HANC ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIV in Transgender Communities training
The new *HIV in Transgender Communities training module*, and the Spanish and Portuguese materials for an *Introduction to Transgender Communities*, are now available on the DAIDS Learning Portal.

*HIV in Transgender Communities* provides an overview of the extent of HIV in transgender communities in the U.S. and globally, and highlights factors that contribute to the high burden of HIV in transgender communities. The module was developed by the DAIDS Cross-Network Transgender Working Group to help improve understanding and cultural responsiveness in the clinical research setting.

The HANC Legacy Project has played an active role in the development of this curriculum and forthcoming training modules. HANC’s Brian Minalga recently presented an overview of the full *Transgender Training Curriculum for HIV Research* at the National Transgender Health Summit in Oakland, CA.

C3PNO Virtual Data Repository
The Collaborating Consortium of Cohorts Producing NIDA Opportunities (C3PNO) has launched its Virtual Data Repository. Read the full announcement on page 2!

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Do you have questions, comments, or content suggestions? Email the Editor, Milan Vu, at mhvuj@fredhutch.org
For this month’s HANC newsletter, the ACTG is excited to introduce a new initiative within the network. The series — “They Became My Family” — is a new digital archive starting up this month spotlighting the community members that are a vital component of the ACTG. Spearheaded by ACTG Community Scientific Subcommittee member Liz Barr, “They Became My Family” is named for a quote describing the ACTG community from the late Sharon Maxwell. As a long-time member of the ACTG Global Community Advisory Board and the Legacy Project’s Women’s HIV Research Collaborative, Ms. Maxwell worked to end HIV stigma, especially as it affected women and people living in rural communities.

“They Became My Family” offers members of the ACTG community the opportunity to share their experience and commitment to participating in the network, in their own words. Participants are asked to submit some type of self portrait (photograph or drawing) and to answer a few questions about their work with the ACTG, the community they represent, what they’ve been able to do, and their hopes for the future. While each profile follows roughly the same format, the end results are as moving and diverse as the ACTG community itself.

“They Became My Family” will be a featured part of the updated ACTG website, premiering later in 2019.
The HPTN Annual Meeting will be held at the Washington Marriott Wardman Park in Washington, D.C. from June 1-5, 2019. More than 500 investigators, research staff and community members from U.S. and international research sites are expected to attend. Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), will deliver a special keynote regarding NIAID’s HIV/AIDS research priorities. Other presenters will discuss the latest developments and research approaches critical to our research portfolio. The Annual Meeting also includes sessions organized by the HPTN’s Laboratory Center, Statistical and Data Management Center, Scholars, and Community Working Group. For more information, visit the HPTN website.

The Cross-Network Community Engagement Reporting System (via REDCap) is now officially launched! The HVTN, MTN, and HPTN have transitioned our Community Engagement Workplan process into a new online reporting system that we envision will increase efficiency in the reporting process, and improve each sites ability to view, monitor, and interact with their community engagement data more readily. This system will also assist with tracking trends across sites and support the development of evaluation metrics at the network and cross-network level. This means that each site will only need to complete one (1) work plan (and subsequent reports), for all community engagement work across the three networks. Sites that are pluripotent will only need to complete one plan. Please note that at this time the Cross-Network Community Engagement Reporting System is only available in English. Please contact Stephaun Wallace for more information on this system.

HVTN Communications will be launching its media training program at the HVTN Full Group Meeting in Washington, D.C. The training will include eight modules with individual and group exercises, culminating in simulated news media interviews. The goal of the training is to develop and enhance the news media engagement capabilities and skills of trainees, amplifying the effectiveness and impact of spokespeople.

Drs. Janine Maenza and Hyman Scott, Medical Directors at the Seattle Vaccine Trials Unit and Bridge HIV in San Francisco, were recently featured in Positively Speaking, a quarterly journal from Broward County’s Ryan White Part A Program. Read the article on page 9.
NETWORK ANNOUNCEMENTS

MTN is excited to share the news that MTN-035, fondly called DESIRE study, have been activated, and the first participant has been enrolled. DESIRE – Developing and Evaluating Short-acting Innovations for Rectal Use – is exploring three placebo methods for the delivery of a rectal microbicide – a douche, a suppository and a fast-dissolving rectal insert. The study will enroll 210 transgender men and women and cisgender men who have sex with men from Malawi, Peru, South Africa, Thailand and the U.S. (Birmingham, Pittsburgh and San Francisco).

In conjunction with the launch of DESIRE, MTN presented a scientific poster on the study at April’s National Transgender Health Summit in Oakland, CA. The poster can be viewed on our Facebook page, @microbicidetrialsnetwork.

