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Note: Dr. Merle Sande, professor and chair of internal medicine at the U of U School of Medicine, is co-chairing this AIDS symposium in Sun Valley next Monday.
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"AIDS IN THE RURAL WEST: CHALLENGES AND PROGRESS" IS KEY TOPIC ON AUGUST 20

A panel of HIV/AIDS specialists will address the topic of AIDS in rural Idaho as part of a special symposium next weekend in Sun Valley, Idaho.

MEDIA ARE INVITED TO COVER:

Subject:  "AIDS in Rural Idaho: Challenges and Progress"
Date:     Monday, August 20
Time:     12:30-1:30 PM – Presentations by Panel of HIV/AIDS Specialists
          1:30-2:30 PM – Press Availability with Specialists
Place:    Sun Valley Convention Center (Continental Room)
          2 Sun Valley Road
          Sun Valley, Idaho

The AIDS pandemic in Idaho presents unique challenges in prevention, diagnosis, and treatment. Clinicians, nurses, and pharmacists are responding to the epidemic in creative ways.

The panel presentations will include a discussion of a cluster of Idaho women infected with HIV, how current Idaho education policies hamper prevention efforts among school children, and challenges and creative strategies for providing high quality health care for Idahoans infected with HIV.

The Idaho experience with AIDS will help the public to understand AIDS in the rural West. The August 20th panel discussion will continue the effort started in Sun Valley last year to focus public attention on the challenges involved in responding to AIDS in the Western United States.

Titled "The Medical Management of AIDS: A Comprehensive Review of HIV Management," the symposium is co-sponsored by the Schools of Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco and the University of Utah.

Symposium co-chairs are Paul Volberding, MD, UCSF professor of medicine and chief of the medical service at the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center, and Merle Sande, MD, professor and chair of the Department of Internal Medicine, University of Utah.

Participants in the panel presentations and press event include:

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- Sky Blue, MD, infectious disease specialist, director of HIV Services for the Family Practice Medical Center, Boise, Idaho.
- Carolyn Cheney, RN, HIV/AIDS Nurse Case Manager and Prevention Coordinator, Pocatello, Idaho.
- David Hachev, PharmD, assistant clinical professor, Idaho State University, College of Pharmacy and Department of Family Medicine, Pocatello, Idaho.
- Martha Tanner, MD, infectious disease specialist, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

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