



## 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 May 3 at 11am PT/2pm ET, the Legacy Project will host a webinar titled, "Outreach and Marketing Fundamentals in Clinical Research Webinar Series—Part 3—Research Site Perspectives". [Click here](#) to register for the webinar.

**DAIDS TB Infection Control:** The new **DAIDS Tuberculosis (TB) Infection Control** training course is now available on the DAIDS Learning Portal.

The purpose of this course is to provide Clinical Research Site (CRS) staff with prioritized information on effective tuberculosis infection control guidelines. These guidelines will help to limit the spread of TB in research facilities, healthcare settings, households, and vehicles transporting participants. Completion of this training module fulfills the ACTG/IMPAACT CRS TB Infection Control Guidelines' recommendation for ongoing staff training and education on infection control measures and practices.

Start the course here by [clicking here](#).

This course is brought to you by ACTG, IMPAACT, HANC, and DAIDS.

The following documents are now available and posted on the HANC website:

**Cross-Network PBMC Processing SOP v6.0:** The Cross-Network PBMC Processing SOP provides instructions for processing PBMC at network site-affiliated laboratories, and is intended to simplify and clarify PBMC processing, especially at shared sites. Currently available in English.

**Cold Chain Guidelines v1.0:** The Cold Chain Guidelines serve as a supplement the Cross-Network PBMC Processing SOP and describe guidelines for utilizing and maintaining optimal cold chain temperature of specimens.

**TB Sourcebook v1.0:** The Mycobacteriology Laboratory Sourcebook for Harmonization and Support of TB Clinical Trials was developed to ensure high quality results and comparability of data across laboratories participating in TB clinical trials sponsored by the ACTG and IMPAACT Networks.



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

- ACTG Network Clinical Trial update on A5366
- Updates on the 2018 Annual ACTG Network Meeting
- REPRIEVE Trial increases enrollment goals



The HPTN Black Caucus, in partnership with the Black Gay Research Group,

will host a panel discussion at the Saving Ourselves Symposium in Birmingham, Ala. on Friday, June 8, 2018. The discussion will focus on the social determinants of health and HIV epidemiology among Black MSM, and cisgender and transgender women in the southern U.S. The Saving Ourselves Symposium is an annual conference designed to provide cutting edge research, promising practices, and HIV/AIDS behavior change techniques to educate, encourage, and empower the Black LGBTQ community.



**HIV VACCINE TRIALS NETWORK**

HVTN is pleased to announce that while members of the 8th cohort of RAMP scholars prepare to

take their places in the field, the 7th cohort of scientists will present oral papers and posters at the Network's annual meeting. The Research and Mentorship Program (RAMP) aims to recruit and retain a new generation of HIV vaccine researchers by providing structured mentorship and project funding to minority medical students.



Registration for the IMPAACT Annual Meeting, to be held from 16-19 June 2017 in Washington, DC is now open; the draft agenda

and additional information are available on the [network's website](#).



In April, MTN held a stakeholders' consultation in Johannesburg on MTN-042, a Phase IIIb study that will

evaluate the maternal and infant safety of daily oral PrEP and the monthly dapivirine vaginal ring during pregnancy. The meeting was a unique opportunity to share information about the study design, its objectives and overall scientific framework, as well as address questions about specific aspects of the study. The consultation, which MTN hosted with AVAC, was held two days prior to the MTN-042 protocol development team meeting so that stakeholder feedback could be considered in those deliberations.

MTN-042, which will be conducted at 4 African sites, will enroll 750 pregnant women who are HIV-uninfected at different times during their pregnancy and who will be randomly assigned to use either PrEP or the ring until delivery. Stakeholders attending the meeting included Institutional Research Board/Ethics Committee members and administrators; Ministry of Health representatives; World Health Organization representatives; researchers, civil society and advocates focused on HIV prevention and women's reproductive health and empowerment; ethicists; national HIV program officers; and NGO representatives with experience working with pregnant women. The 35 attendees hailed from Malawi, South Africa, Uganda and Zimbabwe.



## 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 continues to plan for the upcoming face to face meeting in June. Dr. Michael Stirratt and Dr. Gregory Greenwood, both of NIMH will be attending the meeting. Dr. Alex Carballo-Dieguez has also agreed to attend the 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 will be holding a 1.5 day face to face meeting October 13-14, 2018 in the Washington DC area.

Community Partners will be attending the Tuberculosis Trials Consortium Community Research Advisors Group Semiannual Meeting May 8-10 in Atlanta

**Data Management Center (DMC):** The Data Management Center Working Group reviewed DAIDS guidance for reporting sexual assault adverse events and discussed challenges with cross-study reporting in Medidata Rave. The group also touched base on the recently initiated pilots for the updated DAIDS Safety Data Reconciliation Policy.

**Evaluation:** The Evaluation Working Group discussed efforts to review and standardize calculations underlying network evaluation metrics, in addition to experiences with data visualization tools.

**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 (LFG) held a joint call with the DAIDS Clinical Laboratory Oversight Team (DCLOT) to discuss updates to the Good Clinical Laboratory Practice (GCLP) guidelines. In addition, the LFG is continuing to review, update, and reconcile the primary network lab listing.

The CPQA Monoclonal Antibodies and Small Molecule Tissue Pharmacology Working Group discussed opportunities to bring additional expertise to the work-

ing group and develop a resource of network protocols involving broadly neutralizing monoclonal antibodies.

**Legacy Project:** 5/3 – Legacy Webinar: Outreach and Marketing Fundamentals in Clinical Research Webinar Series - Part 3 - Research Site Perspectives

5/14: The Women’s HIV Research Collaborative (WHRC) hosts an information session at the HVTN full group meeting. Come to learn about what the WHRC is doing to increase US women’s representation in HIV research and how you can get involved. 3 to 4 p.m. in the Virginia Room.

5/16: The Division of AIDS Cross-Network Transgender Working Group pilots the training module, “Clinical Considerations & HIV Risk Assessments for Transgender Research Participants,” at the joint HPTN Annual Meeting / HVTN Full Group Meeting. 2 to 4:30 p.m. in the Palm Court Ballroom.

5/18: HPTN, HVTN, and MTN submissions to the Be the Generation newsletter and website are due. Send to [bminalga@fredhuch.org](mailto:bminalga@fredhuch.org).

Brian Minalga had an abstract accepted for a workshop presentation at the third [HIV is Not a Crime Conference](#), taking place in Indianapolis, IN June 3-6.

Legacy’s abstract on the intersection of Kink and HIV stigma entitled “HIV Lens and Prevention through Kink Exploration” was accepted to the 2018 Saving Ourselves Symposium (SOS). Legacy will be presenting this abstract with our partner Rodney McCoy at SOS in June.

**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 YPRWG has started planning the satellite symposium that will be held at AIDS 2018. 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 be held on July 25 at 7am. More details will follow at a later time.