The IMPAACT Network is pleased to announce that IMPAACT 2017, a study to evaluate the safety, acceptability, tolerability, and pharmacokinetics of oral and long-acting injectable cabotegravir and long-acting injectable rilpivirine in children and adolescents with HIV, has begun enrolling. The first enrollment into IMPAACT 2017 occurred on 3 April 2019 at the Johns Hopkins University Baltimore NICHD site in the United States – congratulations to the JHU Baltimore NICHD site for leading the way on this study. In addition, IMPAACT 2001, a study to describe the pharmacokinetics of rifapentine and isoniazid HIV-1-infected and HIV-1-uninfected in pregnant and postpartum women with latent TB infection, successfully closed to follow-up with five participating sites, as of 10 April 2019. To learn more about these studies, please see the IMPAACT website.

In addition, the IMPAACT Annual Meeting will be held from 10-14 June 2019 in Washington, DC. Registration is now open, with the draft agenda and additional information available on the network’s website.

For more information on IMPAACT protocols, click below:

IMPAACT 2001
IMPAACT 2017

For more information on MTN protocols, click below:

DESIRE (MTN-035)

MTN-035
MEETING CALENDAR

May 29-31
2019 HVTN Full Group Meeting
(Washington, DC)

May 29-June 2
Saving Ourselves Symposium
(Charleston, SC)

June 1-5
2019 HPTN Annual Meeting
(Washington, DC)

June 10-14
2019 IMPAACT Annual Meeting
(Washington, DC)

June 11-14
SA AIDS (Durban, South Africa)

June 17-21
2019 Annual ACTG Network Meeting
(Arlington, VA)

June 17-19
IAPAC Adherence (Miami, FL)

July 14-17
2019 STI and HIV World Congress
(Vancouver, BC)

July 21-24
IAS Conference on HIV Science
(Mexico City, Mexico)

Sept 5-8
2019 United States Conference on AIDS
(Washington, DC)

WEBINARS & TRAINING

Upcoming Webinars

Cluster Tracking is People: Community Town Hall on molecular HIV Surveillance (Part 4 - HIV Genetic Sequencing Series)
May 15, 2019 @ 1 PM PST
Now that we have a common understanding of the science of phylogenetics and the goals of molecular HIV surveillance, we are convening a virtual town hall of the HIV community to discuss and strategize. Register now to join us for the closing webinar in this four-part series.

Training

HIV in Transgender Communities
Available on the DAIDS Learning Portal
The HIV in Transgender Communities training module provides an overview of the extent of HIV in transgender communities in the U.S. and globally, and highlights some of the factors that contribute to the high burden of HIV in transgender communities. The module was developed to help improve understanding and cultural responsiveness in the clinical research setting. All staff are encouraged to complete this module, as well as the other courses within the larger five-part training curriculum as they become available. Access the course here.

To supplement the Web-based course, the in-person training tool for HIV in Transgender Communities is also available for those interested in providing in-person training at sites or in the community. Access the tool here.

An Introduction to Transgender Communities - In-person Training Tool
Available on the DAIDS Learning Portal
The in-person PowerPoint training materials for An Introduction to Transgender Communities are now available in Spanish and Portuguese. The training tool includes a PowerPoint presentation, facilitators guide, exercises, and list of resources to conduct in-person trainings at research sites or in the community.

HANC Webinar Archives

HANC Working Groups host webinars throughout the year and post recordings to the HANC website. Click here to view archives of past webinars.

For details and other events, visit the HANC calendar.
HANC PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Need to contact a HANC staff member? Click here to go to the About the HANC Staff page.

Behavioral & Social Sciences

Greg Davis, HANC Project Manager

The Behavioral Science Consultative Group (BSCG) hosted a webinar titled, “Leveraging Social and Behavioral Science in Network Clinical Trials” on April 16, 2019. Presenters on the webinar included Dr. Rivet Amico (University of Michigan), Dr. Michele Andrasik (HVTN, University of Washington), and Dr. Jessica Haberer (Harvard, Massachusetts General Hospital). Click here to view the webinar.

The BSCG will be meeting face-to-face on Thursday, June 20 at the conclusion of Adherence 2019 in Miami, FL.

The Youth Prevention Research Working Group hosted a webinar on IMPAACT 2016 on April 26. Study Co-Chair, Dr. Geri Donenberg, presented on the webinar. You can view the webinar here.

The YPRWG has begun planning its symposium at IAS 2019. YPRWG Co-Chairs, Audrey Pettifor and Sybil Hosek held a call on April 30 to discuss in more detail.

Community Partners

Russell Campbell, HANC Deputy Director

Community Partners is delighted to share that following the April 8th Community Partners presentation to the ATN YEAH, the ATN YEAH has agreed to collaborate with Community Partners. More details of the collaboration to follow.

