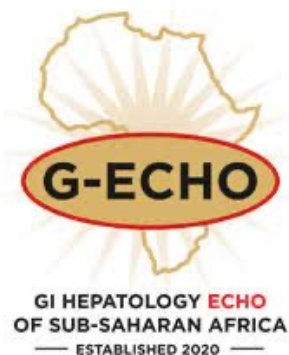






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Viral hepatitis in sub-Saharan Africa 2

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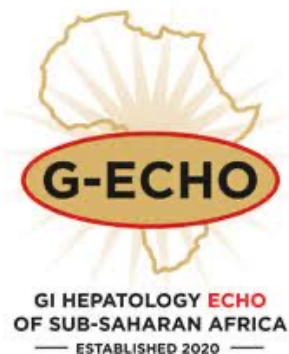


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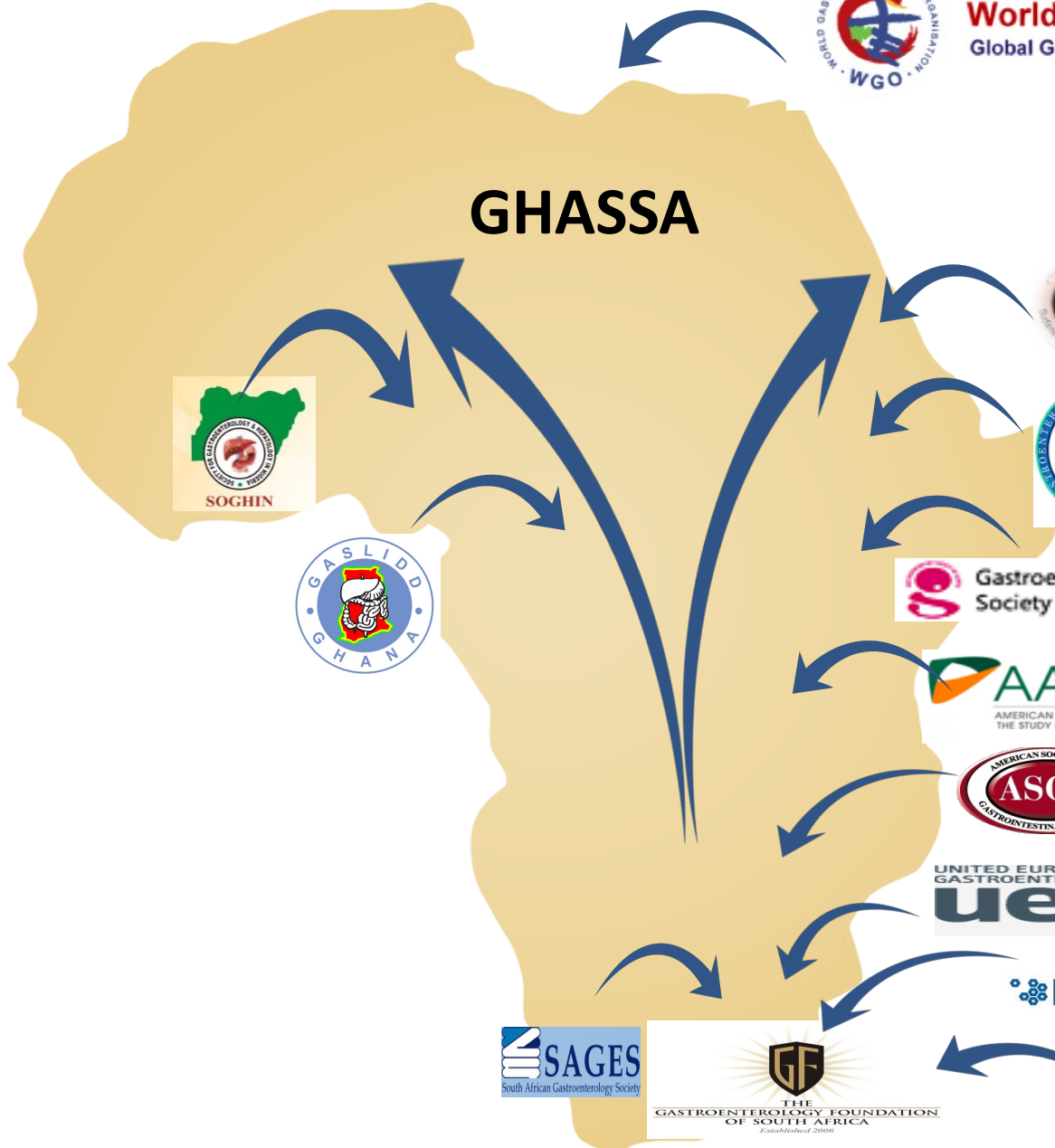


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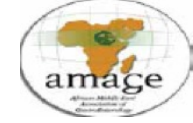
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1st post graduate fellows meeting at Spier February 2009





Gastro Foundation Weekend for Fellows Spier 2021





The 14th Post graduate meeting for fellows

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17 – 19 March 2023



ENDOSCOPY BASE 2023



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Friday 27th October 2023

Vineyard Hotel, Cape Town

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**SSA Metabolic syndrome interest group
Steatotic liver disease
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SSA METABOLIC SYNDROME INTEREST GROUP
Steatotic Liver Disease
Inaugural Advisory Board meeting
Friday, 1 December 2023
Vineyard Hotel, Cape Town

Attendees

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| 1. Professor Wendy Spearman | Hepatology |
| 2. Prof Chris Kassianides | Foundation |
| 3. Dr Bilal Bobat | Hepatology |
| 4. Professor Mark Sonderup | Hepatology |
| 5. Dr Jeff Wing | Endocrine |
| 6. Dr Marisa Noeth | Endocrine |
| 7. Dr Wayne May | Endocrine |
| 8. Prof Joel Dave | Endocrine |
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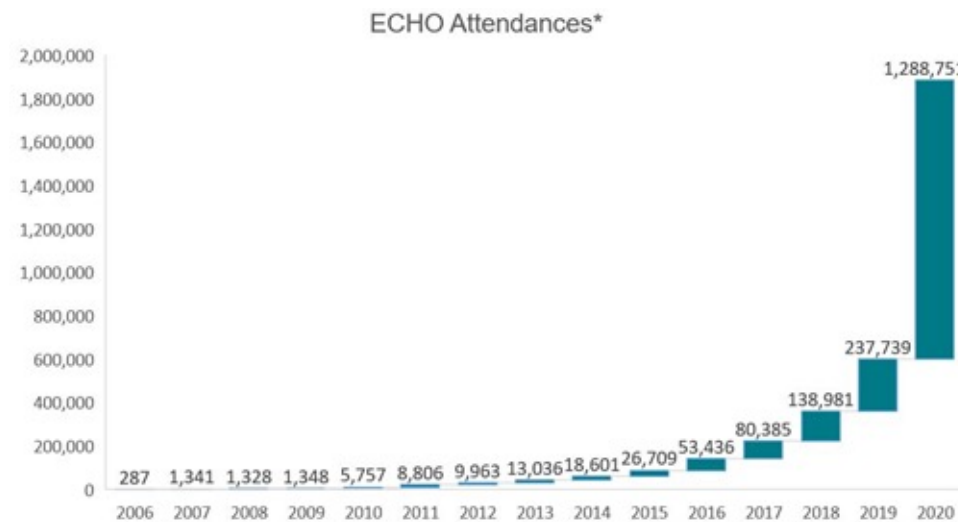


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South Africa
Liver clinic, Groote Schuur Hospital

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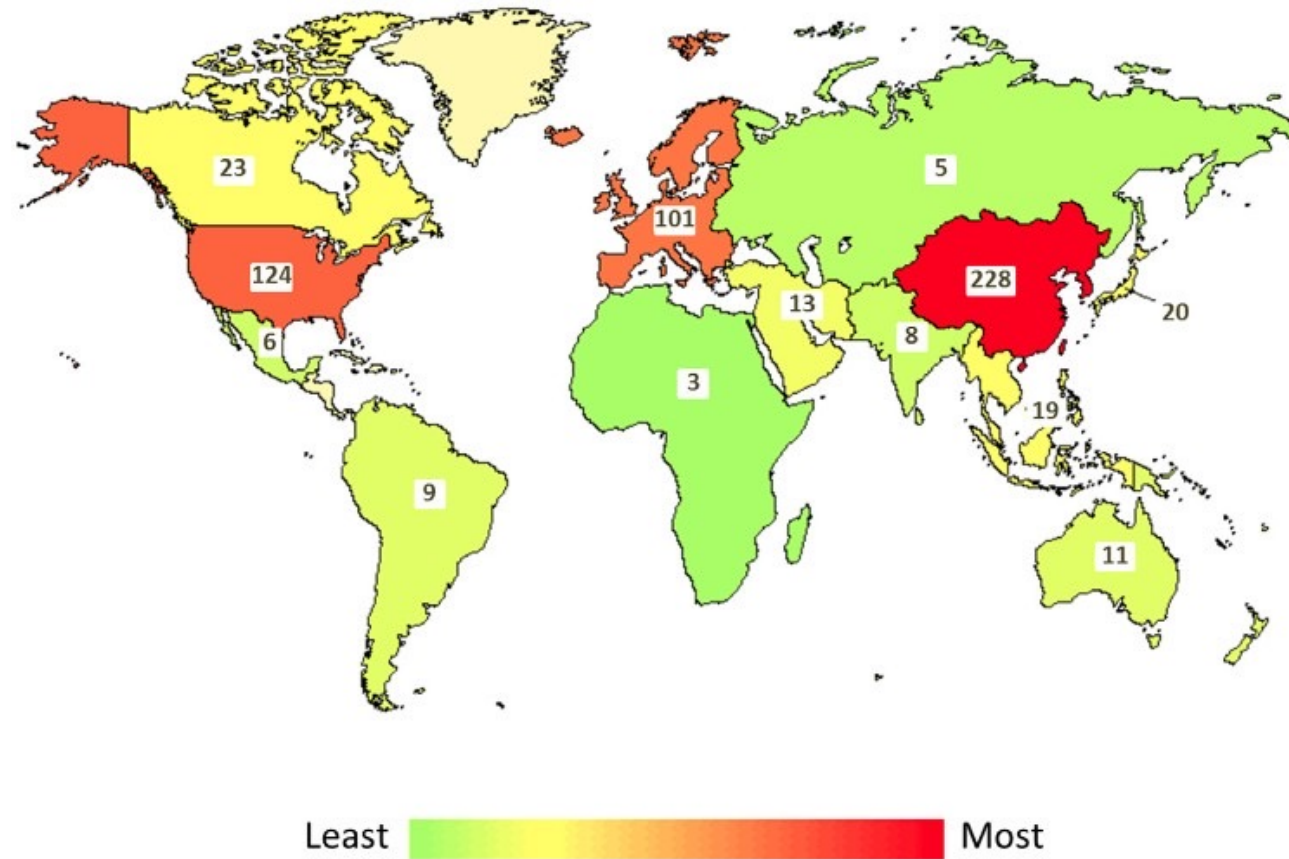
South Africa
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Sub-Saharan Africa
Zimbabwe
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SPOKES evolve to HUBS



