

February 2017



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Feb 13-16: CROI 2017;
Seattle, WA

Feb 27– Mar 3: First
Annual HVTN sub-
Saharan Africa Regional
Meeting; Johannesburg,
South Africa

Mar 19-22: 2017 MTN
Annual Meeting; Bethes-
da, MD

Apr 8-14: HPTN Annual
Meeting; Washington,
DC

May 23-29: HVTN Annu-
al Meeting; Washington,
DC

May 30-Jun 4: 2017 IM-
PAACT Annual Meeting;
Washington, DC

Jun 4-6: Adherence
2017; Miami, FL

Jun 25-29: ACTG Annual
Meeting; Washington,
DC

Jul 23-26: IAS 2017; Par-
is, France

Mar 4-7; CROI 2018;
Boston, MA

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

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other events, go to the
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HANC & Network Announcements

HANC: Community Partners will be hosting a webinar, **Zika: Facts vs Fiction** on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 presented by Dr. Cristina Cassetti. Dr. Cassetti will provide an overview of facts about Zika including:

- What is Zika?
- How Zika is transmitted
- Most common symptoms of Zika
- How you can better protect yourself and your family from Zika
- Zika vaccine development

Dr. Cassetti is the Translational Sciences Program Director in the Virology Branch of the Division of Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (DMID) at NIAID. She currently oversees translational research and product development activities in the virology branch and also serves as the deputy chief. In December 2015, she was appointed to coordinate the Zika research response in DMID at NIAID.



ACTG recently released its latest [newsletter](#).

CROI 2017 is February 13-16 in Seattle, WA. CROI 2017 will feature four oral and 25 poster presentations from ACTG investigators. To review a list of accepted abstracts to be presented by the ACTG Network Investigators at CROI 2017, [click here](#).



The National AIDS Education and Services for Minorities (NAESM) conference was held January 19-22 in Dallas, Texas. The 14th annual Africa American

MSM leadership conference on HIV/AIDS and other health disparities attracted several hundred healthcare providers, government officials, people living with HIV/AIDS, researchers and community members for four days of education, professional/personal development, and networking. The HPTN co-hosted and co-sponsored along with the HVTN and MTN a presentation and plenary. "From Top to Bottom: Everything You Need to Know About Anal Health" presented the many facets of anal health among Black MSM and transgender people, including beliefs and barriers that negatively affect access to care. The discussion that followed allowed attendees to engage in a discussion about the best ways to improve anal health in communities most at risk for HIV. The breakfast plenary, "HIV Prevention Research Studies Engaging Black MSM and Transgender Persons" provided updates on two biomedical HIV prevention research studies (HVTN 704/HPTN 084, also known as AMP, and HPTN 083) seeking to advance HIV prevention options available for Black MSM and transgender men and women who have sex with men.

For the upcoming 24th annual Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (CROI), HPTN researchers will present 10 study-related abstracts covering HPTN 037, 052, 065, 067, 068, 069, 071, and six abstracts covering not linked to a specific HPTN protocol.



The HVTN is holding a regional meeting in Johannesburg, South Africa on Feb. 28-March 1. In collaboration with the HPTN, training will be held for new clinical, pharmacy, and community engagement staff conducting HVTN 703/HPTN 081 during the week prior, as well as a retention workshop for all sites conducting the AMP Study.

To find out more information about upcoming HVTN conferences, please [click here](#).



Two related studies, IMPAACT P1060 and P1104s, were successfully completed in December 2016. P1060 was designed to compare nevirapine (NVP)-based versus ritonavir-boosted lopinavir-based antiretroviral regimens with among HIV-infected children between two to 36 months of age in resource-limited settings. Results from the two initial parts of the study were published in the [New England Journal of Medicine](#) in 2010 and 2012, respectively, with the latter showing superior performance of LPV/r-based therapy over NVP in both virologic failure and drug discontinuation. The study continued through 2016 to assess long term outcomes. IMPAACT P1104s is a sub-study of IMPAACT P1060, designed to assess the feasibility, reliability, and validity of administering a neuropsychological assessment battery and to compare neuropsychological outcomes between the study groups cross-sectionally and longitudinally over three years. Baseline results were presented at the [2016 HIV Pediatric Workshop](#) and [AIDS 2016](#); a number of manuscripts are in development.



MTN has released a meeting report from a stakeholders consultation on the MTN-034/IPM 045 (REACH) open-label safety and adherence study of the dapivirine vaginal ring and oral PrEP in adolescent girls and young women. The meeting took place September 29-30, 2016 in Johannesburg, South Africa, and included more than 40 attendees. Meeting attendees represented civil society and advocates focused on HIV prevention, women's reproductive health and girls empowerment; ethicists and Institutional Review Board/Ethics Committee chairs; national HIV program officers; and young African women between the ages of 16 and 25. The meeting report, [Meeting the HIV Prevention Needs of Adolescent Girls and Young Women: Stakeholders consultation on REACH \(MTN-034\)](#), is available on MTN's website.

