

Management of opportunistic infections and other surgical conditions in HIV infected patients.

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The emergence of HIV infection and AIDS has changed the pattern of many diseases in various fields of medicine including surgery. In surgical practice changes have been documented in the pattern of diseases such as pyomyositis, Kaposi's sarcoma, tuberculosis, empyema thoracis among others. The pattern of change is however different between the developed and the developing world. The management may also differ according to the disease presentation. The patient's response to surgical treatment has also changed. This paper reviews and discusses the pattern of disease presentation of HIV related surgical conditions and the management of such conditions in the developing world.