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## NEWS:

The Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) has applied for the NIH- Medical Educational Partnership Initiative (MEPI) grant. The purpose of the funding is to increase the number of new health care workers, to strengthen medical education systems and build clinical and research capacity in Africa as part of a retention strategy.

Jean Nachega is the PI of MEPI. At the core of the application is the FHS Rural Clinical School (RCS) in Worcester, which will improve rural student recruitment and physician retention. FHS will collaborate with the UCT Lung Institute to implement the PALS-Plus program (Clinical Guidelines for the primary care of Adults) and Jhpiego CCART (Clinical Competency in ARV and TB Treatment program, Johns Hopkins University, Makerer College and the University of Fort Hare to implement courses in Clinical Pharmacology, Experimental Clinical Epidemiology, Evidence Based Medicine, Health Systems Research, Advanced Certificate in Clinical Management of Aids, Infection and Prevention and Control, Certificate of Competence in ARV and TB Therapy.

The Grant is available for 5 years at \$2 million per year.

## Seminar: The New SA HIV Treatment Guidelines

**When:** Thursday, 10 June 2010, 12:30 to 14:00

**Where:** Main Lecture Hall, Teaching Block, Faculty of Health Sciences, Tygerberg

### Programme:

1. Welcome: Jean Nachega
2. Initial Treatment in ART-Naive: A Global Perspective on When and What to Start (Jean Nachega)
3. The New South African HIV Treatment Guidelines for Adults (Jantjie Taljaard)
4. The New South African HIV Treatment Guidelines for Children (Helena Rabie)
5. The Virologist Perspective (Wolfgang Preiser)
6. Implications for Hepatitis B-HIV Co-Infection and Renal Care and Research (Chris Hoffmann Johns Hopkins University)
7. Q & A- Discussion (Moderated by Bernd Rosenkranz)

## Finger Lunch Sponsored by the CID

### Important Publication: "Understanding Infection Prevention and Control"

**The Author:** Prof Shaheen Mehtar is an internationally recognised expert in the field of infection control who has been teaching and developing IPC programmes in Low and Middle Income (LMI) countries for over thirty years. She currently heads up the Unit for Infection Prevention and Control at Tygerberg Academic Hospital and Stellenbosch University. She is one of the founder members and Chair of the Infection Prevention and Control Africa Network. Her passion for IPC has resulted in the development and growth of a post graduate diploma in IPC (PDIC), a diploma in Decontamination Sciences, and several infection prevention and control education and training programmes in Africa.

**The Book:** Infection prevention and control plays a significant role in containing the spread of both community-acquired and healthcare associated infection. Increased resistance to antimicrobials and the rapid spread of communicable diseases such as tuberculosis, swine flu, SARS and avian flu has highlighted the need for good IPC measures in both the healthcare setting and at home.

*Understanding Infection Prevention and Control* is a comprehensive compendium of IPC processes that can be applied to all countries. The text embraces the recent developments and recommendations in IPC from international authorities, such as the World Health Organization. It is an ideal study and teaching tool and will serve as a reference book for healthcare systems planners who wish to understand IPC and strengthen systems.

### Key features:

- Explains how effective infection prevention and control risk management can reduce hospital stay and thereby reduce costs.
- Provides easy to follow information so that the subject of IPC is simplified.
- Reflects recent evidence published on IPC especially in hospital design, natural ventilation and decontamination sciences so that the reader has the most up-to-date, evidence-based information.
- Contains everything the student or practitioner needs to know on the topic of IPC therefore only one book is necessary.

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