At the recent 2017 National African American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS and Other Health Disparities (NAESM), January 19-22, in Dallas, Texas, MTN presented a workshop on cultivating desire in HIV prevention in which participants practiced framing messaging about biomedical HIV prevention around desire, intimacy and pleasure. MTN also partnered with HVTN and HPTN on a three-hour institute at NAESM focused on anal health.

Registration is now open for the 2017 MTN Annual Meeting, March 19-22, in Bethesda, Maryland. [Agenda and registration information](#) is available on MTN's website.

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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](#).
- Find many HIV/AIDS resources and links [www.hanc.info](#).

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HANC Program Highlights

Behavioral Science: Members of the [Behavioral Science Consultative Group](#) are working with the [PHOENIX \(A5300B/I2003B\)](#) protocol team on adherence assessment. PHOENIX, or Protecting Households On Exposure to Newly Diagnosed Index Multidrug Resistant Tuberculosis Patients, is a multi-center study open to select ACTG and IMPAACT international clinical trial units and their clinical research sites.

Communications: The Communications Working Group discussed abstracts and posters being presented by the networks at CROI as well as strategies for working with dating apps like Grindr to advertise network studies.

Community Coordination: The Community Partners (CP) Training Working Group is seeking feedback and input from CAB and community members regarding the Research Ethics and Informed Consent Video that was recently developed by CP and DAIDS.

The Research Ethics and Informed Consent Video was previewed at the ACTG Network GCAB meeting and posted on the DAIDS Learning Portal and the HANC Public website. The video can be accessed on the HANC public site at <https://www.hanc.info/cp/resources/Pages/Research-Ethics-and-Informed-Consent-Video.aspx> or on the DAIDS Learning Portal at <https://niaid.usalearning.net/course/view.php?id=139> (where you will be prompted to sign in).

Before developing any future trainings CP would like to collect feedback about the value of this type of format and identify your most critical training needs. We would appreciate your input and feedback from the network/site CABs on the following questions by clicking on the following survey link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GQN5QYY>

Data Management Center (DMC): The DMC Working Group continued to discuss electronic signature and EDC implementation. SCHARP and FSTRF are each planning to launch approximately 18 studies in Medidata Rave in 2017.

Laboratory: VQAAB reviewed 4 reports this month: 3 reports for RNA032 and 1 report for DNA DBS211. LTC led a Webinar Training for their members regarding responsibilities, expectations, and available resources. A Lab Tech’s role in the protocol development process has increasingly become more involved and complex. HANC assists in easier accessibility for process knowledge among the networks. TBLD-WG discussed the Final Proficiency Testing panels of 2016 for both the Xpert MTB/RIF and GenoType MTBDR plus (LPA assay). Most labs are doing well. New lot of Sigma FBS has been forwarded to IQA for lot testing. BARC in South Africa is planning to pre-purchase irradiated Gemini FBS that will be made available for other labs in the

area to purchase for their own. LFG discussed the results of the last PBMC Cryopreservation PT panel for 2016 where 83 labs were approved for both overall % viability and % recovery. HANC will be meeting with several working group members attending CROI Seattle next month.

Legacy Project: The Women’s HIV Research Collaborative (WHRC) is holding co-chair elections. The following WHRC members are running for the 2017-2019 co-chair term: Liz Barr (up for re-election), Danielle Campbell, Clare Collins, and Kimberly Parker. Election results will be announced at the end of February.

The WHRC is also authoring a position statement directed at the Division of AIDS on gendered violence, HIV acquisition, and clinical/behavioral research. The focus of the statement is on the role of research in assessing for gendered violence in clinical settings. To inform the statement, WHRC members will soon begin to survey the five NIH-funded HIV/AIDS clinical trials networks on their current practices for assessing for violence in research settings.

Members of the HPTN, HVTN, and MTN are working with the Legacy Project to renovate the Be the Generation website. A new version of the website is expected to roll out in Spring 2017.

Upcoming Events

2/6: The Legacy Project invites you to a dynamic webinar on February 6, 2017 at 12pm PT featuring Dr. Michele Andrasik, PhD who will address the impact of privilege and power on health; increase awareness of implicit bias; discuss how stigma, historical trauma, and micro-aggressions are linked to health and health outcomes; and discuss potential strategies, tools, and techniques to address existing disparities. [Register here for the webinar.](#)

2/11: Legacy Project Working Group (LPWG) members in Seattle are co-hosting a community gathering with local organizations to commemorate Black History Month. The gathering will take place at the Northwest African American Museum from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will feature Dr. Michele Peake Andrasik, who will deliver an interactive presentation titled, “Black Health: What Makes Us Sick and What Can We Do About It?” LPWG members across the country are encouraged to execute local events based on the [HIV.gov national commemorative days](#).

Research Site Management & Clinical Trials Logistics: The Site Coordinators Working Group discussed network-specific procedures for protocol deviation reporting, ongoing implementation of Medidata Rave, and the use of centralized IRBs.

Youth Prevention Working Group: The Youth Prevention Research Working Group discussed plans to present a seminar or workshop at the IMPAACT Annual Meeting in June and/or the IAS Meeting in July. There will also be webinars hosted by the YPRWG throughout 2017 – more details to come.