Research in Africa



Less than 1% of currently ongoing clinical HCC trials are conducted on the continent

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Dr Marc Bernon

Cape Town, South Africa



Dr Marc Bernon

MDT cases

Dr Onesai Chihaka, Harare, Zimbabwe

Dr Karan Gandhi, Nairobi, Kenya

Dr Rashid Nashidengo, Windhoek, Namibia



Dr Onesai Chihaka



Dr Karan Gandhi

Feedback and next steps

- Chat on the platform
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Dr Rashid Nashidengo



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Tele-mentoring Program



Mission

- **Founder: Dr Sanjeev Arora, Albuquerque, UNM**
 - ❖ **2003: <5% of 28 000 HCV pts treated, 8 month waiting time**
- To democratize medical knowledge and get best practice care to underserved people all over the world

Goals

- Develop capacity to safely and effectively treat HCV
- Rapidly expand the model to treat complex diseases in rural locations and developing countries

Touch the lives of 1 Billion people by 2025



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How does ECHO work?



- **ECHO links expert specialist teams** at an **academic ‘hub’** with primary care clinicians in **local communities (the ‘spokes’)**
- Together, they participate in **weekly - monthly teleECHO clinics**, which are like **virtual grand rounds**, combined with mentoring and patient case presentations
- **15 minute didactic lecture**
- The clinics are supported by multipoint telehealth video technology
 - ZOOM
- **Train doctors, nurses, pharmacists, community healthcare workers and their teams within their own communities**
- **Establish active learning loops**

ECHO vs. Telemedicine

TeleECHO™ Clinic



Expert hub team

ECHO supports
community based
primary care teams



Learners at spoke site

Patients reached with specialty
knowledge and expertise



Traditional Telemedicine



Specialist manages patient remotely



HUB: South Africa: Liver clinic, Groote Schuur Hospital

SPOKES: APRIL 2019

South Africa: Johannesburg, Port Elizabeth, East London, George

4 Internationally linked spoke centres – EVOLVING INTO HUBS

- **Nigeria:** The University of Lagos, Lagos (***Prof Funmi Lesi***)
- **Ghana:** Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi (***Dr Mary Afihene***)
- **Ethiopia:** Adis Ababa University Medical School (***Prof Abate Shewaye***)
- **London:** UCL Institute of Liver & Digestive Disease; Kings College Hospital (***Prof G Dusheiko***); ***support and guidance***



VIRAL HEPATITIS IN SSA

Expanded to involve

Mozambique

- Dr Lina Cunha

Ethiopia

- Prof Hailemichael Desalegn

Zimbabwe

- Dr Leo Katsidzira

Kenya

- Drs Fatma Some and Mercy

Case-based clinical presentations

- Didactic lectures: 20
- Management discussions: 40

Participants: 665

- 30 per meeting

Seminar: 110 participants

- WHO Prevention of HBV MTCT

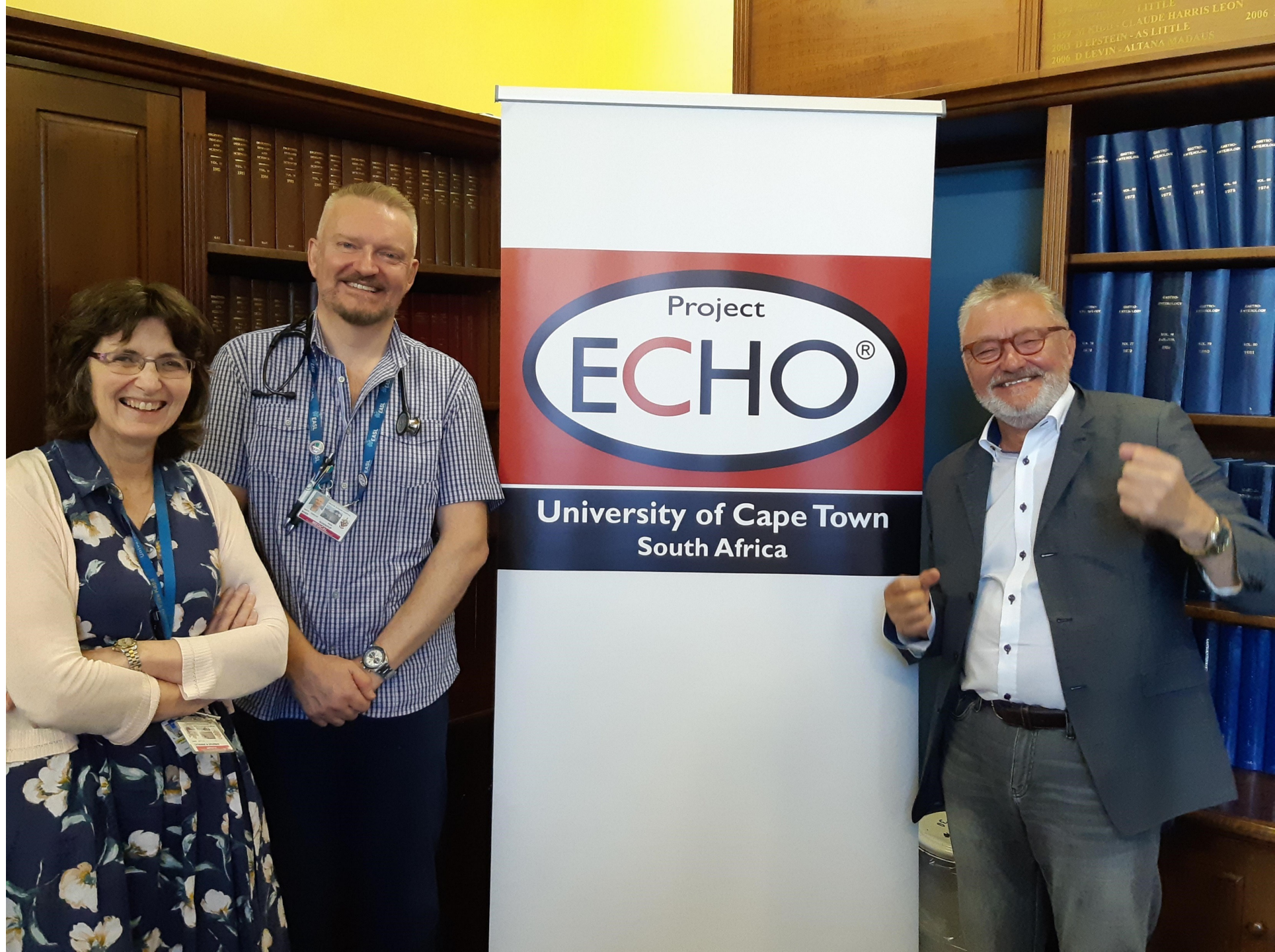


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South Africa

Supranational model in four pilot countries (South Africa, Nigeria, Ghana and Ethiopia)





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Speaker View



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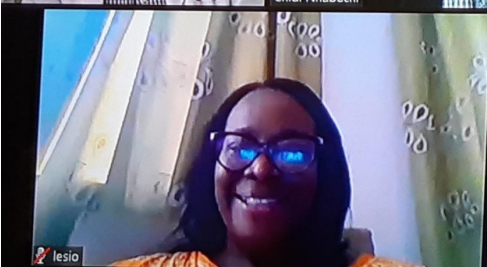
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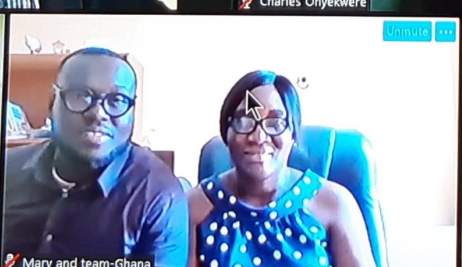
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Mary and team-Ghana



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Invite
 Manage Participants
 Polls
 Share
 Chat
 Record
 Breakout Rooms

End Meeting

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2019/11/28



Global impact of Project ECHO

- 34 countries
- 1 200 clinical sites in underserved communities
- Management of >50 different diseases



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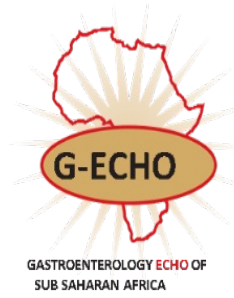




Beginning September 2020



20 countries in SSA
50 – 100 participants



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The Gastroenterology Foundation invites you to join the first G-ECHO webinar

Thursday 3 September 2020

Guest speaker: Prof Peter Malfertheiner

"Key notes on H.pylori"

GI ENDOSCOPY cases

West Africa: 15:00

Central/South Africa: 16:00

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Thursday 15 October 2020

"Endoscopic Interventions for refractory benign esophageal strictures: What's new"

Dr Kulwinder Dua
Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, USA

Case presentation : **Obscure gastrointestinal bleeding**
Dr Onesai Chihaka
Parirenyatwa Hospital, Harare, Zimbabwe



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Kulwinder S Dua completed his medical training/post-graduation in India (MBBS, DMSc Internal Medicine) and fellowship in Gastroenterology and Hepatology in the UK. He passed the British MRCP examination and subsequently was elected as the Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of both, the London and the Edinburgh colleges. In 1992 he moved to the US and joined the faculty at the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. He is currently a Professor in the Department of Medicine and Pediatric and is Professor of Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. He is US board certified in Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology.

