



## 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; Bethes-  
da, MD

June 8-10: Adher-  
ence 2018; Miami,  
FL

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

Oct 22-25: HIVR4P  
2018; Madrid,  
Spain

Jun 16-20, 2019 :  
ACTG Annual Net-  
work Meeting; Ar-  
lington, Virginia

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## HANC & Network Announcements

**HANC:** The HANC-facilitated working groups have started revising their annual work plans. The 2018 Work Plan will be reviewed by the Network Leadership Group on their call in November.

The Office of HIV/AIDS Coordination (HANC) is delighted to announce that Cale Reid has accepted the Lab Project Manager position, replacing Melissa Austin who left HANC last week. Cale has been with HANC since September 2016 coordinating the Youth Prevention Research, Data Management, Site Coordinators, Evaluation and Communications Work Groups, as well as several ad hoc fiscal projects in collaboration with OCSO. HANC will be recruiting a new project coordinator to assist Cale in managing the work groups noted above in addition to supporting the laboratory coordination projects.



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

- A message from the future ACTG Network Chair, Dr. Judith Currier
- An update from the ACTG Network Puerto Rico Clinical Research Site
- National Latino HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
- And a spotlight on Katie Fitch, a REPRIEVE Project Manager within the ACTG Network.



The HPTN International Scholars Program held an information session for potential applicants at the recent HPTN Regional Meeting in Johannesburg, South Africa. Speakers included Sten Vermund and David Serwadda, from the Scholars Leadership team, Jesne Kistan, a Cohort 1 International Scholar, and Linda-Gail Bekker, a mentor in the program. Applications are now being accepted for the next cycle of scholars. [Click here](#) to learn more.



**HIV VACCINE TRIALS NETWORK** The AMP HIV Prevention Study is currently enrolling participants to test an

experimental antibody that could potentially prevent HIV infection. Hutch News recently released a story about the success of this study in community engagement at one of the study sites in Nashville, TN. Read about our all-star community engagement folks at the Vanderbilt HIV Vaccine Program [here](#).

The next issue of the HVTN Community Compass magazine will be released soon. Please check our [website](#) for previous issues and the upcoming issue when it is posted.

HVTN will be presenting during the upcoming NMAC Biomedical HIV Prevention Summit on December 5th in New Orleans

on the current state, and future direction of HIV vaccine research. The NMAC Biomedical HIV Prevention Summit will take place December 4th and 5th, 2017. Information about the summit can be found [here](#).

The HVTN is partnering with the HPTN, MTN, and HANC to host a research literacy institute entitled, "Getting Your HIV Science Fleeky: A research literacy workshop" to be held at the upcoming National African American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS and other Health Disparities organized by NAESM. This is the largest national conference in the United States that is focused on African American MSM. The conference will be held in Atlanta, GA January 18th-21st, 2018. More information about the conference can be found [here](#).



Three new study protocols were finalized in October and distributed to participating sites: IM-PAACT 2015 will investigate the HIV reservoir in the central nervous system (CNS) of perinatally HIV-infected youth and young adults; findings from this study will advance understanding of the role of the CNS in HIV persistence and its implications for future HIV remission research. IMPAACT 2009 is a study of HIV-uninfected pregnant adolescents and young women (aged 16-24) designed to characterize adherence over time among women who initiate once daily oral PrEP during pregnancy and continue in the first 6 months following delivery and to compare pregnancy outcomes among women who take PrEP and women who decline PrEP during the antenatal period. IMPAACT 2014 will evaluate the pharmacokinetics (PK) and safety of a promising non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor, doravirine (DOR, MK-1439), and a fixed dose combination of doravirine, lamivudine and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (DOR/3TC/TDF, MK-1439a) in HIV-infected adolescents (under 18 years of age). More information on these studies may be found on the IMPAACT website [here](#).



The MTN is pleased to announce the launch of the first-ever study of dapivirine gel as a rectal microbicide. The study, **MTN-026**, is a Phase I study evaluating whether a gel formulation of the antiretroviral dapivirine is safe for use in the rectum. It will include approximately 27 men and women who are not infected with HIV at two sites in the U.S. (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Birmingham, Alabama) and Bangkok, Thailand. Participants in the study will be randomized to receive either dapivirine gel or a placebo gel, and will use an applicator to insert their assigned gel first as a single dose, and then for 7 consecutive days following a two week break. MTN-026 determine whether further testing on the safety and acceptability of dapivirine gel as a potential rectal microbicide for the prevention of HIV through anal sex can be conducted in a larger population.



