

December 1st was World AIDS Day, and because the studentBMJ doesn't tend to do 'days', we thought we'd highlight it in our own way, trying to keep it in the public eye. Commemorative dates such as this often garner a flurry of media attention, and then it dies down - job done.

So whilst you're celebrating the festive period (or working as many doctors around the world are), remember that during every minute of your Christmas lunch, six people will have died of AIDS. It's a sobering thought.

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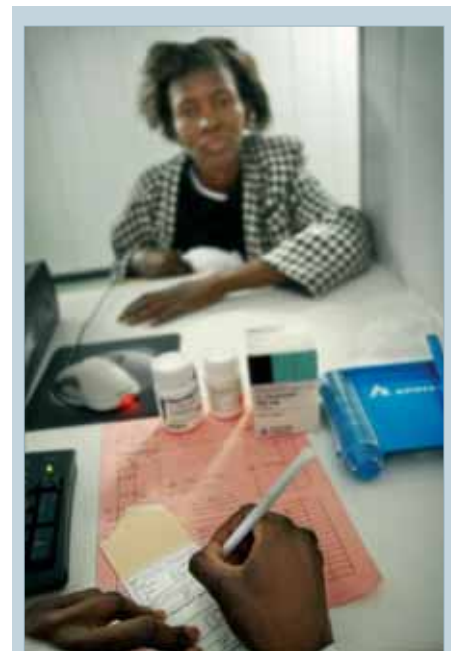
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