

The International Herpes Management Forum

The *International Herpes Management Forum* (IHMF) is dedicated to improving the awareness, understanding, counselling and management of herpesvirus infections.

The IHMF is led by a Board of clinicians and draws its direction from experts in all aspects of the medical management of herpesvirus infections, from specialists in diagnosis through to counsellors. The IHMF provides clear guidelines for all who manage those with herpesvirus infections.

A long-term commitment

Established in 1993, the IHMF has a long-term commitment to the development and dissemination of practical management guidelines. Each year, there are five major activities:

Management Strategies Workshops

These are central to the IHMF's mission. Each workshop is dedicated to one aspect of the management of herpesvirus infections. Leading experts meet to define pertinent issues in diagnosis, treatment and counselling. From their discussions, the management guidelines that will be debated at the *Annual Meeting of the IHMF* are formulated.

The Annual Meeting of the IHMF

This is a unique opportunity for exchange of knowledge by all involved in the management of herpesvirus infections. As well as plenary sessions, an important part of the meeting is the debate of management guidelines. The IHMF Annual Meetings are recognized for Continuing Medical Education (CME) by the Royal College of Physicians, UK and the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME).

Management Strategies in Herpes

The publications provide a series of practical guides to patient management. They represent the consolidated views of those who attend the Workshops and the Annual Meeting and are distributed worldwide.

Herpes – the journal of the IHMF

Herpes addresses clinical, therapeutic and diagnostic issues across the broad range of herpesvirus specializations. *Herpes* is distributed worldwide and is available free to download through www.ihmf.org.



The IHMF website contains comprehensive and up-to-date information on national and international issues and activities

www.ihmf.org – the IHMF website

This is a comprehensive information source on the activities of the IHMF, national groups and all aspects of herpesvirus infection management.

Who is involved?

The IHMF Board comprises four world-renowned clinicians, Lawrence Corey MD, Paul Griffiths MD, Jean-Elie Malkin MD and Richard Whitley MD. Each is a recognized specialist in the care and management of people with herpesvirus infections, and together they work closely to agree the framework for the IHMF programme.

Associate Board members have specific remits and include: Lawrence Stanberry MD (Co-Editor-in-Chief, *Herpes* journal), David Patrick MD (primary care initiatives), Anders Strand MD (patient interests/support initiatives), Antonio Volpi MD (Co-Editor-in-Chief, *Herpes* journal and IHMF Webmaster), Robert Johnson FRCA (herpes zoster).

National groups

The continued success of the IHMF has led to the development of national groups of clinicians in every continent who communicate the recommendations at a local level. Herpes groups and national *Herpes Management Forums* (HMFs) have now been established through the IHMF in: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic,

Denmark, France, Germany, Gulf and North Arabia, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Morocco, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Philippines, Portugal, South Africa, South-East Asia, Sri Lanka, Sweden, UK and USA.

Your role in the IHMF

You can become involved in many IHMF activities:

- Annual Meeting – submitting case histories and abstracts
- Herpes* – letters to the Editor, submitting case histories or recent research
- By participating in local activities to help feedback to colleagues the guidelines for best practice and to develop HMFs and new recommendations
- Website – join the e-mail club, comment and contribute.



The Management Strategies in Herpes publications



Herpes – the journal of the IHMF



The input of delegates during discussions at the Annual Meeting is a vital part of the IHMF

The International Herpes Alliance

The *International Herpes Alliance* (IHA) is a global association of patient support organizations and health professionals. It provides guidance and assistance to national patient support groups around the world.

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