

06. Empirical treatment for TB among HIV-positive people: who, when, how? Update on trials in progress

Thursday, 30 October 2014, 08:00 - 10:00

Room 115



Type Symposium

Track HIV

Topic Treatment and management

Description Empirical TB treatment (i.e. starting TB treatment without bacteriological confirmation) is widely practiced, particularly for HIV-positive people, among whom traditional diagnostic tests have inadequate sensitivity. However, the evidence base to define conditions under which the benefits of empirical treatment outweigh the risks is lacking. Several trials are underway to address this question. In this symposium we will discuss the relevance of empirical treatment, outline studies in progress which address this question and discuss implications for policy and practice.

Target audience Clinicians, researchers, policy-makers and advocates with interests in TB treatment among people with HIV.

Objectives

1. To discuss the role of empirical TB treatment for HIV-positive people in the context of new diagnostic tests
2. To report progress with trials investigating the conditions under which empirical TB treatment improves patient outcomes, and highlight methodological and operational challenges
3. To give civil society perspectives on empirical TB treatment trials

Keywords HIV; empirical TB treatment; clinical trials

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Presentations

08:00 - 08:15 Overview: why does empirical TB treatment matter?
Alison Grant (UK)

08:20 - 08:35 Reducing early mortality and early morbidity by empiric tuberculosis treatment regimens: the REMEMBER trial
Amita Gupta (USA)

08:40 - 08:55 Prevention of early mortality by presumptive tuberculosis treatment: the PROMPT trial
Frank Cobelens (Netherlands), William Ofuti Wordoria (Uganda)

09:00 - 09:15 The STATIS trial
François-xavier Blanc (France)

09:20 - 09:35 The TB Fast Track trial
Mpho Tlali (South Africa)

09:40 - 09:55 Civil society perspectives on empirical TB treatment trials
Lucy Chesire (Kenya)