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NEWS

Hydroxyurea offers an important, lower-cost alternative to other ARTs. HU salvage therapy is shown to be of benefit in clinical trials.

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IL-2 plus ART improves immune function.

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Complex dosing regimens make it difficult to stick with drug cocktails. Research is needed to simplify regimens to avoid dangerous resistance and to make life easier for the people following them.

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Children orphaned by AIDS and their advocates continue the struggle to be heard.

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PWA lounge offers a quiet sanctuary for people living with HIV.

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Dominic Vuichard from the Conference's community office poses in the tranquil setting of the PWA Lounge. The lounge has been central to allowing delegates taking drug cocktails to adhere to the regimens. With refrigerators, a varied food supply, and support, adherence becomes much easier. Feature story: page 4.

Pascal Frautschi

Plenary

'AZT's 10th anniversary' sparks hard questions

Triple therapy for the world's 2.3 million people living with AIDS is not a utopian vision, claims Jorge Belloqui of Brazil. He suggests just shifting a portion of military budgets into official aid to developing countries. The US military budget of CHF460

billion, Russia's CHF175 billion, and Japan's CHF75 billion compare starkly with the CHF28 billion Belloqui estimates would provide triple therapy to every person with AIDS.

"If we brought all the developed countries up to Switzerland's aid level,

the official aid budget would increase by CHF65 billion yearly. Bring it up to Canada's level, and we're talking about CHF110 billion more a year," he says.

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