Monday Night at the Master's

Riverside Lobby

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The International HIV Epidemic: Time for Clinical Hope; Time for Financial Worry

David Hoos, MD, MPH, has been recognized as a technical expert in a number of areas related to HIV/AIDS policy and programming and currently serves as a member of the Technical Review Panel (TRP) for the Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM). He is the director for the Multi-country Columbia Antiretroviral Program (MCAP), a large new (\$25 million/year for 5 years) program funded by the CDC. MCAP is working with partners in Kenya, Mozambique, Rwanda, South Africa, and Tanzania to implement and scale up HIV treatment programs.

There is increasing evidence that the peak of the international HIV epidemic is past. The number of deaths and new infections are decreasing. HIV rates are decreasing in a number of the most hard-hit countries. The number of people on HIV treatment in low and middle income countries is now over 6 million. The global economic crisis, however, is a threat to continuing these public health victories: a retreat from international development assistance will be short-sighted.

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