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The HIV/AIDS epidemic has matured in India during the last two decades. The statistical data reported from India appear controversial although I sincerely hope that the revised lower estimates are correct. The most common route of HIV transmission in India is heterosexual. Therefore, from a public health point of view, it is currently the most important sexually transmitted infection (STI) with other STIs being seen less frequently. I propose that every dermatovenereologist should be familiar with treatment of HIV/AIDS although it is a challenging task that requires extensive continual updating. It is with this intent that IJDVL has decided to publish a series of review articles on the subject of HIV infection.

There are several issues involved in the management

of HIV infection; it is difficult to discuss all of them. Like syphilis, HIV/AIDS is a multisystem disease, which demands that dermatovenereologists learn skills outside their core areas of competence. Keeping this in mind, this update on HIV infection carries articles on HIV and tuberculosis co-infection, perinatal HIV intervention and pediatric antiretroviral therapy written by experts in their fields. We hope that an increasing number of dermatovenereologists will join us in our fight against the HIV/AIDS epidemic in India. I am sure this seminar on HIV infection shall be of immense benefit to them.

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