



HANC & Network Announcements

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Jul 23-26: IAS 2017;
Paris, France

Oct 18-20: HPTN
Regional Meeting;
Johannesburg, South
Africa

Oct 25-26: 11th Na-
tional SBSRN CFAR
Meeting; San Fran-
cisco, CA

Mar 4-7: CROI 2018;
Boston, MA

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

Jun 20-24: 2018 An-
nual ACTG Network
Meeting; Washing-
ton, DC

Oct 22-25: HIVR4P
2018; Madrid, Spain

Jul 14-17 2019: STI &
HIV World Congress;
Vancouver, Canada

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HANC: On July 11, at 11am PT/2pm ET, the Legacy Project will host a webinar titled, “CDC’s Response to HIV-related Disparities among African American Gay and Bisexual Men in the US: Update 2017” with Dr. Eugene McCray, the Director of CDC’s Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention. For more information on the webinar and to register, [click here](#).

The Youth Prevention Research Working Group will be presenting a satellite symposium at IAS in July titled “Prevention Solutions for the Next Generation: Highlighting Adolescent Research in the NIH HIV/AIDS Clinical Trials Networks and the Adolescent Trials Network.” This symposium will highlight NIH-sponsored multi-center international adolescent prevention research including HPTN 082, MTN-034, IMPAACT 2009, and the ATN iTech studies.



ACTG recently released its latest [newsletter](#). ACTG Leadership and Operations Center Staff participated in AIDS Walk Boston 2017. The staff raised over \$1500 for

HIV/AIDS outreach, treatment, and research at the 32nd Annual AIDS Walk Boston. The funds that were raised by AIDS Walk Boston participants will be used to support continued research, as well as local HIV/AIDS services and programs. Just prior to the start of AIDS Walk Boston, Dr. Bruce Walker from our Massachusetts General Hospital site received the Heroes in Action Award, honoring those who have made significant and lasting contributions to the fight against HIV/AIDS in Massachusetts.



HPTN researchers will present 18 abstracts at the 9th IAS Conference on HIV Science (IAS 2017) covering HPTN 068, 069, 071, 073, 074, 075, 076, and 077. In addition, the HPTN will host three unique satellite sessions featuring insights on HPTN 071 (PopART), systemic PrEP, and mathematical modelling for HIV prevention research.



Larry Corey will be speaking at the Towards an HIV Cure initiative this July in Paris, immediately preceding the 9th IAS Conference on HIV Science (IAS 2017).

HVTN activities continue to support three efficacy trials, HVTN 702, HVTN 703/HPTH 081, and HVTN 704/HPTN 085, in Africa, North America, South America, and Europe

as well as a robust platform with a new phase I study opening almost monthly. To learn more about HVTN sites, [click here](#).

The new issue of Community Compass is also now available, and can be found online at: www.hvtn.org/en/community/community-compass/current-issue.html



In early June, IMPAACT 2007, a Phase I, multi-center, study of HIV-1-exposed infants born to HIV-1-infected mothers, began

enrolling. The study will compare the overall safety and pharmacokinetics of Maraviroc solution given during the first six weeks of life to infants born to HIV-1-infected mothers with ARV prophylaxis with two sequential dosing cohorts stratified by maternal use of efavirenz. Maraviroc is a CCR5 receptor antagonist currently approved for use in adults with the potential to play an important role in both prophylaxis and early treatment of infants at high risk of HIV-1 infection. Up to 72 mother-infant pairs will be enrolled across 12 sites in Kenya, South Africa, Thailand, Uganda, and the US to achieve a target of 36 evaluable infants receiving the final recommended dose of maraviroc. More information is available [here](#) and at NCT02778204.



If you are attending the upcoming United States Conference on AIDS, Sept. 7-10 at the Marriott Marquis

in Washington, D.C., mark your calendars for two sessions convened by the MTN. The first, **Let’s Get Lubricated: Lube safety, access and advocacy**, is scheduled for **Thursday, Sept. 7, 10:15 a.m.-noon**, and will address the latest scientific knowledge about the safety of personal lubricants, and engage in a discussion about strategies to providing safe and accessible lubes to those who need them most. The other session, submitted on behalf of HANC’s Women’s HIV Research Collaborative, is called **The Secret Garden: Unlocking the mysteries of the vaginal microbiome**, and will take place **Friday, Sept. 8, 9-11 a.m.** This session will address how the vaginal microbiome may influence susceptibility to HIV infection and decrease the ability of certain drugs to prevent HIV. Presenters will provide research updates related to vaginal microorganisms and susceptibility to HIV, and address racial disparities and strategies to advocate for better testing and treatment of bacterial vaginosis.



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: The Behavioral Science Consultative Group met face to face on June 7 at the conclusion of [Adherence 2017](#). BSCG co-chair, along with BSCG members, Barbara Mensch, Mallory Johnson, Rivet Amico, and Sybil Hosek worked together on a poster that was accepted for presentation at Adherence 2017. The poster, titled “Can ‘Debrief’ Reports Expedite Qualitative Studies? A Post-Hoc Analysis of VOICE-D Trial Data” can be viewed by [clicking here](#). University of Washington research scientist, Kristin Beima-Sofie also contributed work for this effort.

