA monitoring guidelines for CD4 testing but during this shortage we advise....

<https://www.bhiva.org/CD4-test-supply-disruption>

## Opt-out testing for Blood borne viruses — NHSE Report

The HIV Action Plan sets out a programme to achieve the government's commitment that by 2030 we will have achieved zero HIV transmissions in England. We are well underway to achieving this ambition and I believe that emergency department opt out testing in very high areas of diagnosed HIV prevalence will play an important part in helping us to do so. This approach to HIV testing builds upon pilot studies and evaluations undertaken over the past decade. Opt out testing is confirmed to be effective both in identifying

and linking to care those people with HIV infection who were unaware of their diagnosis or had become disengaged with care....

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/long-read/emergency-department-opt-out-testing-for-hiv-hepatitis-b-and-hepatitis-c-the-first-100-days/>

## Clinical commissioning policy: Fostemsavir for multi-drug resistant HIV-1

Fostemsavir is recommended to be available as a routine commissioning treatment option for individuals with multi-drug resistant HIV-1 infection, when a viral suppressive regimen cannot be constructed with remaining antiretroviral agents within the criteria....

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/clinical-commissioning-policy-fostemsavir/>

## New ways of communicating

Over the years the bulletin has been filled with contributions from members and individuals across the speciality. Historically this has often been in the form of formal pieces of work, publications and opinion pieces. While we hope to continue to receive these valuable contributions, it would be great to capture more of the thoughts, feeling, concerns, and priorities of the membership in the hopes of opening up discussions with colleagues.

The new SurveyMonkey link below can be used for any comments, feedback, questions, thanks, emoji's — anything.

Submitted comments will be posted in the next edition of the bulletin as well as fed back to the HIVPA committee or disseminated to the membership where appropriate.

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### Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections

Seattle, 19th—22nd February 2023

<https://www.croiconference.org/preliminary-agenda/>

### 17th Annual CHIVA Conference

London & Online, 17th March 2023

<https://www.chiva.org.uk/ourworkprof/conferences/>

### BHIVA Spring Conference 2023

Gateshead, 26th April 2023

<https://www.bhiva.org/SpringConference2023>

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### HIVPA Annual Conference

Birmingham, 16th-17th June 2023

<https://hivpa.org/hivpa-conference-2021/>

### 12th IAS conference on HIV Science 2023

Brisbane & Virtual, 23rd July - 26th July 2023

<https://www.iasociety.org/conferences/ias2023>

### 19th European AIDS Conference (EACS 2023)

Warsaw 18 – 21 October 2023

[www.eacsociety.org](http://www.eacsociety.org)

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