



“The End of HIV?”

The Hippocratic Post & The Worshipful Society of Apothecaries
Debate

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Panel

Professor Jane Anderson

The Worshipful Society of Apothecaries

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Dr Yusef Azad

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Carole Stone, CBE

Carole Stone is a Founding Director of The Hippocratic Post and was, for many years, the producer of BBC Radio 4's flagship current affairs programme, Any Questions? Carole is a former governor of the Tavistock & Portland NHS Trust and a patron of the mental health charities, SANE and Triumph Over Phobia UK. In June 2015, Carole was made a CBE in the Queen's Birthday

Honours for services to market research and charities.

'I was delighted when Thea Jourdan, the Editorial Director of Hippocratic Post, asked me to chair this debate. The issues surrounding HIV prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and one day cure, are some of the most important topics of our time.

Tonight, we are going to get the inside track on the topic, The end of HIV? from some of the UK's leading experts in this field. We would like to thank Professor Jane Anderson for her encouragement and indefatigable support and the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries for providing their beautiful Hall. Many thanks also to our corporate sponsor, Gilead Sciences, a global biopharmaceutical company that focuses primarily on anti-viral

drugs used in the treatment of HIV, as well as hepatitis B, hepatitis C and influenza.

I am glad to say we have come a long way since the 1980s when the discovery of a new viral disease called AIDS led to predictions of global catastrophe and inevitable doom, luridly illustrated by the falling tombstones of the health information campaigns at that time. Today people living with HIV in the UK can look forward to a normal life expectancy, with the help of a new generation of therapies and drugs that have few side effects. Those who do receive effective treatment are no longer infectious, so can't pass the virus on to sexual partners and unborn babies.

But this is definitely no time to be complacent either. While those infected with HIV in the wealthy west are now able to look forward to a bright outlook, the situation is very different in parts of Africa and Eastern Europe, not to mention swathes of countries burdened with poverty, poor health infrastructure and logistical support. Even in the UK, there are still issues surrounding complacency, people not sticking to drug regimens because of lifestyle choices, or continuing stigma in some communities surrounding HIV.

The Hippocratic Post

The Hippocratic Post, was launched in April 2016 by Founder Thea Jourdan with the help and support of her two founding directors, Carole Stone CBE and Jane Johnson.

Launched as a global blogging site on medical issues, its blogs have now reached millions of people around the world, not only through its own site, www.hippocraticpost.com, but via the MailOnline, which republishes many of its blogs, and multiple other health sites and news outlets.

Its reputation for excellence and editorial integrity is unchallenged and it has been fortunate to have enrolled over 1200 bloggers, including top academics and researchers, Presidents of medical colleges, policy makers, medical students,

nurses and alternative health practitioners. The Royal Society of Medicine, Médecins Sans Frontières, One Young World, the Apothecaries, Save the Children and multiple other institutions and charities continue to work with us on campaigns and promoting dialogue about medical issues that affect us all.

As well as organising debates with partners from the world of medicine, journalism and pharmaceutical industries, we also host the biennial Hippocratic Post Awards for Student Medical Journalism at City University of London in collaboration with its prestigious faculty of post-graduate journalism. Our next awards are due to be held at their Northampton Square campus in November 2019.

The Worshipful Society of Apothecaries

For over 400 years, the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries has represented distinguished medical professionals and pharmacists from its magnificent hall in Black Friars, London. King James 1 granted the Apothecaries their Charter of Incorporation on 6th December 1617 and drugs were made and sold at the Hall until 1922.

Today, it has a thriving membership and an active academic programme including faculties in the History and Philosophy

of Medicine and Pharmacy and in Conflict and Catastrophe Medicine. It runs seven postgraduate diplomas including a popular diploma in HIV Medicine which was established in 2002 in response to a perceived need from clinicians and in consultation with BHIVA and BASHH.

The examination is designed for registered medical practitioners who have regular clinical contact with HIV patients including those working in gastroenterology, genitourinary medicine, infectious diseases and thoracic medicine.

Gilead Sciences

Gilead Sciences is delighted to support the 'End of HIV?' Debate. Gilead Sciences is a research-based biopharmaceutical company that discovers, develops and commercialises innovative medicines in areas of unmet medical need. Gilead's therapeutic areas of focus include HIV/AIDS, liver diseases, haematology and oncology, and

inflammatory and respiratory diseases. Gilead has a rapidly expanding product portfolio, a growing pipeline of investigational drugs and more than 10,000 employees in offices across six continents. Millions of people around the world are living healthier lives because of innovative therapies developed by Gilead.



*Professor
Jane Anderson CBE*

Professor Jane Anderson (Consultant physician in HIV medicine, Homerton University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Court Assistant, Worshipful Society of Apothecaries). Jane has been involved in the clinical care of people with HIV since the beginning of the epidemic and works as a clinician and researcher in HIV medicine in East London. Her work focuses on the needs of ethnic minority and migrant populations in relation to HIV in the UK, with a particular interest in HIV care for women and families. From 2013 – 2016 she was seconded part time to Public Health England and currently chairs the PHE External

Advisory Group for HIV and Sexual/Reproductive Health. She represents London clinicians on the NHS England Clinical Reference Group for HIV and is Visiting Fellow, The King's Fund. Jane is Chair of the National AIDS Trust and past Chair of the British HIV Association. She holds honorary academic appointments at Barts and the London School of Medicine and Dentistry and at University College London. She was appointed CBE in 2015.



Dr Huda Taha

Dr Huda Taha is a consultant physician at Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust, where her clinical duties include running busy HIV and research clinics. Her specialist interests: HIV late presentation to the care & managing opportunistic infections including HIV-TB co infection, anti-retroviral therapy & switching due to HIV resistance mutations, co-morbidities and drug-drug interaction. Huda is education lead and supervisor to higher medical trainees, she is committed to enhancing

training and supporting to under and postgraduate trainees; Furthermore, she sits on the council committee in the Royal Society of Medicine. Huda was trained in genitourinary- HIV medicine in the West Midlands.



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Dr Michael Brady

Dr Brady joined Terrence Higgins Trust as a Trustee in 2004 and became the organisation's first Medical Director in 2007. Michael is a Sexual Health and HIV consultant at Kings College Hospital, where he is the Clinical Lead for Sexual Health services.

Michael is the Clinical Lead of the South East London Sexual Health Network and also chairs their Training Partnership. Michael has also worked on specific projects in an advisory capacity for BHIVA, BASHH, the RCP, NHS

England and the Department of Health.

Terrence Higgins Trust was the first charity in the UK to be set up in response to the HIV epidemic in 1983 and has been at the forefront of the fight against HIV and AIDS ever since.



Dr Yusef Azad

Dr Yusef Azad is Director of Strategy at NAT (National AIDS Trust), the UK's HIV policy and campaigning charity. Yusef joined NAT in 2004, having previously been a House of Commons Clerk. He has worked across all areas of HIV policy work, including HIV testing, PrEP, criminalisation of HIV transmission, treatment and support services, and migrant access to healthcare. He has also been active at the European level, chairing the European Commission's HIV/AIDS Civil Society Forum for three years.



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