Community Coordination: On behalf of CP, Russell Campbell and Ernest Moseki attended and participated in the GPP Think Tank in Johannesburg. The HIV prevention research field has recognized for many years the complexity of engaging stakeholders in the research process. The GPP Guidelines have helped provide global standards for this work; practices are becoming streamlined and strengthened, and stakeholder engagement activities have gained increased global attention. GPP has been adapted to other fields as well, such as TB and Ebola research, helping it move further toward becoming an “industry standard” for clinical research. The Think Tank provided an opportunity for GPP champions, leaders and practitioners to review and reflect upon the state of GPP implementation globally, identify successes and gaps, and chart a path forward for the field.

CP is delighted to announce that as part of the CP/CRAG partnership to highlight the importance of addressing TB/HIV coinfection, the joint abstract, “**Embracing new community of practice paradigms for more effective community engagement in combating TB/HIV globally**” was accepted for presentation in the **Encuentro, the Community Space** at the 48th Union World Conference on Lung Health to be held in Guadalajara, Mexico, from 11 to 14 October 2017.

Data Management Center (DMC): OCSO and PPD staff attended the DMC Working Group call to discussion implementation details related to collecting investigator signatures on CRFs and providing Medidata Rave permissions to PPD monitors. A memo was sent to all networks earlier this week regarding the new DAIDS requirement to collect investigator signatures on CRFs.

Evaluation Working Group: The Evaluation Working Group discussed opportunities for harmonizing the evaluation metrics related to data quality management across the networks and data management centers. Further discussions will take place on next month’s DMC Working Group call with both SCHARP and FSTRF to identify additional opportunities for harmonization as well as to discuss the specific details of which data elements and reports in Medidata Rave are being utilized to facilitate these evaluations.

Laboratory: VQAAB reviewed 5 reports during their June Call: RNA033, RNA Aptima 033, DNA213 Dried Blood Spots. They also discussed updates regarding monitoring false negatives for VQA HIV RNA proficiency samples generated with the Abbott RealTime assay. The LTC is preparing for lab sessions to present at the upcoming ACTG Annual meeting. IMPAACT LTC voting members will be attending for cohesive face-to-face meetings. Members continually discuss issues and propose methods to encourage harmonization and standardization via e-mails. LFG discussed results from the March Round of the PBMC Cryopreservation PT program where 84 labs earned combined

status of A (Approved). There were 2 newly enrolled labs. CNCLP (Cross Network Clinical Pharmacology labs) discussed the changes to the revised PT Program Guidelines SOP. CPQA-AB discussed the possibility of expanding the purview of the CPQA to include quality assurance for assays for measuring drugs concentration at site of interest and assays for PK/PD correlations.

Leadership: The Network Leadership Group held their monthly call on June 21, 2017. Major ongoing protocol accruals and protocols in development were reviewed. It was noted that DAIDS announced on June 13 that they will not begin the protocol fund pilot 1 project as proposed with the next grant year. Rather, they will establish three focus groups within the next few weeks with Network, CTU and CRS leaders and NIH staff to explore additional ideas and models that can meet all their goals in a robust manner.

Legacy Project: June 27th: The Women’s HIV Research Collaborative (WHRC) held a session at the ACTG annual meeting to discuss the feasibility of screening for interpersonal violence (IPV) as part of all NIH-funded HIV/AIDS clinical trials. Input from attendees will inform a position statement authored by the WHRC, which will provide guidance for and address challenges to IPV screening in HIV clinical research. The WHRC hopes to finish the statement by the end of 2017 or early 2018.

July 2nd: Happy birthday to Legacy Community Engagement Officer, Brian Minalga!

July 3rd: Legacy Project webinar, “HIV in the Latinx Community,” featuring Dr. Scott Rhodes, Dr. Jose Bauermeister, Dr. Omar Martinez, and Jorge Benitez. 10 a.m. Pacific. [Register here](#).

July 11th: Legacy Project webinar, “CDC’s Response to HIV-Related Disparities among African American Gay and Bisexual Men in the US: Update 2017,” featuring Dr. Eugene McCray, Director of the Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention at the CDC. 11 a.m. Pacific. [Register here](#).

July 17th: Happy birthday to Legacy Community Engagement Officer, Louis Shackelford!

Research Site Management & Clinical Trials Logistics: The Site Coordinators Working Group discussed ongoing efforts to standardize protocol deviation reporting procedures as well provided updates from recent network annual meetings. A pilot is currently ongoing at six domestic sites and four international sites to distribute investigator brochures electronically using the DAIDS CRMS system.

Youth Prevention Research Working Group: The Youth Prevention Research Working Group will present a satellite symposium at IAS on July 24 at 7AM in Room 241 titled “Prevention Solutions for the Next Generation: Highlighting Adolescent Research in the NIH HIV/AIDS Clinical Trials Networks and the Adolescent Trials Network.” This symposium will highlight NIH-sponsored multi-center international adolescent prevention research including [HPTN 082](#), [MTN-034](#), [IMPAACT 2009](#), and the [ATN iTech](#) studies. The YPRWG also recently hosted to discuss the challenges of designing protocols, working with local IRBs, and enrolling youth under the age of majority consent in HIV research trials as well as reconciliation of those challenges in regards to HPTN 078: Enhancing Recruitment, Linkage to Care and Treatment for HIV-Infected Men Who Have Sex with Men (MSM) in the United States. Dr. Chris Beyrer, HPTN 078 Protocol Chair, and Dr. Liza Dawson, DAIDS Research Ethics Team Leader, will present. Slides from that webinar will be available on the [HANC website](#) soon.