Dr Dua's primary interest has been in advanced interventional endoscopy. He is an inventor and has several patents and FDA cleared devices.

Dr Dua has over 150 publications in peer-reviewed journals and is on the editorial board of several journals.

Recently Dr Dua was recognized in the scientific community for having re-grown the first human esophagus in-vivo using the principles of regenerative medicine (Dua et al, The Lancet, 2016).

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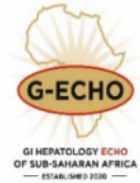
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Prof Martin John Hale, MB ChB, LRCP(Edin), LRCS(Edin), LRCP&S(Glas), FC Path

Prof Martin Hale is a specialist anatomical pathologist who has spent his entire career working in the public sector both in Zimbabwe and South Africa. He has extensive experience in diseases that are prevalent in sub-Saharan Africa, particularly infectious disease and malignancy, inclusive of HIV.

Recently he has headed up histopathology support to the liver transplant unit which is the largest of its kind on the African continent. He is committed to the development of pathology in sub-Saharan Africa, a significant milestone being the successful hosting of the International Congress of the International Academy of Pathology in Cape Town, South Africa in 2012, a first for the African continent.

Prof Hale has been involved with a number of collaborative research projects over the years, presented at numerous international meetings, authored and co-authored peer reviewed publications and book chapters and supervised a number of post-graduate students. He has been collaborating with Prof Shabir Madhi investigating childhood mortality, and recently, the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic.

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HEPATOLOGY

CLINICO-PATHOLOGICAL CASE PRESENTATIONS

Thursday 12 November 2020

Moderator: Prof Mashiko Setshedi

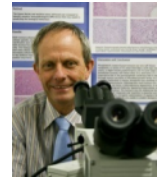
Approach to the normal liver microanatomy

Prof Martin Hale, Wits

Case presentation

Dr Bilal Bobat

A 36 year old man with HIV, dysphagia and abnormal Liver Associated Enzymes



Prof Martin Hale



Dr Bilal Bobat

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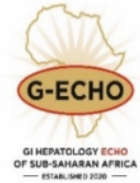
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Thursday 8 October 2020 Patient Blood Management : Replacing blood with iron

Iron physiology, & the diagnosis of iron deficiency anaemia
Prof Vernon Louw

Investigating iron deficiency anaemia – a gastroenterologist’s approach
Prof Mashiko Setshedi



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Thursday 17 September 2020 Inflammatory Bowel Disease

Conventional therapy in the management of IBD
Prof Gill Watermeyer

Case presentation: Interactive discussion
Prof Mashiko Setshedi



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Wednesday 25 October 2023

Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD)

Chair: Professor's Gill Watermeyer & Mashiko Setshedi
Department of Gastroenterology
Groote Schuur Hospital & University of Cape Town



Case presentation

"A clinical case of infectious colitis in a patient with IBD"

Prof Mashiko Setshedi

"Opportunistic infections and IBD therapy"

Prof Gill Watermeyer

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Wednesday 9th November 2022

G-ECHO ENDOSCOPY

Chair: Professors Sandie Thomson

Principles of train the trainers

Professor Sandie Thomson
Groote Schuur Hospital & UCT



Lessons from an International Advanced Endoscopy Fellowship

Uplifting endoscopy in SSA

Dr Vikash Lala



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Wednesday 26 July 2023

Endoscopy Upper

Chair: Professor's Sandie Thomson

“Ergonomics of Endoscopy”

Prof Sandie Thompson
Department of Gastroenterology
Groote Schuur Hospital & UCT



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Wednesday 18 October 2023

Endoscopy Lower

Chairman: Prof Sandie Thomson



Scoring Systems in IBD Endoscopy

Dr Shaun Temmers
Department of Gastroenterology
University of Kwazulu Natal



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Wednesday 4 October 2023

Hepatocellular carcinoma

Surgical treatment

Welcome and introduction

Chairman: Eduard Jonas



Management and outcomes of HCC in sub-Saharan Africa

Case presentation

Dr Rashid Nashidengo (Windhoek, Namibia)



The management and outcomes of HCC in sub-Saharan Africa: a systematic review

Dr Sanju Sobnath (Cape Town, South Africa)



The IHPBA HPBridge project: International bidirectional engagement and collaboration

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Wednesday 27th September 2023

G-ECHO PATHOLOGY



Prof Martin Hale



Dr Bilal Bobat

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Wednesday afternoon **WEEKLY** interactive webinars

Wednesday 15th November 2023

G-ECHO PAEDIATRICS

Welcome and Introduction

Chairman: Dr Tim de Maayer



“Diagnosing and Managing Paediatric Autoimmune Hepatitis”

Dr Vusi Mudau

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VIRAL HEPATITIS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA iECHO Clinic

Pre-register for the Monthly iECHO Clinics

21 September 2023 | Thursday 14:30-15:30 (SAST)



CLINIC MEDICAL DIRECTORS	<p>PROFESSORS WENDY SPEARMAN AND MARK SONDERUP DIVISION OF HEPATOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE, FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN AND GROOTE SCHUUR HOSPITAL</p>	<i>Time : SAST</i>	<i>Presentation</i>	<i>Presenters</i>
<p>Medical Specialists</p> <p>Burkina Faso: Alice Guinane and Team Cameroon: Christian Tzeuton and Team Ethiopia: Abate Shewaye and Team, Hailemichael Desalegn and Team Ghana: Mary Yeboah Afihene, Eileen Micah and Team Kenya: Betty Musau, Fatuma Some and Team Mozambique: Lina Brito Cunha and Team Nigeria: Fumni Lesi and Team, Chidi Nnabuchi South Africa: Chris Kassianides (Morningside Mediclinic, Johannesburg), Bilal Bobat (Wits Donald Gordon Medical Centre, Johannesburg) Tanzania: Rachel Maseke The Gambia: Gibril Ndow and Team United Kingdom: Geoff Dusheiko Zimbabwe: Leo Katsidzira</p>		14h30	Welcome	<p>Prof Wendy Spearman</p>
		14h35 – 14h55	Didactic Lecture: Pros and Cons of HBV anti-viral therapy	 <p>Prof Wendy Spearman Head: Division of Hepatology, Department of Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Cape Town</p>
		14h55 – 15h05	Zimbabwe Clinical Case: Hepatitis B and side-effects of antiviral therapy	 <p>Dr Leo Katsidzira Consultant physician & Gastroenterologist University of Zimbabwe College of Health Sciences and Parirenyatwa Central Hospital, Harare, Zimbabwe</p>
		15h05-15h15	South Africa: Clinical Case: HIV-HBV Coinfection	 <p>Dr Sandy Mosenye Hepatology Fellow, Division of Hepatology, Department of Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Cape Town</p>
<p>Target Audience</p>	<p>ECHO: Viral Hepatitis in sub-Saharan Africa: Spokes in: Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, The Gambia, United Kingdom and Zimbabwe and Midwives in SSA</p>	15h15– 15h30	Discussion	<p>Speakers and participants</p>



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Monday evening interactive webinars

Monday 24 July 2023 : 18:00

and every 2nd week thereafter

G-ECHO Gastroenterology Fellows

Chairperson: Dr Sean Burmeister

Pancreatic Cysts

Presenter: Dr Yonela Qubekile
IALCH, University of KZN

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UEG week Vienna 2022



Endoscopy interest group meeting GIEQS Foundation June 10 2023





Invitation: Live & Virtual event

Saturday 10 June 2023

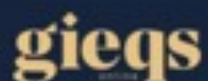
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Radisson Blu Gautrain, Sandton, Gauteng

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**ENDOSCOPY INTEREST GROUP MEETING
Radisson Hotel Gautrain, Sandton**

08:30	Registration and refreshments	
08:45	Welcome and introduction	Prof Chris Kassianides
Chair:	Prof Sandie Thomson / Dr Neo Seabi	
09:00	Endoscopy quality in SA - Where we are and where we need to be	Dr Ernst Fredericks
	UPPER GI	
09:15	Why quality matters - Post gastroscopy upper GI cancer	Dr Neo Seabi
09:30	Imaging in the upper GI Esophagus - Barrett's, adeno, squamous	Dr David Tate
Chair:	Dr Shiraz Gabriel	
	LOWER GI- COLONOSCOPY QUALITY CONTROL	
09:50	Getting to the caecum consciously	Dr John Anderson/ Dr Roland Valorie
10:50	How to improve your ADR	Dr David Tate
11:10	Decision making in colorectal polyps	Dr Vikash Lala
11:30	BRUNCH	
Chair:	Dr Uzayr Khan	
	ERCP BASICS	
12:30	Indications and complications	Dr Imraan Sardiwalla
12:45	Round up and future meetings	Dr David Tate/Vikash Lala
13:00	Close	Prof Sandie Thomson



