

# HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS DISEASE

This special issue of the Lebanese Medical Journal is devoted to a devastating condition, namely acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

Despite the availability of highly active antiretroviral therapy, these conditions continue to increase at an alarming rate worldwide and to inflict significant morbidity and mortality due to the lack of adequate infrastructure for delivery of care, financial constraints particularly in developing countries and lack of curative therapy.

The aim of this special issue is to update general practitioners with recent advances in the management of AIDS and HIV.

Dr. Elie Berbari and Dr. Zelalem Temesgen have kindly accepted to be the guest editors and have been instrumental in putting together an excellent array of articles discussing various topics with a large number of experts in the field.

On behalf of the editorial board, I would like to extend my thanks to Dr. Elie Berbari and Dr. Zelalem Temesgen and their able team of contributors. Further, without the selfless efforts of all contributing authors, it would not have been possible to publish this issue.

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