## 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 Working Group (BSWG) recently completed a survey to determine the priorities of the working group for the upcoming year. You can view the objectives of the BSWG for the upcoming year by clicking [here](#).

**Community Coordination:** Community Partners (CP) held a successful annual F2F Meeting October 28-29 in Washington DC. In addition to discussing and finalizing the CP 2018 work plan, representatives provided comments and recommendations to DAIDS leadership for the Leadership and CTU RFAs.

**CTU/CRS Working Group:** The CTU/CRS Working Group met for the first time to discuss the group’s charge as well as how this group’s work overlaps with that of the Network Working Group. The CTU/CRS Working Group will be examining and developing recommendations for CTU and CRS-level best practices for addressing the networks’ varied invoicing and reimbursement processes.

**Data Management Center (DMC):** The Data Management Center Working Group discussed efforts to prepare for upcoming regulatory audits. The group also discussed the DAIDS draft policy titled “Use of Electronic Information Systems in Clinical Research”.

**Evaluation:** The Evaluation Working Group continues to discuss opportunities for harmonization of the data management-related evaluation metrics across the networks.

**Laboratory:** All Lab coordination Working Groups adjusted and finalized their workplans for the upcoming 2018. TB Infection Control Training Module Project Team diligently reviewed the initial draft blueprints to assure that it reflects the contents of the Infection Control SOP. The Training Module scheduled for rollout in February-March will, hopefully, coincide with the start of the PHOENIX study. LTC has nominated candidates for their open voting member positions. LFG discussed the issues with the Abbott HIV RNA false negative results with Abbott, VQA, DAIDS, FSTRF, and SDAC. The timeline for the scheduled VQA RNA PT round will be adjusted to accommodate the agreed action items. New CPQA sub-group was formed to focus on HIV Monoclonal Antibodies and Small Molecule Tissue Pharmacology. Goals will include drafting a vest practice document for DAIDS that summarizes the state of the art for collection, processing and bioanalysis of HIV broadly neutralizing antibodies and small mole-

cule ARVs in tissue pharmacology protocols. Melissa Austin, HANC’s Project Manager for Lab Coordination, bid farewell to all her working groups to start a new venture at a Biotech startup.

**Legacy Project:** Legacy is now on social media! Add Legacy on

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Brian Minalga is now collecting updates from the HPTN, HVTN, and MTN for the December issue of the Be the Generation newsletter. Please send your updates to [bminalga@fredhutch.org](mailto:bminalga@fredhutch.org) no later than November 20.

Legacy had two abstracts accepted to the NAESM 2018 conference: “Black and Latino MSM: Partnerships to Address HIV” and “T Cells & Jail Cells: HIV Research & Criminalization.” The conference will be held in Atlanta, January 18-21.

**Network Leadership:** The HANC-facilitated working groups have revised their annual work plans. The 2018 Work Plan will be reviewed by Network Leadership on their call in November.

**Network Working Group:** The Network Working Group reviewed each network’s current contracting, invoicing, and reimbursement practices. The group continues to discuss opportunities for harmonization with recommendations to be submitted to DAIDS by January 2018.

**Pilot 2 Working Group:** The Pilot 2 Working Group received a demonstration of the [IntelliTRIAL](#) clinical trial management system. The group will be discussing whether this or a similar tool could be used to harmonize protocol costing methodologies across the networks.

**Research Site Management & Clinical Trials Logistics:** The Site Coordinators Working Group discussed Q&As recently added by DAIDS to [the website](#) for the upcoming Network and CTU recompetitions. The group also discussed results from the recent pilot of electronic distribution of investigator brochures. That initiative has been placed on hold.

**Youth Prevention Research Working Group:** The Youth Prevention Research Working Group will be hosting a webinar with Dr. Michael Stirratt and Dr. Jessica Haber on November 9 at 9AM PT about adolescents, PrEP, and adherence. [Click here](#) to register for the webinar.