

*Improving the Management of HIV Disease®:
An Advanced CME Course in HIV Pathogenesis,
Antiretrovirals, and Other Selected Issues in
HIV Disease Management*

SPRING 2009 LOS ANGELES COURSE

Monday, February 23, 2009
Los Angeles Marriott Downtown
333 South Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, CA 90071

ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS

Rapid advances in HIV disease management require the ongoing attention of HIV practitioners involved in HIV medicine. The course will address the implications of new information on strategies for HIV management. Information will be presented through a mix of didactic lectures and clinically relevant cases developed by an expert faculty of HIV/AIDS clinicians and researchers.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Design antiretroviral strategies that consider current data on:
 - Initial therapy regimens
 - Drug treatment failure and new antiretrovirals
 - Drug-drug interactions among antiretrovirals and between other medications
- Describe current data on the role of post-exposure prophylaxis
- Formulate appropriate management strategies for HIV-related opportunistic infections
- Consider current data on cardiovascular complications of HIV and its therapies, as it impacts clinical treatment strategies
- Describe the incidence of non-AIDS-defining cancers in HIV
- Formulate appropriate management strategies for the aging HIV-infected population

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This course is designed for physicians and other clinical decision makers who are actively involved in the medical care of people with HIV/AIDS, specifically those who:

- Have a solid, working knowledge of HIV disease management
- Provide comprehensive or specialty care for patients with HIV/AIDS
- Are currently active in HIV/AIDS research

This course is relevant for practitioners who are involved in HIV/AIDS patient care, including nurse practitioners and other nursing professionals, physician assistants, pharmacists, and others.

Representatives and employees of commercial companies (pharmaceutical, diagnostic, medical products, advertising, insurance, investment, communications firms, etc) must contact the International AIDS Society–USA regarding registration procedures.

CME ACCREDITATION

The International AIDS Society–USA is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians.

CREDIT DESIGNATION

The International AIDS Society–USA designates this educational activity for a maximum of 5.5 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*[™]. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS CREDIT

This activity has been reviewed and is acceptable for up to 5.5 Prescribed credits by the American Academy of Family Physicians.

REGISTRATION

Commercial support of CME has been widely debated in recent years. Since 1991, the IAS–USA has used a model of pooling commercial support from companies with competing products for some of its CME activities, which, along with other firewalls, has allowed the organization to provide high-quality, truly independent, and professional education.

Some individuals and institutions are forming their own guidelines with regard to the interactions between health care providers and industry, including proposals to eliminate all commercial support from certified CME efforts. Given this environment, the IAS–USA is now offering 2 levels of registration fees for course attendees.

The first is the subsidized fee, \$50, which is made possible by generous pooled commercial support. The second registration fee, \$573, is the full cost of attendance. **The option to pay the full cost of attendance is intended for practitioners who wish to receive no financial support from commercial sources for their attendance at CME activities.** This unsubsidized fee represents the actual cost per attendee, including costs for meeting room rental; print and production; faculty travel; audiovisual equipment; speaker honoraria; food and beverage service; and administration. These costs are lower than usual because of the deep discounts the IAS–USA can negotiate as a not-for-profit entity. Nevertheless, they are considerably more expensive to the participant than the subsidized fare.

The IAS–USA is interested in knowing your thoughts on this strategy and will collect your feedback systematically for consideration in future CME program development.

GENERAL SCHEDULE

Day of the Course

7:30 AM	Registration Opens
8:15 AM	Welcome and Introduction by Course Chairs
8:30 AM – 9:40 AM	Didactic Presentations
9:50 AM – 10:20 AM	Morning Break
10:20 AM – 12:20 PM	Didactic Presentations
12:25 PM – 1:25 PM	Hosted Lunch
1:25 PM – 3:10 PM	Didactic and Case Presentations
3:15 PM	Closing Remarks

