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## **The course of two viruses: HIV associated multicentric Castleman's disease**

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Castleman's disease was first described by Dr. Benjamin Castleman in 1956. It is a benign and rare lymphoproliferative disorder. The two main forms are unicentric and multicentric Castleman's disease. In HIV positive patients, available evidence points to HHV8 as the cause of multicentric Castleman's disease. The synergism of HIV and HHV8 causes a number of common HIV associated diseases which may pose diagnostic challenges. In addition, HIV associated multicentric Castleman's disease poses management challenges. This presentation discusses some of these challenges, specifically as relevant to Sub-Saharan Africa, in the light of current research questions about HIV and HHV8.