



**1st Australasian Consensus Conference on the use  
of antiretroviral agents in HIV-1 infected adults,**

**Australasian Society for HIV Medicine**

**Australasian Society for HIV Medicine, 24–27 August 2005  
27 August 2005**

**Hotel Grand Chancellor  
1 Davey Street, Hobart**

The Australasian Society for HIV Medicine (ASHM) is holding the 1st Australasian Consensus Conference on the use of antiretroviral agents in HIV-1 infected adults on the afternoon of **Saturday 27 August 2005**, in Hobart, immediately following the 2005 ASHM Conference.

At its February 2005 meeting the Australian Health Minister's Advisory Committee on HIV and STI endorsed the USA Department of Health and Human Services *Guidelines for the Use of Antiretroviral Agents in HIV-1 Infected Adults and Adolescents* and requested that ASHM's Antiretroviral Guidelines Panel develop and regularly update a detailed commentary on those Guidelines relevant to Australia.

The Panel has drafted the commentary which can be viewed, along with the source Guidelines, at [www.ashm.org.au/aust\\_guidelines/](http://www.ashm.org.au/aust_guidelines/)

The four key issues identified for discussion at the Consensus Conference are:

- When to commence antiretroviral therapy (in established HIV infection)
- Management of primary HIV infection
- Preferred first-line antiretroviral regimen(s)
- The role of resistance testing in HIV management.

The Consensus Conference will also provide a forum for: identification of other issues for broader debate or consideration by the panel; review of the commentary as a whole, and consideration of the mechanism for regularly updating the commentary.

Following the 2005 ASHM Conference and presentations and discussion at the Consensus Conference, the Antiretroviral Guidelines Panel will synthesise the opinions of the Conference into appropriate Australian commentary. The commentary will then be included in the electronic document. It is the Panel's intention to update the commentary in line with updates in the USA source Guidelines, and to hold an annual Consensus Conference, adjacent to the ASHM Conference, to endorse this method of providing Guidelines for the Australasian setting and to review and update the commentary.

Registration for this inaugural event is free **but essential** for ASHM Conference registrants.

For more Consensus Conference details visit:

[http://www.ashm.org.au/2005\\_conf/index.php?page=courses](http://www.ashm.org.au/2005_conf/index.php?page=courses)

For full Consensus Conference program visit:

[http://www.ashm.org.au/2005\\_conf/uploads/consensus-prog.pdf](http://www.ashm.org.au/2005_conf/uploads/consensus-prog.pdf)

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