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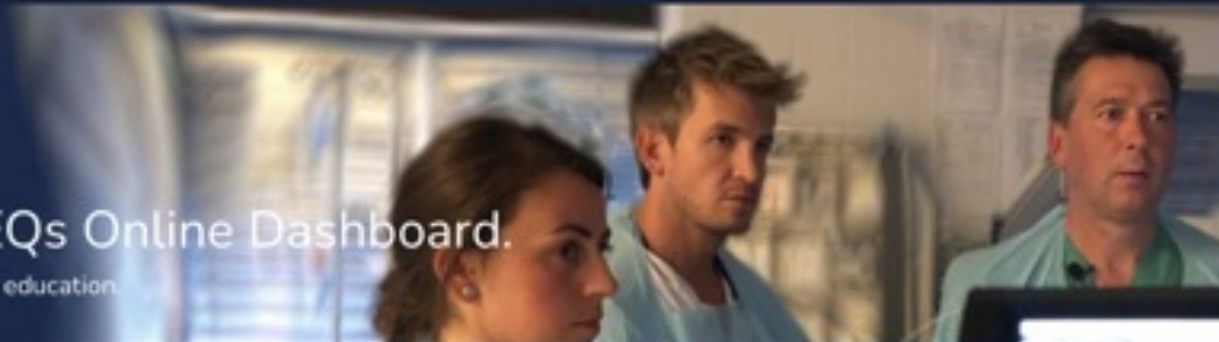
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IBD & ENDOSCOPY INTEREST GROUP MEETING
Saturday, 28 October 2023
Vineyard Hotel, Cape Town

08:30	Registration and refreshments	
08:45	Welcome and introduction	Prof Chris Kassianides
Chair: Dr Neo Seabi / Dr Adam Boutall		
09:05:	An overview of IBD associated colorectal cancer	Prof Gill Watermeyer
09:30:	Case presentation - dysplasia complicating IBD colitis	Dr Dominic Mutura
09:50:	Overview of surveillance strategies for IBD related dysplasia and colorectal cancer	Dr Dion Levin
10:15	Advanced endoscopy for the treatment of IBD dysplasia	Dr Vikash Lala
10:40	Case presentation - foregut Crohn's disease	Dr Nasief van der Schyff
11:00	The role of VCE and DBE in diagnosing and managing small bowel Crohn's disease (overview and case)	Dr Eduan Deetlefs
11.25 Brunch		
Chair: Dr Shiraaz Gabriel / Prof Mashiko Setshedi		
12:00	Case presentation - IBD related hepatobiliary complications	Dr Neo Seabi
12:20	Endoscopic management of IBD related hepatobiliary complications	Prof Eduard Jonas
12:45	Endoscopic management of IBD related strictures	Dr Daniel Surridge
13:10	Case presentation - IBD anastomotic stricture and pneumatic dilation	Dr Adam Boutall
13:30	Close	

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8th Liver Interest Group Annual Meeting
Announcement of the Gastroenterology and Hepatology Association of SSA (GHASSA)
Vineyard Hotel, Cape Town, 1 and 2 December 2017







ASGE and GHASSA INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM THE PRACTISE OF ENDOSCOPY

A joint symposium by the American Society of Gastroenterology and Endoscopy and the Gastroenterology and Hepatology Association of SSA
Held at DDW meeting in Chicago, Saturday 6 May 2023

Moderators:	Hanna Abeera	Rwanda
	Akwi Asombang	USA
	Ganiyat Oyeleke	Nigeria
	Sandie Thomson	South Africa

INTRODUCTIONS

10:00-10:02 May 6

Sp136: HELICOBACTER PYLORI IN AFRICA: THE AFRICAN ENIGMA

10:02-10:17 May 6

Mashiko Setshedi

Sp137: ENDOSCOPY TRAINING PROGRAM IN AFRICA USING 'BOLUS' METHOD

10:17-10:32 May 6

Akwi W Asombang

Sp138: ENDOTHERAPY IN ESOPHAGEAL CANCER: AFRICAN PRESPECTIVE

10:32-10:47 May 6

Michael M Mwachiro

Sp139: COLORECTAL CANCER IN AFRICA: EPIDEMIOLOGY, SCREENING AND SURVEILL...

10:47-11:02 May

Leolin Katsidzira

Sp140: THIRD-SPACE ENDOSCOPY: EXPANDING IN AFRICA

11:02-11:17 May 6

Ahmad aly Madkour

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

11:17-11:30 May 6



***Helicobacter pylori* in Africa: the African 'enigma'**

ASGE and GHASSA international
symposium: the practice of endoscopy



African
Helicobacter &
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Study
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Mashiko Setshedi 06 May 2023





SESSION 11	SAGES/GASTRO FOUNDATION
	VENUE:
	THEME: ASGE POST GRAD COURSE
	CHAIRPERSON: Sandie Thomson/Vikash Lala
08:00 - 08:10	WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS GFSSA/GHASSA - Prof Kassianides ASGE - Uzma Siddiqui/Kulwinder Dua
08:10 - 08:30	UGI bleed and Lower GI Bleed Koushik Das, Andy Tau, Jennifer Christie
08:30 - 08:50	Atrophic gastritis/IM/gastric dysplasia Dysphagia and reflux: workup and management Vani Konda, Saowanee Ngamruengphong, and Ara Sahakian Speaker
08:50 - 09:10	Commonly Encountered UGI Lesions Dennis Yang
09:10 - 09:25	DEBATE: Barrett's Management + Panel discussion CUT: Peter V. Draganov ABLATE: Sachin B. Wani
09:25 - 09:35	Panel Discussion - Q&A
09:35 - 09:50	Top 10 ways to improve your basic colonoscopy performance Douglas K. Rex
09:50 - 10:05	Maximizing efficiency and success at polypectomy Roy M. Soetikno
10:05 - 10:20	"Heated" Panel Debate on Polypectomy: Can Cautery Be Eliminated? HOT - Audrey Calderwood COLD - Evelien Dekker
10:20 - 10:30	Panel discussion - Q&A
10:30 - 11:00	Tea / Brunch

SESSION 12	SAGES/GASTRO FOUNDATION
	VENUE:
	THEME: ASGE POST GRAD COURSE
	CHAIRPERSON: Dion Levin/Adam Boutall + Chris Zaidy/Martin Brand
11:00 - 11:15	Using imaging for planning resection strategy in polypectomy Michael Bourke, Rajesh Keswani, Tonya Kaltenbach
11:15 - 11:25	Real time endoscopic decision making for colon EMR Tonya R. Kaltenbach
11:25 - 11:35	Does the Data Determine Which Resection Method to Use in Polypectomy? Rajesh N. Keswani
11:35 - 11:45	Endoscopic decision making to prevent recurrence and minimize adverse events Michael J. Bourke
11:45 - 11:55	AI in Endoscopy 2023: How can it help your practice today Prateek Sharma
11:55 - 12:10	Panel Discussion - Q&A
12:10 - 12:20	Biliary Stenting Pearls for Malignant vs Benign Biliary Strictures Jeanin E. Van Hooft
12:20 - 11:30	Managing Bile Duct Stones of All Sizes Shivangi Kothari
12:30 - 12:40	Overcoming challenges in pancreaticobiliary access Gregory B. Haber
12:40 - 12:55	Panel discussion - Q&A
12:55 - 13:00	Close - ASGE Uzma Siddiqui/Kulwinder Dua
13:05 - 13:30	Close of congress Speaker



Gastro Foundation ASGE Post Graduate Course

Saturday 12 August 2023
SAGES Congress, CSIR, Pretoria
08:00 - 13:00

Promoting Gastroenterology for the Future.

