



The Gold Star Network

Quality and Hope



You Deserve a Gold Star

Family Health International is partnering with the Kenya Medical Association to support a Network of private providers to deliver HIV care under the brand name Gold Star Network.

This Network complements the national subsidized services by treating those able to pay, effectively reducing the burden on government HIV/AIDS services.

from local standard laboratories with which you have an ongoing relationship.

Training

Comprehensive training and ongoing Continuing Medical Education (CME) are integral parts of Network operations, helping you provide quality care. Training curricula and materials have been adapted by KMA, NASCOP and FHI to cover the critical national HIV/AIDS training issues, but in a shorter timeframe to accommodate your busy schedule. Innovative training options and clinical practicum in Comprehensive Care Centres will be part of the training.

Clinical Support

As a Network member, you will have access to a range of references for clinical support. Upon initiation, you will receive training and internationally recognized clinical references - as well as a special members-only hotline to give you access to senior FHI and KMA medical staff.

During the first year, a mentorship program will link you with other members. In addition, you will have opportunities to network with interesting members at CME and other events.

WHY JOIN?

1 MEDICINE & SUPPLIES

An assured supply of guaranteed quality antiretroviral medicine.

2 LABORATORY ACCESS

Rapid and affordable turnaround for clinical AIDS lab tests.

3 SUPPORT

One-on-one support from experts in the field. Linkage to a network assuring integrated care of patients with HIV / AIDS

4 TRAINING AND CME

Members receive training on entry, and ongoing CME, to assist them in providing up-to-date best practices in all aspects of patient care.

Operations

Pharmaceuticals

Network members gain access to HIV test-kits, cotrimoxazole and medicines used to treat common opportunistic infections, and quality antiretroviral drugs (branded and generic) at low prices, reflecting significant member discounts offered through Pharm Access Africa Ltd, an experienced partner in this venture. The advantage to you is threefold: lower prices, guaranteed quality and an assured supply of medication with a fast turnaround (24-48 hours) from prescription to delivery.

Laboratory Tests

A nationally recognized reference laboratory provides CD4, CD8 and viral load tests at negotiated rates to Network members.

Providers can send samples directly; alternatively, you can send



In subsequent years, online clinical mentorship and support systems will be developed.

Counseling Support

FHI and KMA have established ongoing counseling and support services for clients through a local collaborating counseling organization that will arrange sessions and counselors dedicated to your private patients.

What FHI and KMA Will Do for You

Building Client Base

As a Network member, you may add your professional contact information to a referral list of high quality providers included in materials distributed during facility-based HIV/AIDS education.

FHI and KMA will continue working with local enterprises and insurance companies to negotiate pre-approval for HIV/AIDS care for you and all other Network members.

Obligations of Network Members

Payments for Treatment

The Network is not a vehicle for subsidy, and all payments to providers for consultations, testing and medicines are expected to come from patients, their employers or their insurer, as is normal practice.

Members are expected to adhere to set clinical standards, maintain clinical records and submit data to FHI and KMA at agreed intervals.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. KMA members registered by the Medical Practitioner & Dentist Board and licensed for private practice.
2. Operating an established clinic in Nairobi, Nakuru, or Mombasa.
3. Meeting the highest standards for ethics and quality of care.



Obligations of the Network Member

- Adhere to clinical standards
- Maintain clinical records for ART and pre-ART patients
- Treat all patients with respect

Obligations of FHI and KMA

- Assure availability of tests & ARVs
- Negotiate bulk-purchase prices on lab tests and pharmaceuticals
- Facilitate member referrals for adherence counseling and clinical specialties as needed
- Promote the Network as the quality leader in HIV/AIDS care

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