



## IAS 2019 Satellite Session

# 22 July 2019

### What's new in Diagnostics: Novel HIV molecular interventions to support expansion of viral load access

**Venue: Casa del Diezmo 3 y 4 (SR6), Centro Citibanamex  
Mexico City**

**Time: 6:30 – 8:30pm**

Currently, approximately 50% of patients on antiretroviral treatment have access to viral load testing; however, access remains focused within a small number of countries. While plasma is the preferred specimen type for viral load testing, it can be restrictive in settings with limited infrastructure and cold chain availability. Additionally, several challenges and barriers remain to widely scaling up viral load. In this Satellite, ASLM, WHO and partners will present new and tried concepts for scaling up HIV viral load testing across settings – these concepts form a newly developed implementation best practices document to be launched during this session.

**Co-Chairs: Nqobile Ndlovu (ASLM) and Meg Doherty (WHO)**



#### **Welcome Remarks**

*Meg Doherty – WHO  
Nqobile Ndlovu- ASLM  
6:30 pm – 6:35 pm*

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#### **Introduction and current status of viral load access**

*Anafi Mataka – ASLM  
6:35 pm – 6:50 pm*

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#### **Plasma viral load and alternative technologies pipeline: capabilities and market size**

*Jilian Sacks – CHAI  
6:50 pm – 7:05 pm*

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#### **Alternative technologies performance and regulatory status**

*Lara Vojnov - WHO  
7:05 pm – 7:20 pm*

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#### **Tools to support viral load implementation**

*Michele Montandon - CDC  
7:20 pm – 7:35 pm*

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#### **Multi-disease diagnostics integration**

*Raiva Simbi - Zimbabwe  
7:35 pm – 7:50 pm*

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#### **Early infant diagnosis considerations**

*Fausta Masha  
7:50 pm – 8:05 pm*

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#### **Question & Answer**

*8:05 pm – 8:25 pm*

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#### **Closing Remarks**

*8: 25 pm – 8:30 pm*

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