



## Prof. IAN SANNE

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### Personal Info

Prof. Ian Sanne is qualified as a specialist physician and infectious disease sub-specialist under the South African College of Physicians and the University of the Witwatersrand (Wits). He is also an Associate Professor in Infectious Diseases and Internal Medicine as well as the current head of the Clinical HIV Research Unit and the Wits HIV Research Group (WHRG) of the University of the Witwatersrand. The WHRG is one of the leading International Clinical Trial Units funded by the National Institute for Health (USA) with activities in adult (ACTG Network), adolescent and paediatric HIV treatment (IMPAACT Network), Prevention (HPTN Network) and Microbicide development (MTN network).

### Significant Achievements

Prof. Sanne has conducted research in the treatment and complications of HIV/AIDS since 1997 and has published over 40 articles in leading international journals on HIV/AIDS and TB. He is also the founder and Managing Director of Right To Care and Right to Care Health Services, a group of not-for profit companies which have successfully implemented USAID/PEPFAR funding to support the national program for HIV/AIDS and TB. From 2001 to date, Right To Care has supported over 126,000 patients on antiretroviral therapy, 150,000 patients in care and support, conducted 250,000 VCT's per annum, and in 2009 trained over 5000 health care workers.

### Current Activities

In December 2009, Prof. Ian Sanne was elected to be the International Scientific Officer of AIDS Clinical Trials Group, and in this role participates in the Steering Committee, Executive Committee, and Scientific Agenda Steering Committee of the network. In addition the unit holds a number of grants for research in the pathogenesis of HIV, treatment optimization, treatment of opportunistic infections and the study of the epidemiology of HIV/AIDS and treatment. Ian is also the founder and director of the Clinical HIV Research Unit, a research unit of Wits University.

### “Part 1: To immunise or not to immunise”

5 March 2010, 16h05-16h30

Prof. Sanne's presentation will be one of two presentations which will engage the debate on the need for immunisation based on medical grounds and legal background providing you with greater detail which may further inform your medical decisions with patients or add information to your own internal debates.

This presentation is designed to clearly explain what immunisation is, and whether deciding to immunise is based on a prudent choice backed up by science.

- What advice should we give our patients regarding immunization?
- Should all vaccines advertised be given?
- Can one consider alternatives?
- Are they viable?

