



## HIV s100 Prescribers' Information Sheet

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### Changes to s100 program

- **Saquinavir Mesylate** (Invirase) in a **new 500 mg** tablet form has been added to the program. Your declaration form is included
- **Saquinavir soft gel capsules** (Fortovase) are being **discontinued** from **1 March 2007**. Prescribers are advised not to commence any new patients on this drug. **Saquinavir Mesylate** (Invirase) in 200mg hard gel are still available
- Please **remove Efavirenz 100mg capsules** (Stocrin) from your supply of declaration forms

### Short Course in HIV Medicine

*2 CME points per module*

The next short course in Sydney is scheduled for 27, 28 and 29 April 2007. This is a good opportunity for you to update. Current prescribers are welcome to attend a single module or the entire course and as usual attendance is free. Please complete the attached registration form or pass it on to an interested colleague. You can also register online at <http://www.ashm.org.au/courses/>

### CDC releases new STI treatment guidelines

The **Sexually Transmitted Diseases Treatment Guidelines 2006** were developed by the CDC after consultation with a group of STI treatment experts and are based on newly available evidence. They include the latest information on the presentation, appropriate screening and treatment of STIs among men who have sex with men; new evidence on the benefits of re-screening for Chlamydia and gonorrhoea; recommendations for partner-delivered therapy for gonorrhoea and Chlamydia (if other strategies for reaching partners are not likely to succeed); new medications and treatment regimens to treat Chlamydia and trichomoniasis and decrease herpes simplex virus 2 (HSV2) transmission; and information on the new HPV vaccine. To view the guidelines go to <http://www.cdc.gov/std/treatment/>

### Clinical placements

*2 CME points*

Many prescribers in GP settings, particularly those from regional areas, find that a clinical placement with a Sydney-based specialist is an efficient way to update. ASHM can arrange a suitable placement and organise your travel and accommodation, plus cover the cost of a locum for rural, regional and remote prescribers. To register your interest drop us a line at [primarycare@ashm.org.au](mailto:primarycare@ashm.org.au)

### Mentoring

*1 CME point per hour*

If you haven't already, please register your mentor partnership with ASHM. The time spent consulting - face-to-face, by phone or email - is cumulative and every 60 minutes earns 1 CME point for both parties. If you'd like to be mentored or you'd like to mentor a new prescriber or existing low caseload prescriber just email us at [primarycare@ashm.org.au](mailto:primarycare@ashm.org.au)

### IAS Conference in Sydney - scholarships

*5 CME points*

Scholarships are available for non-Sydney based prescribers to attend the **19<sup>th</sup> ASHM Conference incorporated into IAS 2007** from 22-25 July at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre. Go here to download the scholarship form: <http://www.ashm.org.au/uploads/File/ASHM-edu-scholarship-form.doc>

## Are you going to CROI?

Please contact [primarycare@ashm.org.au](mailto:primarycare@ashm.org.au) if you're going to CROI and you can write a brief report back on "things that will change your clinical practice". We can pay you for your time

## Sculptra available for Lipoatrophy

There is now funding available for PLWHA who are less well-off **and** have **severe** facial LD to receive treatments of Sculptra. Check the information enclosed if you have patients who may qualify for this service

## Stigma bookmark survey

In March last year we included a MSM STI Testing Guidelines bookmark with that month's information sheet. If you've made use of the bookmark in any way, STIGMA would value your feedback. Click on this link to complete a 5 minute electronic survey <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=770222541892>

## TMC 125 and MK-0518 co-administration on SAS approved

Tibotec Pharmaceuticals and Merck & Co Inc have jointly reviewed the available pharmacokinetic data for two experimental compounds – TMC 125 and MK-0518 - and concluded that co-administration of both drugs is allowed for patients in the TMC 125 Special Access Scheme. Please direct any enquiries to Danae Brown at Tibotec on (02) 8875 3338 or 0406 754 581

## HIV GP Study Group in March

*1 CME point*

The first Sydney HIV GP Study Group for 2007 will meet at 7.00pm (for a 7.30 start) on Wednesday 14 March). The theme for the evening will be HIV and Osteoporosis with 407 Doctors Endocrinologist Dr Rosemary Sheehy. Please note that invitations to the HIV GP Study Group will be sent electronically only from now on. If you'd like to confirm your email address or you have some suggestions for topics for upcoming meetings please contact [Hiba.Jebiele@ashm.org.au](mailto:Hiba.Jebiele@ashm.org.au) or [Cathy.Pell@ashm.org.au](mailto:Cathy.Pell@ashm.org.au)

## Case Discussion in April

*2 CME points*

Dr Graeme Moyle will be guest presenter at the next *HIV Community Prescriber Case Discussion Evening* on Wednesday 4 April. Dr. Moyle is Director of HIV Research Strategy and Associate Specialist in HIV/GU Medicine at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, London, UK. He is an expert in HIV-related metabolic complications and toxicities of antiretrovirals and has published extensively on these subjects

## The first Wednesday of the month – *diarise it!*

**14 March**      **HIV GP Study Group**  
*second Wednesday this month only*  
*HIV and Osteoporosis with Rosemary Sheehy*

**4 April**      **HIV Case Discussion**  
*Managing the Long-term Toxicity of HAART*  
*with Graeme Moyle*

**2 May**      **HIV GP Study Group**

**6 June**      **HIV Case Discussion**  
*Legal and Public Health Issues*

**5 September**      **HIV GP Study Group**

**3 October**      **HIV Case Discussion**  
*New Therapies with David Cooper*

**7 November**      **HIV GP Study Group**

*Included with this Information Sheet:*

**Short Course in HIV Medicine** – registration form  
**Saquinavir Mesylate** - s100 Declaration form  
**s100 amendments** – NSW Health memo  
**Sculptra** – access information

*For your waiting room:*

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