

April 2018



UPCOMING MEETINGS

May 14-16: HVTN Annual Meeting; Washington, DC

May 17-19: HPTN Annual Meeting; Washington, DC

June 8-10: Adherence 2018; Miami, FL

June 16-19: IMPAACT Annual Meeting, Washington, DC

Jun 20-24: 2018 Annual ACTG Network Meeting; Washington, DC

Jul 23-27: 22nd International AIDS Conference, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Oct 22-25: HIVR4P 2018; Madrid, Spain

Mar 18-21: 2019 National HIV Prevention Conference, Atlanta, GA

Jun 11-14: 2019 IMPAACT Annual Meeting, Washington, DC

Jun 16-20: 2019 Annual ACTG Network Meeting; Arlington, VA

July 14-17: 2019 STI and HIV World Congress, Vancouver, BC, Canada

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HANC & Network Announcements

HANC: HANC is currently hiring a Laboratory Project Manager. For more information about the position, [click here](#). Please feel free to share the job posting.

On April 5 at 11am PT/2pm ET, the Legacy Project will host a webinar titled, "Outreach and Marketing Fundamentals in Clinical Research Webinar Series—Part 2—Social Media Engagement". [Click here](#) to register for the webinar.



ACTG recently released its latest [newsletter](#). In this edition, you'll find out more about:

- ACTG celebrates National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
- Recent article highlights need for women in HIV research
- The Clinical Research Director at UNC-CH retires
- University of Washington, Seattle, remembers CAB member Abe Gaston



The HPTN Annual Meeting will take place May 15-19 at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C. Community-led meetings will be held at the

Grand Hyatt Washington on May 15-16. The Annual Meeting features an engaging lineup of speakers and topics including keynotes from Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), and Ambassador-at-Large Deborah L. Birx, M.D., coordinator of the United States Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS and U.S. special representative for Global Health Diplomacy. The meeting also includes a variety of study-specific meetings, Community Working Group sessions, and scientific plenaries. To learn more, [click here](#).



The HVTN is preparing for our upcoming Full Group Meeting May 14-16, 2018 in Washington

DC. Plenary sessions will highlight "Keeping the Momentum Going," "Pediatric and TB Vaccines," "Community Engagement Preparation for the AMP Study," and scientific presentations from our RAMP and HIP Scholars. These presentations will include Zimbabwean Health Practitioners' Knowledge of and Attitudes towards HIV Vaccines and VISIP, Assessing Participant Experience with Intravenous Infusion of a Monoclonal Antibody in HVTN 704/HPTN 085 AMP Study, Characterization of human HIV vaccine-induced bone marrow plasma cells, and a Mixed-methods study of experiences getting PrEP through the HVTN 704/HPTN 085 (AMP Study) PrEP Referral Program, among others.



IMPAACT 2014 - a Phase I/II, open-label study to evaluate the pharmacokinetics (PK) and safety of doravirine and a fixed

dose combination of doravirine, lamivudine and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate in HIV-infected adolescents - opened to accrual in March. Up to 65 ART-naïve or virologically suppressed participants will be enrolled in two sequential dosing cohorts at sites in Thailand, South Africa and the US. More information on the study is [available here](#).



The MTN Annual Meeting was held March 19-20 in Bethesda, Maryland at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center.

The meeting featured **ASPIRE** dapivirine vaginal ring study participant Ruth Nahurira from Kampala, Uganda, who described her moving experience using the ring, which was met with a standing ovation. Ruth explained that being a trial participant made her "life shine" because she no longer had to compromise and had something that was truly hers. She described being empowered by her experience with the ring and inspired to enroll into the university.

The meeting also included an update on MTN's rectal microbicide agenda, featuring a panel discussion on the perspectives of youth and transgender people on HIV prevention products, who were passionate about the need for options in HIV prevention that enable people to pick and choose what works best for them. These and other [MTN Annual Meeting presentation slides](#) are available on MTN's website.

One day prior to the meeting, MTN also pilot tested a new transgender training tool developed by the DAIDS Cross Network Transgender Working Group. During the training session, presenters Tori Cooper and Melissa Murry took attendees through the first two modules of the training curriculum, *An Introduction to Transgender Communities and Creating A Gender-Affirming HIV Research Environment*.

At the start and closing of the meeting, a touching tribute was made to **Charlene Dezzutti**, MTN's PI of the Network Laboratory, who passed away just prior to the meeting. In the words of MTN's PI Sharon Hillier, "Charlene was a key member of the MTN family, leading the development of the MTN from its earliest stages. She developed and led the laboratory structures which have successfully supported the many clinical trials conducted by us over the past 12 years. It is impossible to express what Charlene's life and career meant to all of us. The greatest tribute we can give to Charlene would be to remain steadfast in our shared commitment to prevent HIV. She was passionate about the work and the people we serve in communities so impacted by HIV."



