

INTENSIVE PROGRAM SERIES: MYCOLOGY, PARASITOLOGY AND VIROLOGY 8-12 November 2021

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Medium: Online, Zoom, details to be confirmed with participants

Learning objectives:

The course series will cover the following topics:

Mycology

- Focus on identification of medically important fungi, antifungal susceptibility testing, serological and molecular diagnostic testing and molecular epidemiology of medically important mycoses
- Understanding of AIDS-related mycoses

Parasitology

- Focus on important aspects of malaria
- Understanding blood and tissue parasite diagnosis and identification
- Understanding stool and urine parasite diagnosis and identification
- Explore unusual and opportunistic parasitic infections

Virology

- Discussions on advanced virology aspects of COVID-19
- Understanding management, clinical and laboratory diagnostic aspects of viral haemorrhagic fevers, arboviral disease, influenza, influenza drug resistance and novel or emerging respiratory viruses (other than SARS-COV2) in cases of respiratory illness of unknown cause and viral enteric infections
- Explore enteric viral disease classification, epidemiology, laboratory detection/typing, interventions and vaccines
- Discuss key aspects of human papillomaviruses

Monday, 8 November 2021			
(8h55 - 16h00)	PARASITOLOGY		
8h55	Welcoming remarks: Intensive rotation course series	O Perovic	
9h00	Parasitology program overview	J Frean	
9h05	Malaria elimination and drug resistance monitoring	J Raman	
9h50	Pathogenesis of malaria	J Frean	
10h35	Practical methods for blood and tissue parasites	B Moodley/L Ming Sun	
11h05	Malaria identification and parasite counts	B Moodley/L Ming Sun	
12h30	Break		
13h15	VCRL and medically important vectors	S Oliver/B Brooke	
14h15	Other blood-borne pathogens	J Frean	
15h00	Identification of other blood-borne pathogens	B Moodley/L Ming Sun	
15h30	Quiz		
Tuesday, 9 November 2021			
(8h30 - 16h00) PARASITOLOGY/VIROLOGY			
8h30	Stool parasites: protozoa, trematodes, cestodes and nematodes	J Frean	
9h30	Practical methods for stool and urine parasites	L Ming Sun	
10h15	Stool and urine parasite identification and pooled stool	L Ming Sun	
11h00	Macroscopic identification of parasites and microscope usage/maintenance	L Ming Sun	
11h30	Unusual and opportunistic parasitic case studies	J Frean	
12h30	Quiz		
12h45	Break		
13h25	Virology program overview	J Weyer	
13h30	What happened to influenza in 2020-2021?	C Cohen	
14h15	Influenza HAI: application in serology (brief overview of current work)	L Maake	
15h00	SARS-CoV-2 clinical aspects and molecular diagnosis	A von Gottberg	
15h30	Viruses with pandemic potential: Influenza versus SARS-CoV-2	J Bhiman/D Amoako	
Wednesday, 10 November 2021 VIROLOGY (9h00 -16h00)			
9h00	Enteric viruses – classification, epidemiology, laboratory detection/typing, interventions and vaccines	N Page	
10h30	Arboviral disease case studies: clinical, diagnostic and management aspects	O Hellferscee/J Weyer	
11h00	Break		
11h15	Arboviral disease case studies: clinical, diagnostic and management aspects (continued)	O Hellferscee/J Weyer	
11h45	Management of viral haemorrhagic fever cases	L Blumberg/J Weyer	
13h00	Break		

13h45	Management of rabies exposures and diagnosis of rabies	L Blumberg/J Weyer	
14h45	On the topic of human papillomaviruses	R Kularatne	
Thursday, 11 November 2021 MYCOLOGY			
(9h00 - 16h00)			
9h00	Welcome, online workshop overview	N Govender	
9h15	Introduction to ID of medically-important fungi	N Govender	
10h00	Approach to ID of common yeasts	R Mpembe	
11h00	Break		
11h30	Approach to anti-fungal susceptibility testing of yeasts	S Naicker	
12h30	Brief overview of molecular methods for diagnosis	T Maphanga	
13h00	Break		
14h00	Making good slides	G Zulu	
14h30	Approach to ID of common moulds with enteroblastic conidia in chains	R Mpembe	
15h30	Approach to ID of common moulds with enteroblastic conidia in wet masses	G Zulu	
Friday, 12 November 2021 MYCOLOGY			
9h00-16h45			
9h00	Approach to ID of common dermatophytes	N Govender	
10h00	Approach to ID of common mucoraceous moulds	T Maphanga	
11h00	Break		
11h30	Thermally di-morphic fungi	R Mapengo	
12h30	Approach to common moulds with holoblastic conidia	E Tsotetsi	
13h30	Break		
14h00	Introduction to some serological assays	M Mwamba	
15h00	Wrap up session	N Govender	
15h30	Wrap up session/Course evaluation	O Perovic	

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