Viral hepatitis in sub-Saharan Africa 1

Lancet Gastroenterol Hepatol
2017; 2: 900–09

Hepatitis B in sub-Saharan Africa: strategies to achieve the 2030 elimination targets

C Wendy Spearman, Mary Afihene, Reidwaan Ally, Betty Apica, Yaw Awuku, Lina Cunha, Geoffrey Dusheiko, Neliswa Gogela, Chris Kassianides, Michael Kew, Philip Lam, Olufunmilayo Lesi, Marie-Jeanne Lohouès-Kouacou, Papa Saliou Mbaye, Emmanuel Musabeyezu, Betty Musau, Olusegun Ojo, John Rwegasha, Barbara Scholz, Abate B Shewaye, Christian Tzeuton, Mark W Sonderup, on behalf of the Gastroenterology and Hepatology Association of sub-Saharan Africa (GHASSA)

Viral hepatitis in sub-Saharan Africa 2

Lancet Gastroenterol Hepatol
2017; 2: 910–19

Hepatitis C in sub-Saharan Africa: the current status and recommendations for achieving elimination by 2030

Mark W Sonderup, Mary Afihene, Reidwaan Ally, Betty Apica, Yaw Awuku, Lina Cunha, Geoffrey Dusheiko, Neliswa Gogela, Marie-Jeanne Lohouès-Kouacou, Phillip Lam, Olufunmilayo Lesi, Papa Saliou Mbaye, Emmanuel Musabeyezu, Betty Musau, Olusegun Ojo, John Rwegasha, Barbara Scholz, Abate B Shewaye, Christian Tzeuton, Chris Kassianides, C Wendy Spearman, on behalf of the Gastroenterology and Hepatology Association of sub-Saharan Africa (GHASSA)



Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease in sub-Saharan Africa 1



Epidemiology, risk factors, social determinants of health, and current management for non-alcoholic fatty liver disease in sub-Saharan Africa

C Wendy Spearman, Mary Afihene, Omolade Betiku, Bilal Bobat, Lina Cunha, Chris Kassianides, Leolin Katsidzira, Hailemichael D Mekonnen, Ponsiano Ocama, Olusegun Ojo, Imran Paruk, Christian Tzeuton, Mark W Sonderup, on behalf of the Gastroenterology and Hepatology Association of sub-Saharan Africa (GHASSA)

Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease in sub-Saharan Africa 2



Health-care provision and policy for non-alcoholic fatty liver disease in sub-Saharan Africa

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Inflammatory Bowel Disease A Sub-Saharan African Perspective

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17:30 Welcome and introduction

Chris Kassianides

17:40 Introduction to Obesity in Sub-Saharan Africa

Marisa Noeth

18:00 Steatotic Liver Disease: New nomenclature and role of screening

Wendy Spearman

18:30 Treatment of Metabolic-dysfunction associated steatotic liver disease

Mark Sonderup

19:00 Discussion



LIVER UPDATE MEETING
Saturday, 2 December 2023
Vineyard Hotel, Cape Town

VIRAL HEPATITIS AND HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA
BREAKING CYCLES OF INFECTION

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09:50	The clinical implications of hepatitis B virus genotypes and HBeAg in paediatrics	Prof Anna Kramvis
10:15	Hepatitis B is seen in children - how do we manage this?	Dr Penny Rose
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	Chair: Prof Marc Bernon and Dr Rene Krause	
11:15	Hepatocellular carcinoma in pregnancy	Prof Ed Jonas
11:40	Treatment options for Hepatocellular carcinoma and outcomes in SSA	Dr Sanju Sobnach
12:05	Palliative care for liver cancer and its role in primary Hepatocellular carcinoma prevention	Dr Rene Krause
	Chair: Chris Kassianides	
12:30	Lessons learnt from HIV advocacy	Prof Mark Heywood
12:55	Close	Prof Chris Kassianides



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Wednesday 23 August 2023

Patient Blood Management

Chairman: Vernon Louw



Iron in Cardiothoracic Surgery

Dr Matthew Gibbs

Specialist Anaesthesiologist

Department of Anaesthesia and Perioperative Medicine
University of Cape Town & Groote Schuur Hospital



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Kassianides

Prof Chris





Managing cirrhosis with limited resources – perspectives from SSA

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Use of Pepsinogen only to screen those that need Endoscopy
Treatment Availability of Bismuth/ Can we get PYLERA?



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Liver interest group meeting

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LIVER CANCER IN PREGNANCY

PALLIATIVE CARE

Sat 2nd Dec 2023

Vineyard Hotel, Cape Town

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VIRAL HEPATITIS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA iECHO Clinic

The Viral Hepatitis in Sub Saharan Echo program has been moved to an updated iECHO platform introduced this year.

iECHO has a whole new automated way of receiving the monthly zoom invitations plus added features which you will learn about as we go along.

As an invited participant, you will need to do a once off registration to the new system.

Direct link to the VHSSA program;

<https://iecho.org/public/program/PRGM1690786825146JIBPJIAQOP>

You will receive an email inviting you to join the Viral Hepatitis iEcho program. Please click "join" and follow the link to register on iECHO. We suggest you do this now and not delay to 5 minutes before the session on **Thursday 21st of September**. Note that the option to register a cell number does not work, due to system regulatory issues in South Africa.

[Please click here](#) to learn how to register to the iECHO platform (if you would like to watch the help video)

Thereafter, you will receive the invitations automatically, with reminders, and will join a session from within this new system.

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The iECHO help centre is on the below link:

<https://www.notion.so/echoindia/iECHO-Help-Center-f634696161a840f9876f86335cb15be3>

There is a 20-minute introductory video available there which will give you a full overview of the new features.

Looking forward to seeing you on the new platform, which takes you onto the already familiar zoom (so nothing new there)

Please do let me know if you run into any problems.

Regards
Cheryl Valentine



**ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
H PYLORI INTEREST GROUP MEETING
Friday, 27 October 2023
Vineyard Hotel, Cape Town**

Agenda

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| 18:00 | Registration and refreshments | |
| 18:10 | Welcome and introduction. | Prof Chris Kassianides |
| 18:15 | Introduction to point of care stool H pylori Ag test | Dr Sumesh Ghirdari |
| 18:25 | Update on H-pylori testing and GastroPanel | Dr Hafeez Mohamed |
| 18:45 | How do I treat an H-Pylori patient in SSA? | Professor Mashiko Setshedi |
| 18:55 | SSA H pylori review and communication | All |



IBD & ENDOSCOPY INTEREST GROUP MEETING
Saturday, 28 October 2023
Vineyard Hotel, Cape Town

08:30	Registration and refreshments	
08:45	Welcome and introduction	Prof Chris Kassianides
Chair: Dr Neo Seabi / Dr Adam Boutall		
09:05:	An overview of IBD associated colorectal cancer	Prof Gill Watermeyer
09:30:	Case presentation - dysplasia complicating IBD colitis	Dr Dominic Mutura
09:50:	Overview of surveillance strategies for IBD related dysplasia and colorectal cancer	Dr Dion Levin
10:15	Advanced endoscopy for the treatment of IBD dysplasia	Dr Vikash Lala
10:40	Case presentation - foregut Crohn's disease	Dr Nasief van der Schyff
11:00	The role of VCE and DBE in diagnosing and managing small bowel Crohn's disease (overview and case)	Dr Eduan Deetlefs
11.25 Brunch		
Chair: Dr Shraaz Gabriel / Prof Mashiko Setshedi		
12:00	Case presentation - IBD related hepatobiliary complications	Dr Neo Seabi
12:20	Endoscopic management of IBD related hepatobiliary complications	Prof Eduard Jonas
12:45	Endoscopic management of IBD related strictures	Dr Daniel Surridge
13:10	Case presentation - IBD anastomotic stricture and pneumatic dilation	Dr Adam Boutall
13:30	Close	

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Wednesday 30th November 2022

Hepatocellular carcinoma

Welcome and introduction

Prof Ed Jonas
Cape Town, South Africa



**A multi-omic approach to HCC in sub-Saharan Africa
State of the Art by Africans for Africans**

Dr Sanju Sobnach
Cape Town, South Africa



MDT case reports
Prof Marc Bernon
Cape Town, South Africa



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Wednesday 26th October 2022

IBD

Chair: Professor's Gill Watermeyer & Mashiko Setshedi

“Thalidomide – an option for the treatment of IBD”

Professor Mashiko Setshedi
Groote Schuur Hospital,
Department of Gastroenterology, UCT



“Acute Severe UC – when things go wrong”

Professor Gill Watermeyer & Dr Isneen Hilmy
Groote Schuur Hospital
Department of Gastroenterology, UCT



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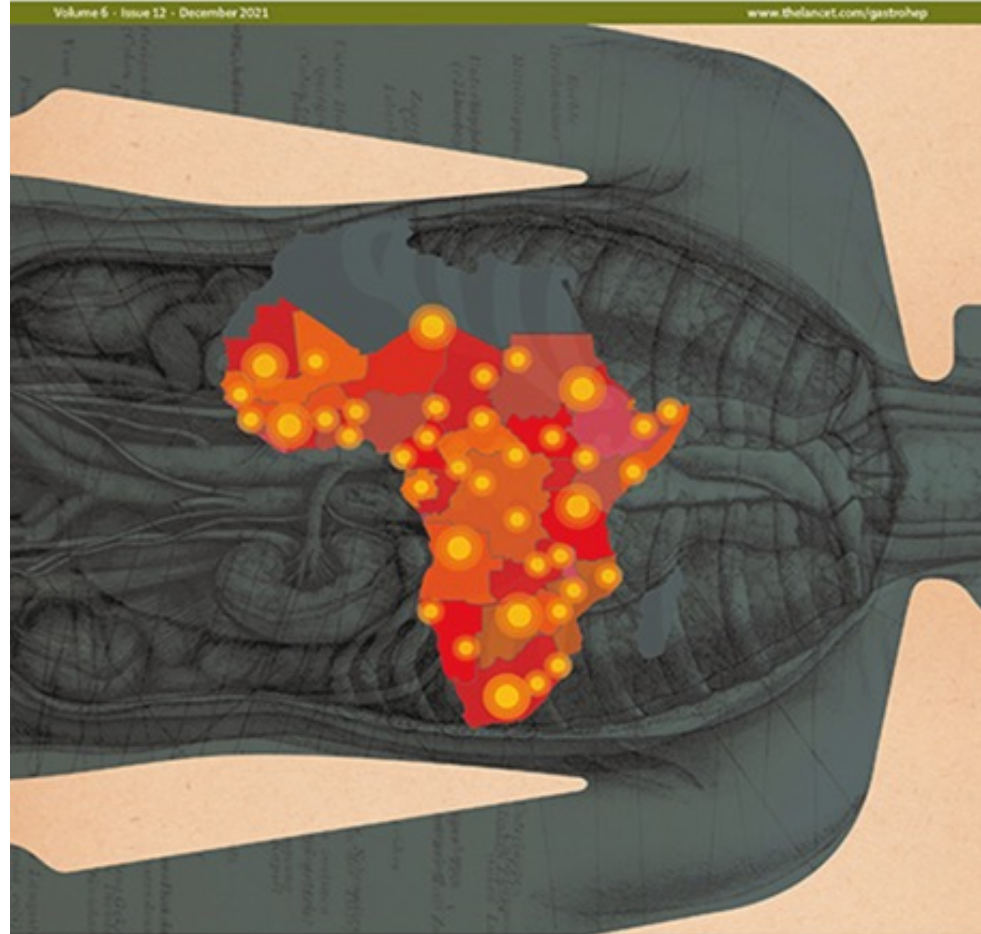
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 Wednesday afternoon WEEKLY interactive webinars

