



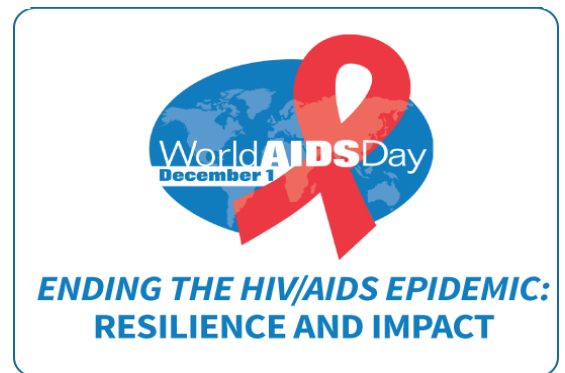
NEWSLETTER

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WORLD AIDS DAY

The theme for the 2020 observance is
**“Ending the HIV/AIDS Epidemic:
Resilience and Impact”**



World AIDS Day was first observed in 1988. Each year, organisations and individuals across the world bring attention to the HIV epidemic, endeavour to increase HIV awareness and knowledge, speak out against HIV stigma, and call for an increased response to move toward **“Ending the HIV Epidemic”**.

WHAT IS WORLD AIDS DAY?

World AIDS Day takes place on 1 December each year. It's an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, to show support for people living with HIV, and to commemorate those who have died from an AIDS-related illness. Founded in 1988, World AIDS Day was the first ever global health day.

HIV/AIDS IN SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa has been relentless in its mission to turn the HIV, AIDS, and TB epidemics around and there are notable achievements to celebrate. A review of our efforts in addressing the HIV and AIDS epidemic over the past 20 years, paints a mixed picture.

There have been many scientific advances in HIV treatment and we now have a much better understanding of the virus. More people are receiving antiretroviral treatment, which means HIV infection rates are decreasing. There is also a scientific optimism around the benefits of treatment as prevention, and progress towards a cure and vaccine.

HIV/AIDS

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PRESCRIBED MINIMUM
BENEFIT
(PMB)

Great news for medical scheme members is that HIV/AIDS is a PMB, meaning that medical schemes must provide benefits for HIV/AIDS for the entire year. Medical schemes can select designated service providers and formularies.

Most medical schemes have comprehensive benefits for HIV/AIDS that includes disease management programmes. Speak to your broker or contact Phoenix Healthcare Consultants. Tel. 010 443 97 31

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WHY STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION MATTER

Despite our many advances we still struggle to eliminate the stigma associated with HIV infection and the resultant discrimination. There are still people with limited knowledge of the facts about how to protect themselves and others.

Former President Nelson Mandela said: "Many people suffering from AIDS and not killed by the disease itself are killed by the stigma surrounding everybody who has HIV and AIDS".

HIV PREVENTION, RAPE & ASSAULT SUPPORT

Our foundation, The Samsodien Foundation NPC, offers members that register for the Roxy Assist Services, via the website, FREE access to the following benefits.

- 24/7/365 access to trauma counsellors
- referral to a doctor or clinic for counselling and implementation of short-term anti-retroviral drug regime
- initial blood tests, Morning-after-pill
- sexually transmitted infection medication
- follow up blood tests are organised and the progress is managed accordingly
- Ongoing counselling and support



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