



UPCOMING MEETINGS

May 23-25: HVTN Annual Meeting; Washington, DC

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

Jun 4-6: Adherence 2017; Miami, FL

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

Jul 23-26: IAS 2017; Paris, France

Oct 25-26: SBSRN CFAR Meeting, San Francisco, CA

Mar 4-7; CROI 2018; Boston, MA

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

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

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HANC & Network Announcements

HANC: On May 3, 2017, Community Partners will be hosting a webinar on Anticipatable Incidental Findings (IFs): Ethical & Practical Considerations in Diverse--Resource Settings Workshop, held September 21-22, 2016. Alberto (Betto) Ortiz, Linda Ehler and Allegra Cermak will be presenting.

The goal of this workshop was to discuss potential models, including the new concept of Actionability at the Participant's Research Site Level (APRSL), for moving the IFs field forward, considering the local setting when planning for and communicating IFs discovered during the conduct of research in resource-diverse settings. The objectives were that given the presentations in the workshop, participants will be able to evaluate different aspects related to the planning and communicating of anticipatable IFs from clinical research conducted in diverse-resource settings: (1) Related ethical concepts and their challenges; (2) Current practices and introduction of the new concept of APRSL; and (3) Practical approaches

[Click here to register for the webinar.](#)



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

The ACTG Network's latest Spotlight article profiles Dr. Davey Smith at the Network's UCSD Clinical Research Site. Dr. Smith is a strong advocate for gender minorities and shares why he believes pronouns matter.



The HPTN held its annual meeting April 8-13 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D.C. The event attracted more than

600 registered participants and featured an array of study-specific meetings, training sessions, and plenaries featuring speakers discussing current topics regarding targeted HIV prevention strategies. During the Tuesday (April 11) plenary session, the HPTN Laboratory Center, Statistical and Data Management Center (SDMC), and HPTN Scholars presented some of their current work. Later in the evening the network hosted a poster session and welcome gathering. The following day we were thrilled to welcome back Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), and Ambassador-at-Large Deborah L. Birk, M.D., coordinator of the United States Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS and U.S. special representative for Global Health Diplomacy. Other speakers at the Wednesday plenary session focused on critical areas relevant to our research portfolio including a "State of the Network"

update delivered by HPTN co-Principal Investigator Mike Cohen. During the annual meeting, the HPTN Community Working Group held several meetings with an emphasis on the scientific agenda of the HPTN, community engagement updates, and skills-building activities.



HIV VACCINE TRIALS NETWORK

The HVTN will hold their Annual Meeting May 23-25 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington DC. They will also be hosting a booth with the HPTN at SA AIDS June 13-15 at the Durban International Conference Center in Durban, South Africa which will feature 3 efficacy trials currently being conducted in sub Saharan Africa.



In April, enrollment began in IMPAACT 2013, the third in a series of three studies to evaluate recombinant live-

attenuated respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccine candidates. This phase I, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial of the infectivity, safety and immunogenicity of a single dose of vaccine delivered nasally to RSV-seronegative infants is being conducted at 13 sites in the US; approximately 33 healthy infants and children aged 6-24 months will be enrolled between April 1st and October 14th (outside of RSV season). More information is [available here](#) and at [NCT03099291](#). In May, IMPAACT 2007, a phase I trial designed to compare the overall safety and pharmacokinetics of Maraviroc given during the first six weeks of life to infants born to HIV-1-infected mothers, opened to accrual. Up to 72 mother-infant pairs will be enrolled across 12 sites in Kenya, South Africa, Thailand, Uganda, and the US. More information is [available here](#) and at [NCT02778204](#).



MTN is pleased to announce that Matthew Rose has been selected as co-chair of our Community Working Group (CWG), and

will serve alongside Milly Katana of Uganda. Matt currently works in public policy and advocacy for NMAC, and has been working in HIV biomedical prevention research advocacy for nearly a decade. He has been a member of the community advisory boards for a number of trials, sponsored by both DAIDS and pharma. As MTN welcomes Matt, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank Bob Bucklew, of Case Western Reserve University, for his many years of service to the CWG.



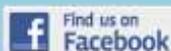
REMINDERS

- 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 Working Group has been asked to submit topics that are of interest for webinars. Ideas can be submitted to Greg Davis at gpdavis@fredhutch.org.

The Behavioral Science Consultative Group is in the final stages of planning its face-to-face meeting scheduled for June 7. The BSCG will be discussing the various projects that the working group is currently focused on.

Community Coordination: Community Partners will be holding a Face-to-Face Meeting on October 28-29, 2017 in Washington DC.

On May 23, 2017, Community Partners will be hosting a webinar on Human Rights and Ethics Regarding TB. Mike Frick, Diego Silva and Brian Citro will be presenting. [Register here](#) for the webinar.