Wednesday 16 November 2022
G-ECHO PAEDIATRICS
 Welcome and introduction
 Chair: Dr Tim de Maayer



**Non-IgE Mediated
 Gastrointestinal Food Allergy**
 Dr Yolanda Monteiro
 Department of Paediatrics, Tygerberg Hospital
 University of Stellenbosch



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Wednesday 2nd November 2022

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Anaemia in athletes

Dr Piet Wessels
Haematologist
University of Witwatersrand



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VIRAL HEPATITIS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA iECHO Clinic
Pre-register for the Monthly iECHO Clinics
13 July 2023 | Thursday 14:30-15:30 (SAST)



CLINIC MEDICAL DIRECTORS	PROFESSORS WENDY SPEARMAN AND MARK SONDERUP DIVISION OF HEPATOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE, FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN AND GROOTE SCHUUR HOSPITAL
Medical Specialists	Burkina Faso: Alice Guinane and Team Cameroon: Christian Tzeuton and Team Ethiopia: Abate Shewaye and Team, Hailemichael Desalegn and Team Ghana: Mary Yeboah Afihene, Eileen Micah and Team Kenya: Betty Musau, Fatuma Some and Team Mozambique: Lina Brito Cunha and Team Nigeria: Fumni Lesi and Team, Chidi Nnabuchi South Africa: Chris Kassianides (Morningside Mediclinic, Johannesburg), Bilal Bobat (Wits Donald Gordon Medical Centre, Johannesburg) Tanzania: Rachel Maseke The Gambia: Gibril Ndow and Team United Kingdom: Geoff Dusheiko Zimbabwe: Leo Katsidzira
Target Audience	ECHO: Viral Hepatitis in sub-Saharan Africa: Spokes in: Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, The Gambia, United Kingdom and Zimbabwe and Midwives in SSA

<i>Time : SAST</i>	<i>Presentation</i>	<i>Presenters</i>
14:30	Welcome	Prof Wendy Spearman
14:35 – 14:50	Didactic Lecture: <i>Chronic Hepatitis C: Management of DAA failures</i>	 Prof Wendy Spearman Head: Division of Hepatology Faculty of Health Sciences, UCT & Groote Schuur Hospital, RSA
14:50 -15:00	Nigeria Clinical case: Hepatitis C and failed DDA therapy	 Dr Chidi Nnabuchi Consultant Gastroenterologist & Hepatologist, Asokoro District Hospital/Nile University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital, Nigeria
15:00-15:10	Cameroon: Clinical Case: Hepatitis B and Behcet's Disease	 Prof Christian Tzeuton Professor of Gastroenterology & Hepatology, University of Douala, Douala, Cameroon
		 Professor Eloumou Professor of Gastroenterology & Oncology. Douala General Teaching Hospital, Douala Medical School, Douala, Cameroon
15:10 – 15:30	Discussion	Speakers and participants

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Wednesday 23 November 2022

CLINICO-PATHOLOGICAL CASE PRESENTATIONS WITH RADIOLOGY

Welcome and introduction

Dr Bilal Bobat



THE LIVER THROUGH THE LENSES

A combined Radiological and Histopathological review of two cases



Radiology
Charles Sanyika

Interventional radiologist based at Wits Donald Gordon Medical Centre, Johannesburg. An active member of the Liver Transplant multi disciplinary team



Pathology
Martin Hale

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ECHO GI Fellow post graduate Bi weekly program



Reminder: ECHO Session for G-ECHO Gastroenterology Medical Program program is about to start in 27 mins



Session Reminder for G-ECHO Gastroenterology Medical Program

Hello Chris Kassianides,

G-ECHO Gastroenterology Medical Program session on Session 12 is about to begin in 27 mins at Mon, 24 Jul 2023 06:00 PM SAST (South Africa Standard Time).

Please join the session on time.

[Join Session through iECHO](#)

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Wednesday 18 October 2023

Endoscopy Lower

Chairman: Prof Sandie Thomson



Scoring Systems in IBD Endoscopy

Dr Shaun Temmers
Department of Gastroenterology
University of Kwazulu Natal



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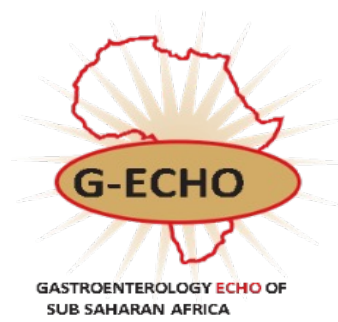


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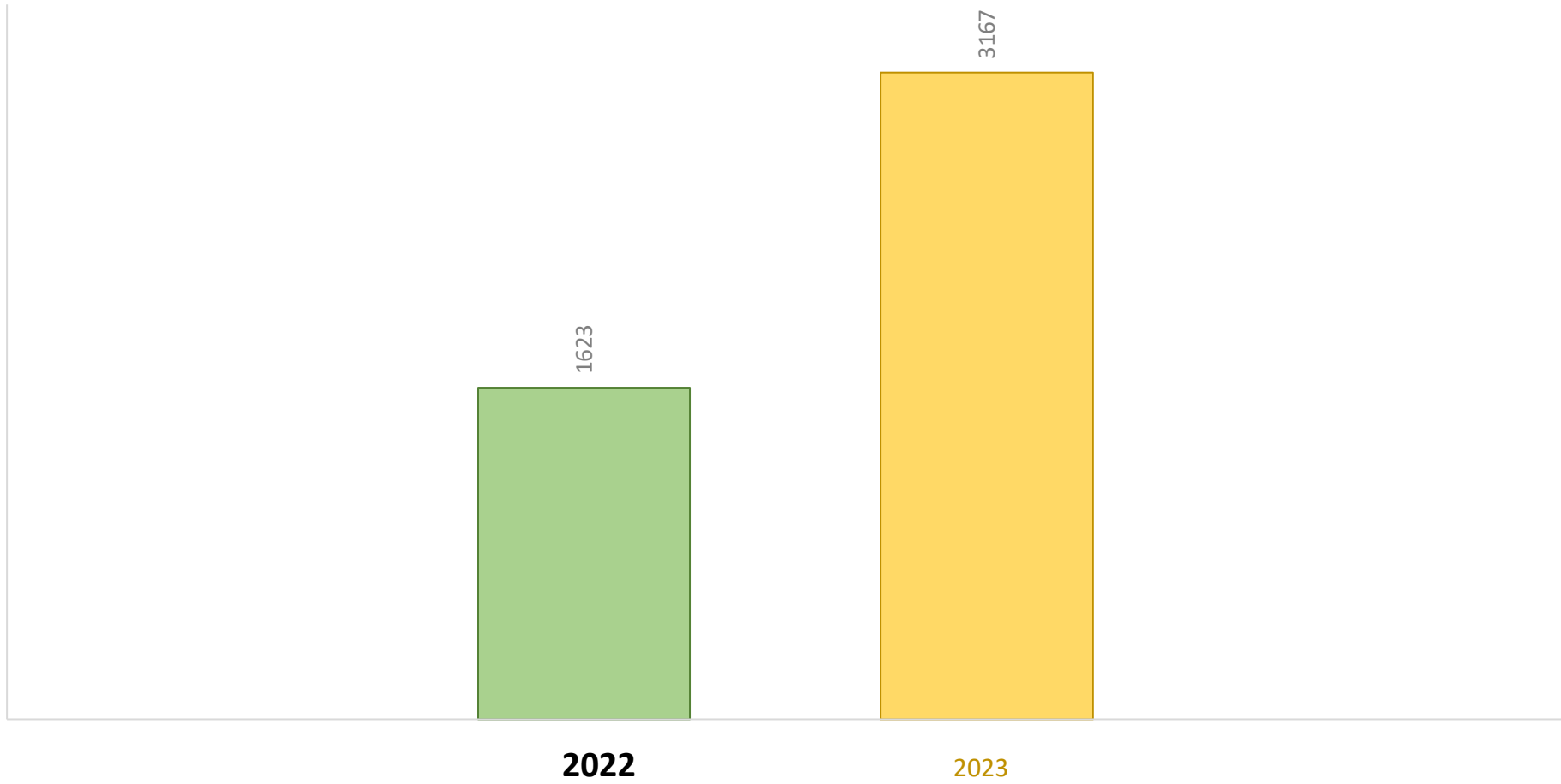


20 countries in SSA
50 – 100 registrations



38 countries
25 in Africa

GECHO WEEKLY MEETINGS



Liver interest group meeting Addis Ababa 2016





VIRAL HEPATITIS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA ECHO CLINIC SYMPOSIUM ON HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA (HCC) IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

