**43/CW/SCM**

HIV/AIDS

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**Reporting Instructions**

**1**. You will need to contact Dr Mark Nelson [mark.nelson@chelwest.nhs.uk](mailto:mark.nelson@chelwest.nhs.uk) 3 weeks before your allocation to discuss your personal learning objectives and project choice. On the first day you will need to report to Dr Nelson in the Thomas Macaulay Ward.

**Learning Objectives**

* To experience rapidly changing field of medicine where frequent interaction with the medical literature is obligatory.
* To understand the means of acquisition of HIV infection and factors involved in transmission risk
* To be able to recognise the manifestations of HIV and how it may present in general clinical practice
* To be familiar with the classes of drugs used in suppression of HIV infection and when they are used.
* To be aware of side-effects and toxicities of current anti-retroviral drugs
* Be able to discuss the complex psychological and ethical issues in relation to HIV-positive people.

**Background Information**

Chelsea & Westminster NHS Trust run the largest HIV unit in Europe in the St Stephen’s Centre. We have a regular teaching programme for elective students from abroad, doctors from developing countries and visiting doctors from the UK.

**Key Learning Events**

Out-patient clinics – including Treatment Advice, Metabolic Clinic, Virtual Clinic (HIV resistance), HIV-Liaison Psychiatry, HIV-Family Clinic and HIV-ante-Natal Clinic.

Ward-based teaching, including clinical examination and ward rounds. Academic weekly ward round. Individual tutorials with Prof Gazzard and/or Dr Nelson.

**Assessment**

You will present the summary of your project (or a particularly interesting case presentation with a brief review of the relevant literature) on the third Thursday of the attachment. There may be an opportunity for students who do particularly well in this to apply for a scholarship to present this work at a conference.

**Recommended Reading**

*Chelsea & Westminster Hospital AIDS Care Handbook (Gazzard), ABC of AIDS (Adler/BMJ)*

**Periods when the module is available:** 1,2,7,8

**Maximum number of students per period**: 1