Webinar description: Tuberculosis has surpassed HIV as the leading cause of death from infectious disease in the world. Globally, TB is the leading cause of death in people with HIV. Community Partners (CP) and the TBTC (Tuberculosis Trials Consortium) Community Research Advisors Group (CRAG) are collaborating to help educate and inform global communities about TB/HIV co-infection issues. The CRAG is an international, community-driven advisory body that works to ensure the meaningful representation and engagement of affected communities in research conducted by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Tuberculosis Trials Consortium.

Data Management Center (DMC): The DMC Working Group discussed updates to the DAIDS Table for Grading the Severity of Adult and Pediatric Adverse Events. Version 2.1 of the grading table is now available on the DAIDS RSC website [here](#).

Evaluation Working Group: The Evaluation Working Group discussed plans for upcoming network meetings as well as the harmonization of CRS evaluation metrics across the HVTN, HPTN, and MTN.

Laboratory: LFG compiled a list of concerns and recommendations to the audit process, per DAIDS's request in preparation for the audit contract. The RFA has been released and at the final stages of reviewing applicants. Estelle Piwowar-Manning and Carolyn Yanavich will be representing the LFG in the working group that DAIDS is assembling to develop a better audit process that can address most of the networks's concerns. LTC discussed lab session topics that would be of great value for Lab Techs and LTC members attending the ACTG annual meeting. ACTG and IMPAACT released memos regarding networks's transition from Quantiferon-TB Gold to Quantiferon-TB Gold Plus kits. CAP will be developing an EQA program for the QFT-Plus in the near future. Both networks are also transitioning from using HIV-1 Western Blot to Gennius HIV-1/HIV-2 Assays. Dr. Edmund Capparelli presented to the CNCPL Forum: PK.PD of HIV mABs- Rapid Extrapolation from Adults to Infants. Presentation included VRCO1/VRCO1LS data in adults, infants, and macaques. VQA published version 6 of the VQA HIV Assay Control SOP for HIV NAT and posted on the HANC [VQAAB Public Site](#). Panels for the GeneXpert MTB/RIF and LPA EQA programs have been shipped to sites and submission are due April 30th and May 31st, respectively.

Leadership: HANC will be assisting DAIDS in facilitating the Protocol Funding Pilot 2 Working Group, which will discuss the

potential harmonization of protocol costing procedures. The first call of this working group is scheduled for May 1, 2017. This working group follows that of a working group HANC facilitated approximately five years ago which was tasked with developing a common mechanism for costing protocols. A report summarizing that work is available on the HANC website here. The Pilot 2 Working Group will complete its work by January 2018.

The NIAID Strategic Working Group (SWG) will meet on June 6, 2017 for a one day meeting.

At the request of the Network Leadership Group, HANC has asked DAIDS if the NIH is considering the establishment of a central IRB for multi-center trials at domestic sites for new awards effective September 25, 2017 per the [NIH announcement](#) of June 21, 2016. (Note this requirement will not apply to the Networks until the new awards after the next competition.) At this time it does not appear that this is under consideration, although the [National Cancer Institute](#) did so after adopting a similar requirement a few years ago.

Legacy Project: May 18-19: First round of interviews for the [Framework for Dialogue National](#) Coordination position.

May 23-29: Louis Shackelford will participate in the HVTN Annual Meeting.

May 30: Brian Minalga presents, “Sero Segregation: Access and Equity in HIV Prevention and Treatment” for the Community Conversation Series of the Northwest Association for Biomedical Research in Seattle. The conversation will focus on King County in Washington state being named one of the first counties to reach the WHO's 90-90-90 goals. Brian will prime participants to analyze this achievement within a social, political, and scientific justice framework, focusing on ongoing disparities and challenges—including representation in biomedical research—for communities left behind in the 10-10-10 categories.

The WHRC continues to discuss the possibility of screening for interpersonal violence (IPV) in the HIV clinical research setting. The working group that is looking at this issue is currently collecting Counseling, Testing, and Risk Reduction SOP guidelines from the five Networks to evaluate how screening for IPV might be integrated into risk reduction counseling sessions. The group is also still considering how IPV scales are currently being used in case report forms and analyzing how these scales might be used more frequently across Network studies.

The new-and-improved Be the Generation website is under construction. The renovated website is expected to go live in June.

Research Site Management & Clinical Trials Logistics: The Site Coordinators Working Group discussed the new DAIDS Study Progress, Data, and Safety Monitoring Plans (SPDSMP) Policy as well as implications of the two HIV/AIDS Clinical Trials Networks Protocol Funding pilots. More information about these pilots is available [here](#).

Youth Prevention Research Working Group: 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.