23 MARCH 2023: 16H00 to 17H30 SAST

- 16h00:** *Welcome: Wendy Spearman*
- 16h05:** *HCC - An overview from sub-Saharan Africa: Wendy Spearman (Head of the Division of Hepatology, University of Cape Town)*
- 16h20:** *Risk factors for HCC in sub-Saharan Africa: Mark Sonderup (Consultant Hepatologist, Division of Hepatology, University of Cape Town)*
- 16h35:** *Preventative strategies for reducing the burden of HCC in sub-Saharan Africa: Primary, secondary and tertiary prevention: Hailemichael Desalegn (Consultant Gastroenterologist/Hepatologist at St Pauls Hospital Millennium Medical College, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia)*
- 16h50:** *Treatment of HCC in sub-Saharan Africa: Eduard Jonas (Professor of Surgery and Head of the Surgical Gastroenterology Unit, University of Cape Town & Groote Schuur Hospital)*
- 17h05:** *HCC Research in Africa: Sanju Sobnach (Hepatobiliary surgeon, Surgical Gastroenterology Unit, University of Cape Town and Groote Schuur Hospital)*
- 17h15:** *Q and A: Panel Discussion: Speakers and Panelists:*
- 17h25:** *Closing Remarks: Chris Kassianides (Chair of the Gastroenterology Foundation of SSA)*
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Inflammatory Bowel Disease A Sub-Saharan African Perspective

Gillian Watermeyer

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University of Cape Town and Groote Schuur Hospital
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Guidelines for the Gastrointestinal Evaluation and Management of Iron Deficiency in Sub-Saharan Africa

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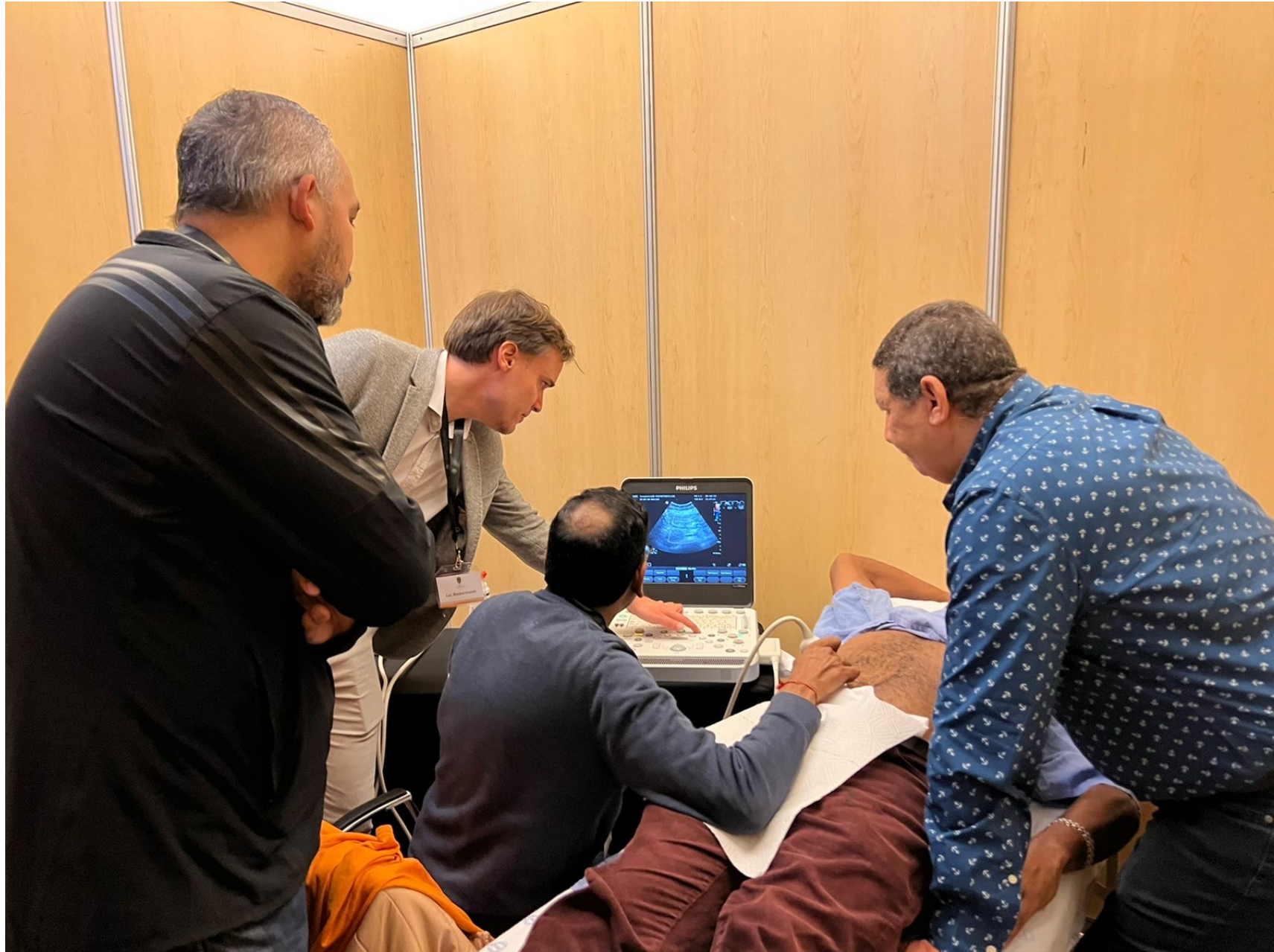
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PRESS ADVISORY: WORLD HEPATITIS DAY “YOU DON’T KNOW UNTIL YOU KNOW”

Event: Media Briefing (online link available, if unable to join in person)

Date: Friday 28 July 2023

Time: 10:00

Venue: The Vineyard Hotel, Newlands, Cape Town

Registration: Please register below for the online media event.

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_BCT18QfXRE-hfULCfRwCw

To confirm attendance or set-up an interview with one of the experts, please email Bini Seale at bini@global.co.za

Prime facts:

1. Liver cancer is a leading form of cancer in Africa.
2. More than 70% of liver cancer in Africa is Viral Hepatitis related!*
3. 2 million South Africans have chronic Hepatitis B virus infection*
4. Hepatitis B is vaccine preventable; hepatitis C is curable!

The Gastroenterology and Hepatology Association of Sub-Saharan Africa (GHASSA), a non-profit Association, will launch its programme of action on World Hepatitis Day, July 28th, 2023. In 2016, the World Health Assembly, of which most countries in the WHO Africa region participate, agreed to the global elimination of viral hepatitis by 2030. All WHO African state members, were signatories. Several countries globally are on track to achieve this. Except for champion countries such as Rwanda and Egypt, most African countries, including South Africa, lags behind. In May 2024, GHASSA will host the African Viral Hepatitis Convention at the CTICC, in Cape Town. It will partner with the prestigious International Hepato-Pancreatico-Biliary Association (IHPBA) meeting occurring simultaneously (<https://www.ihpba2024.org/>)

*<https://cdafound.org/polaris-countries-dashboard>

Factsheet

- Viral hepatitis, is caused by 5 viruses, hepatitis A, B, C, D and E - hepatitis **B and C** may cause chronic infection – usually silent and without symptoms;
- People only manifest symptoms when they develop **liver disease** or **liver cancer**;
- 82 million Africans have chronic hepatitis B and 9 million, chronic hepatitis C infection;
- 2 million South Africans are silently infected with hepatitis B – 300 000 with hepatitis C;
- Hepatitis B and C accounts for >70% of **liver cancer** in Africa – the second most frequent cancer in men and third in women in Africa;
- >70% of all children <5 years with chronic hepatitis B live in Africa;
- Those with chronic infection, including pregnant women, can unknowingly infect others;
- Hepatitis B is fully vaccine preventable **starting** with a birth dose in the vaccine schedule;
- Effective long-term treatment is available for those identified with chronic hepatitis B;
- Hepatitis C is curable – it requires 12 weeks of treatment with a tablet taken daily.

We must!

- Raise awareness and upscale simple screening for hepatitis B and C;
- Link patients to care;
- Screen pregnant woman for hepatitis B and offer effective prevention of mother-to-child transmission;
- Provide Universal hepatitis B birth dose vaccination.

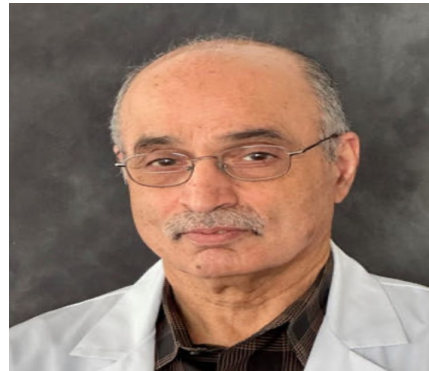
Leading up to the Convention, we will lead a campaign to raise awareness, ignite and enhance advocacy and provide ways to empower all to seek the goal of elimination and produce a hepatitis free generation.

#YouDontKnowUntilYouKnow #GetTested #ActionNow #HepatitisCantWait #ImNotWaiting

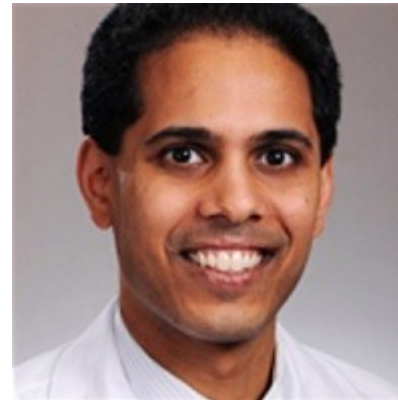
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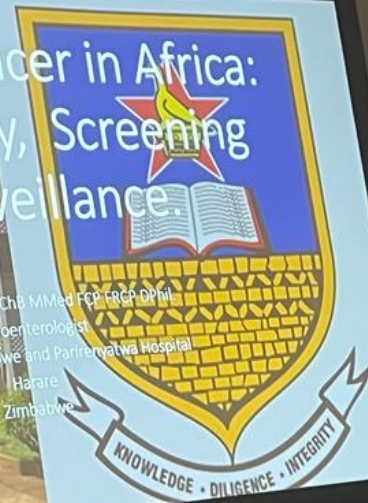
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Colorectal Cancer in Africa: Epidemiology, Screening and Surveillance.