REMINDERS

- The "[Portal Trainings & FAQ](#)" pages and documents have been updated for SharePoint 2010.
- Have you ever wondered how to reach a colleague at another network or DAIDS? Check out the [cross-network contact list](#), the [DAIDS staff list](#), or the [DAIDS Topic-specific contact list](#) on the left-hand navigation bar of the [portal homepage](#).
- **Did you know?** NIAID posts funding opportunities to its public website. For more details, [click here](#).
- Check out the [NIH Clinical Regulation website](#), created with the goal of helping researchers learn about international clinical regulations. Users can compare clinical regulations between countries in navigable side-by-side format, in topics such as Ethics Committees, Sponsorship, Clinical Trial Lifecycle, and more!
- Did you know you can access real time accrual information and protocol documents on the HANC portal? [Click here to go to the Quick Protocol Summary!](#)

HELPFUL TIPS

- Forgot your portal password? Reset it by going to [Log On Help](#).
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HANC Program Highlights

Behavioral Science: The Behavioral Science Consultative Group continues to discuss possible agenda items for the face to face meeting in June. Dr. Michael Stirratt and Dr. Gregory Greenwood, both of NIMH, have been invited to attend the one day meeting.

Communications: The Communications Working Group revisited group priorities and goals for the upcoming year. Members identified several action items and topics of interest, such as social media, to focus future calls on.

Community Coordination: Community Partners is in the process of scheduling its annual F2F Meeting to be held in the DC area during October 2018.

Community Partners will be attending the April 12th Phoenix Study Team call to discuss community messaging around the PHOENIX study.

Community Partners will be seeking input from CABs, site staff and community members around revising the Recommendations Document.

Data Management Center (DMC): The Data Management Center Working Group discussed reporting of sexual assault adverse events, eSignatures on case report forms, and transitions to Medidata Rave. The group also formulated a pilot implementation plan for the DAIDS Safety Data Reconciliation Policy.

IT Best Practices: The IT Best Practices Working Group met to discuss biennial revisions to the IT Best Practices and Standards for Sites. Ad hoc meetings will be ongoing until updates are complete.

Laboratory: The Laboratory Focus Group discussed updates to the primary network lab listing and Good Clinical Laboratory Practice (GCLP) guidelines.

CPQA-mAb: Dr. David Gonzalez presented "Frontiers in Quantitative Multiplexed Proteomics" on the March CPQA Monoclonal Antibodies and Small Molecule Tissue Pharmacology Working Group call.

Legacy Project: Two new webinar recordings are now available for your convenience:

- Part 2 of "[It's Time to Deliver: Including Pregnant and Lactating Women in Clinical Research](#)" featuring Drs. Lynne Mofenson, Sharon Nachman, Carl Dieffenbach, and Liz Barr
- "[Outreach and Marketing Fundamentals in Clinical Research](#)" featuring Johnathon Briggs. Part 2 of this series, focused on social media engagement, airs on April 5; register [here](#).

4/6: Abstracts for workshop proposals to the United States Conference on AIDS are due. The Legacy Project and Women's HIV Research Collaborative will be submitting several abstracts on a variety of topics, including pregnancy and lactation, intersectionality in HIV prevention for women, faith, aging, and the Be the Generation project. Notifications will be released later this Spring.

4/10: Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. Legacy staff in Seattle will participate in a local event in commemoration of the day.

4/16: Brian Minalga will participate in a meeting at the NIH in Bethesda, MD to develop recommendations regarding ethics in HIV phylogenetic analysis with a focus on potential findings of individual identifiable transmission events. Approximately twenty experts in phylogenetic research, law, bioethics, HIV criminalization, and advocacy will convene to draft a recommendations document with the aim to seek publication in early July.

4/18: Transgender HIV Testing Day

Research Site Management & Clinical Trial Logistics: The Site Coordinators Working Group provided input on the Community Partner's Recommendations for Community Engagement in HIV/AIDS Research. The group also continued to discuss site monitoring and transitions in electronic data capture systems.

Youth Prevention Research Working Group: The Youth Prevention Research Working Group submitted a proposal for a satellite symposium at [AIDS 2018](#) in early 2018. The YPRWG was notified in late March that the proposal has been accepted. The YPRWG will be planning the session over the next couple of months. The title of the session as of now is, "Prevention Solutions for the Next Generation: Highlighting Adolescent Research in the NIH HIV/AIDS Clinical Trials Networks and the Adolescent Trials Network". The session will build on the symposium the YPRWG hosted at AIDS 2017 in Paris, France. More details will follow once available.