

February 2018



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Feb 21-22: HVTN 2018 Regional Meeting; Cape Town, South Africa

Mar 4-7: CROI 2018; Boston, MA

Mar 18-21: 2018 MTN Annual Meeting; Bethesda, MD

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

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## HANC & Network Announcements

**HANC:** The Women's HIV Research Collaborative is hosting a two-part webinar series, "It's Time to Deliver: Including Pregnant and Lactating Women in Clinical Research," in partnership with the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine, and Treatment Action Group. The first webinar in the series takes place on Wednesday, February 14 at 10 a.m. Pacific. [Register here](#).



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

- Updates from the ACTG Network Data Management Center (FSTRF)
- CROI 2018 (March 4-7) will be held in Boston, MA.
- Reprieve is on track to hit enrollment goals
- The ACTG will hold a Scientific Retreat at the conclusion of CROI 2018.



The National AIDS Education and Services for Minorities (NAESM) conference was held January 18-21 in Atlanta. The 15th annual African 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 and personal development, and networking. The HPTN co-hosted and co-sponsored along with the HVTN, Legacy Project, and MTN, a research literacy workshop. "Getting Your HIV Science Fleeky" focused on the purpose, process, and value of HIV research. Speakers also provided the latest updates in biomedical HIV prevention research and advocacy.



HVTN 705 is currently open and enrolling at three sites in South Africa, and the other sites in South Africa, Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe will be opening in the coming months. Our other efficacy trials, HVTN 702 and the two AMP studies (in conjunction with the HPTN), continue to enroll ahead of projected expectations. These 4 trials will be the primary focus of our upcoming regional meeting February 21-22 in Cape Town, South Africa.



A Phase I/II open-label, single-arm, multisite study of Delamanid (DLM) in HIV-infected and HIV-uninfected pediatric populations with multidrug-resistant tuberculosis (IMPAACT 2005) was opened to accrual in January. The study is designed to characterize the pharmacokinetics of DLM using a model-based approach, and to evaluate safety and tolerability of DLM over 24 weeks of study treatment and will be conducted at sites in Botswana, India, South Africa and Tanzania. More information is available [here](#). In addition, the NIAID press release regarding initiation of IMPAACT 2010, a large international study to compare the safety and efficacy of three ART regimens for pregnant women living with HIV and the safety of these regimens for their infants, highlighted in last month's newsletter, is available [here](#).



MTN hosted a workshop, Flirt, Insert & Squirt: Developing rectal microbicides for YOUR sex life, at the 2018 African American MSM Leadership Conference on Health Disparities and Social Justice (NAESM 2018) on January 19 in Atlanta. The workshop addressed where rectal microbicide research is heading and why on demand, non-systemic products represent important options for HIV prevention through anal sex. Attendees participated in a group activity to develop messaging around three potential HIV prevention products (rectal douches, suppositories and inserts) whose acceptability will be explored as placebo products in an upcoming MTN study. The study, MTN-035, is expected to launch later in 2018.

A stakeholder consultation for [MTN-034 \(REACH\)](#) will be held early February in Kisumu, Kenya. REACH (Reversing the Epidemic in Africa with Choices in HIV prevention) will evaluate a monthly dapivirine vaginal ring and daily PrEP among young women ages 16-21, and their preferences for either or both approaches. Importantly, the study will collect much needed information on the safety of these products in this population. The consultation is being held in partnership with the Impact Research and Development Organization (Impact-RDO), Nyanza Initiative for Girls' Education & Empowerment (NIGEE), AVAC and the Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) Centre for Global Health Research. It will provide an update on study status and timelines and engage with a broad base of stakeholders, including teen girls and young women, about issues that may affect in-country approvals and study implementation. Pending all approvals, the REACH study is slated to begin later this year, and will be enrolling 300 young women.



## 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](http://www.hanc.info).

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## HANC Program Highlights

**Behavioral Science:** The Behavioral Science Consultative Group is in the early stages of planning for the BSCG face to face meeting. The one day meeting will be held on June 7, 2018 in Miami, FL before the start of the [Adherence 2018 Conference](#). More details will follow once the agenda has been established.

**Communications:** The Communications Working Group discussed networks' priorities and goals for 2018 and the potential for developing a comprehensive, cross-network resource to illustrate site trial information.

**Community Coordination:** Community Partners is in the process of nominations for a Strategic Working Group (SWG) representative. SWG representatives serve to provide a direct link between Community Partners and Network leadership. SWG representatives bring a cross-Network community perspective into leadership discussions.

**Data Management Center (DMC):** The Data Management Center Working Group discussed implementation of the new DAIDS Safety Data Reconciliation Policy with representatives from OPCRO and the DAIDS RSC.

**Laboratory:** The Laboratory Focus Group discussed updates to the Cross-Network Guidelines for Diagnosis of HIV Infection, the Cross-Network PBMC Processing SOP, and the Cold Chain Guidelines. The LFG also recently elected Ted Livant as the new Co-Chair to serve alongside current Co-Chair, Estelle Piwowar-Manning.

The TB Lab Diagnostics Working Group shared updates on the status of the TB Sourcebook implementation and development of the HANC TB Infection Control training module. The TBLDWG also discussed upcoming transi-

tions in working group leadership.

**Legacy Project:** Feb 7: National Black HIV Awareness Day

Feb 14: The Women's HIV Research Collaborative is hosting a two-part webinar series, "It's Time to Deliver: Including Pregnant and Lactating Women in Clinical Research," in partnership with the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine, and Treatment Action Group. The first webinar in the series takes place on Wednesday, February 14 at 10 a.m. Pacific. Register here: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3607400182390523394>

Legacy is now collecting updates from the HPTN, HVTN, and MTN to include in the March issue of BTG News. Please send your updates to [bminal-ga@fredhutch.org](mailto:bminal-ga@fredhutch.org).

## Network Working Group/Pilot 2 Working Group:

The Network and Pilot 2 Working Groups have finished developing their final recommendations related to harmonizing the distribution of protocol funds and protocol costing methodologies across the networks. Recommendations will be submitted to DAIDS by the end of January 2018.

## Research Site Management & Clinical Trial Logistics:

The Site Coordinators Working Group received updates on the NWG and P2WG protocol funding recommendations and discussed use of clinical trial management systems and tools.

**Youth Prevention Research Working Group:** The Youth Prevention Research Working Group has been discussing possible webinar topics for a spring webinar and a fall webinar. Once the topics are selected and dates are set, the YPRWG will share the details with HANC collaborators.