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**ASGE GHASSA ENDOSCOPY SYMPOSIUM
DDW WASHINGTON DC 2024
Proposal**

Introduction to GHASSA
Chris Kassianides South Africa

Endoscopy capacity in SSA - literature review
Leolin Katsidira - Zimbabwe

Endoscopy training in SSA
Rwanda Wisconson and GI rising
Hanna Aberra - Kigali

Ethiopia and the WEO
Hailemichel Desalegn - Addis Ababa

Nigeria and the WGO
Ganiyat Oyeleke - Lagos

Endoscopy training in SA – Bridging divides through cross border training
FELLOWSHIPS GHASSA GHECHO and GIEQs
Vikash Lala South Africa



American Society for
Gastrointestinal Endoscopy



2023 ASGE Annual Postgraduate Course:
Clinical Challenges and Real-Time Decision Making in GI Endoscopy
Sunday, May 7, 2023
McCormick Place, Chicago IL (HYBRID)

COURSE DIRECTORS



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SESSION 11	SAGES/GASTRO FOUNDATION
	VENUE:
	THEME: ASGE POST GRAD COURSE
	CHAIRPERSON: Sandie Thomson/Vikash Lala
08:00 - 08:10	WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS GFSSA/GHASSA - Prof Kassianides ASGE - Uzma Siddiqui/Kulwinder Dua
08:10 - 08:30	UGI bleed and Lower GI Bleed Koushik Das, Andy Tau, Jennifer Christie
08:30 - 08:50	Atrophic gastritis/IM/gastric dysplasia Dysphagia and reflux: workup and management Vani Konda, Saowanee Ngamruengphong, and Ara Sahakian Speaker
08:50 - 09:10	Commonly Encountered UGI Lesions Dennis Yang
09:10 - 09:25	DEBATE: Barrett's Management + Panel discussion CUT: Peter V. Draganov ABLATE: Sachin B. Wani
09:25 - 09:35	Panel Discussion - Q&A
09:35 - 09:50	Top 10 ways to improve your basic colonoscopy performance Douglas K. Rex
09:50 - 10:05	Maximizing efficiency and success at polypectomy Roy M. Soetikno
10:05 - 10:20	"Heated" Panel Debate on Polypectomy: Can Cautery Be Eliminated? HOT - Audrey Calderwood COLD - Evelien Dekker
10:20 - 10:30	Panel discussion - Q&A
10:30 - 11:00	Tea / Brunch

SESSION 12	SAGES/GASTRO FOUNDATION
	VENUE:
	THEME: ASGE POST GRAD COURSE
	CHAIRPERSON: Dion Levin/Adam Boutall + Chris Zaidy/Martin Brand
11:00 - 11:15	Using imaging for planning resection strategy in polypectomy Michael Bourke, Rajesh Keswani, Tonya Kaltenbach
11:15 - 11:25	Real time endoscopic decision making for colon EMR Tonya R. Kaltenbach
11:25 - 11:35	Does the Data Determine Which Resection Method to Use in Polypectomy? Rajesh N. Keswani
11:35 - 11:45	Endoscopic decision making to prevent recurrence and minimize adverse events Michael J. Bourke
11:45 - 11:55	AI in Endoscopy 2023: How can it help your practice today Prateek Sharma
11:55 - 12:10	Panel Discussion - Q&A
12:10 - 12:20	Biliary Stenting Pearls for Malignant vs Benign Biliary Strictures Jeanin E. Van Hooft
12:20 - 11:30	Managing Bile Duct Stones of All Sizes Shivangi Kothari
12:30 - 12:40	Overcoming challenges in pancreaticobiliary access Gregory B. Haber
12:40 - 12:55	Panel discussion - Q&A
12:55 - 13:00	Close - ASGE Uzma Siddiqui/Kulwinder Dua
13:05 - 13:30	Close of congress Speaker



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Uplifting SSA Endoscopy



- Regional centers of excellence
- State versus private
 - Academic institutions
 - NGO and AU/NEPAD
 - International societies WGO/WEO
 - GIESQ's

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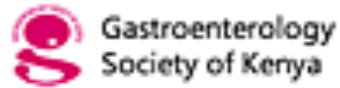
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WHO, WHY AND HOW?



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
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
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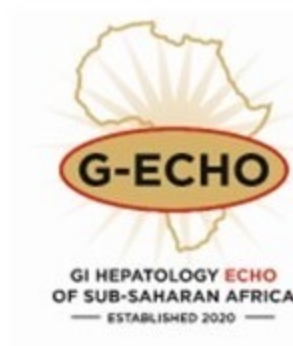
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SSA endoscopy 2023/24

- Endoscopy interest group meeting
- GHASSA/ASGE post grad course at SAGES
- 2 publications in progress

SSA H pylori

SSA Endoscopy

- GHASSA/ASGE symposium 2024
- GIESQ's



VIRAL HEPATITIS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA
iECHO Clinic



Pre-register for Monthly iECHO Clinics
Thursday 14:30-15:30 (SAST)

24 November 2022

<i>Clinic Medical Directors</i>	Professors Wendy Spearman and Mark Sonderup
<i>Medical Specialists</i>	Burkina Faso: Alice Guinane and Team Cameroon: Christian Tzeuton and Team Ethiopia: Abate Shewaye and Team, Hailemichael Desalegn and Team Ghana: Mary Yeboah Afihene, Eileen Micah and Team Kenya: Betty Musau, Fatuma Some and Team Mozambique: Lina Brito Cunha and Team Nigeria: Fumni Lesi and Team, Chidi Nnabuchi South Africa: Chris Kassianides (Morningside Mediclinic, Johannesburg), Bilal Bobat (Wits Donald Gordon Medical Centre, Johannesburg) Tanzania: Rachel Maseke The Gambia: Gibril Ndow and Team United Kingdom: Geoff Dusheiko Zimbabwe: Leo Katsidzira
<i>Target Audience</i>	ECHO: Viral Hepatitis in sub-Saharan Africa: Spokes in Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, The Gambia, United Kingdom and Zimbabwe; Midwives in SSA; ECHO staff
<i>Clinical Objectives</i>	ECHO Clinic
<i>Audio Connection</i>	Meeting ID: 81853764042 Password: 723792
<i>Video Connection</i>	Dial: 162.255.36.11 (US East) or 162.255.37.11 (US West)

Today's Agenda

<i>Time : SAST</i>	<i>Presentation</i>	<i>Presenters</i>	<i>Connection Mode</i>
14h30-15h30	Welcome	Prof Wendy Spearman	Audio/Video
14h30 – 14h45	Didactic Lecture: <i>Insights from PROLIFICA</i>	Dr Gibril Ndow	
14h45 – 15h05	Case 1: Ghana: Hepatitis B - when to treat Case 2: Ethiopia: Acute Hepatitis C	Dr Mary Afihene Dr Sisima Kornelios	
15h15 – 15h30	Discussion		Audio/Video



Endoscopy in SSA

H pylori infection





Gastro Foundation
Endoscopy Interest Group Meeting
in association with GIEQS

Saturday 10 June 2023
Gautrain Radisson Hotel, Sandton





Inaugural Liver Interest Group meeting UCT 1999

SAGES report on academic gastro-intestinal unit survey
SAMJ November 2004, Vol. 94, No. 11



“Academic gastro-enterology is not functioning well, research output is down and fewer trainees are choosing it as a career path. The South African Gastro-enterology Society (SAGES) council felt that a composite appraisal of the national problems was necessary. I was tasked.....”

Sandie R Thomson is Professor of Surgery at the Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine and Head of the Department of General Surgery and the Endoscopy Unit at Addington Hospital.



Fellows Post graduate program 2023



Gerhard Rogler



Geoff Dusheiko

SUMMARY		Registrations								Paticipations							
2022		Radiology	Path	Endo	IBD	HCC	PBM	Paeds		Radiolog	Path	Endo	IBD	HCC	PBM	Paeds	
Week 1-2	January																
Week 1-4	February																
Week 1-5	March																
Week 1 - 4	April																
Week 1 - 4	May																
Week 1 - 4	June (16th Public Holiday)		51	92			71				24	49			42		
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Week 1 - 3	August		87	107	79		87	70			51	58	43		49	34	
Week 1 - 5	September		57	76	63	89					30	43	35	49			
Week 1- 4	October				40	121	49	69					20	65	23	34	
Week 1 -5	November						41	39							15	24	
Week 1 -2	December																
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13th Fellows Post Graduate Course 2022

Vineyard hotel





GHASSA 2023



2023 ECCO LECTURE GILL WATERMEYER
Copenhagen March 2023



ECHO GHASSA SYMPOSIUM LIVER CANCER
Virtual First quarter 2023

ASGE GASSA SSA ENDOSCOPY SYMPOSIUM AT THE DDW
Chicago May 2023

GHASSA WORLD HEPATITIS DAY
JHB 28 July 2023

GHASSA ASGE/HEPATOLOGY POSTGRADUATE COURSE SAGES
Pretoria August 2023

GF SSA GHASSA LIVER INTEREST GROUP MEETING
JHB Dec 2023