CP and TB Community Research Advisors Group (CRAG) have submitted draft community engagement materials for PHOENIx to the PHOENIx Study Team for their review and approval.

CP developed a Community Engagement Resources document highlighting some of the resources available to support community engagement in HIV research. Find the document here on the HANC website under "Community Engagement Resources".
HANC PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Cross-Network Coordination
Milan Vu, HANC Project Coordinator

The Data Management Center Working Group (DMCWG) reviewed progress along the Safety Data Reconciliation Policy pilots and development of several other DAIDS policies impacting the SDMCs. The group also revisited the MedDRA implementation working group and its scope moving forward.

The Site Coordinators Working Group (SCWG) revisited concerns related to site monitoring and documentation of the monitoring process. The group also touched on outstanding policies in development and implementation of the recently revised Delegation of Duties Log policy.

Laboratory Coordination
Tyler Brown, HANC Project Manager

The LTC held a conference call to discuss the upcoming ACTG Annual Meeting and planned updates to the Leukopak processing procedures. The LTC SOP Sub-Working Group completed revisions to the SOP for PAXgene® Blood RNA Tubes and the LPC Preparation Procedures SOP, and held two conference calls to begin revising the Leukopak Collection and PBMC Isolation SOP.

The LFG and DCLOT began implementing a new cross-network guidance document that introduces new terminology criteria and responsibilities for the development and follow up to network laboratory site Action Plans. The LFG also held a conference call to begin planning updates to additional cross-network quality assurance-related processes and operating procedures.

The Cross Network Clinical Pharmacology Laboratories Forum held a conference call to harmonize cross-network involvement in upcoming new proficiency testing compounds, and provide status updates on the CPQA Program's Bioanalytical Revisions Advisory Group and the upcoming tutorial on bioanalytical method validation. The BRAG members held a conference call to continue developing the new CPQA guidance document for bioanalytical method validation.

The Virology Quality Assurance Advisory Board (VQAAB) held a conference call to review new panel analysis reports from RNA036, RNA035, DNA220RT.
HANC PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The Legacy Project
Brian Minalga and Kacie Sadorra
HANC Legacy Project Team

May 15: The Legacy Project will complete its 4-part collaborative webinar series on HIV genetic sequencing. Register to participate in the series finale, Cluster Tracking is People: Community Town Hall on Molecular HIV Surveillance.

You can also view recordings of the previous three webinars in the series below:
- Without Our Consent: Centering PLHIV in HIV Genetic Sequencing (aired 3/27)
- These Trees Cast No Shade: Understanding HIV Phylogenetics Research (aired 4/18)

May 16: Brian Minalga celebrates three years working at HANC!

May 16-17: Russell Campbell represents the Legacy Project at the Washington State HIV Conference in Spokane, WA.

May 17: Community-focused HIV prevention research updates from the HPTN, HVTN, and MTN are due to Brian Minalga for inclusion in the Be the Generation newsletter.

May 18: Legacy recognizes HIV Vaccine Awareness Day.


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ABOUT COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Community Partners (CP) is a cross-network body charged by the Network Leadership and the Division of AIDS (DAIDS) with promoting representation of the communities within which the National Institutes of Health (NIH) HIV/AIDS clinical trials networks conduct research.

ABOUT THE LEGACY PROJECT

The Legacy Project works nationally to increase awareness and support for HIV prevention and treatment clinical and behavioral research by addressing factors that influence participation of historically underrepresented communities.

The Legacy Project Work Group (LPWG) is comprised of members from HANC, CP, network operations centers, clinical research sites, community members, and DAIDS. The LPWG works to increase representation and engagement of African-Americans, Latinos and Native Americans in HIV prevention and therapeutic research in the U.S.

WORKING GROUP MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

In an effort to highlight the work of HANC and members involved in HANC working groups, we would like to introduce you to a few of our members from Community Partners and the Legacy Project Working Group:

Sherri Karas Certo
Introducing Sherri, a member of Community Partners.

Location/role: I work at the Pittsburgh Clinical Research Site. I am responsible for recruitment and community education for the MTN and ACTG studies.

What you like most about community engagement: I love meeting new people and telling them about the research we do. I really have always loved science and clinical trials are all so interesting. So I love sharing that with people and also showing them how they can get involved. Everyone, regardless of their comfort level, can almost always find a way to participate in research and advance the prevention/treatment agenda.

Any other interesting things about yourself you care to share? I recently got a little wiener dog named Bear and he is my little sidekick. He keeps me company when I am driving my kids around to all of their activities and sports after work. I have a big family and we are always on the go.

David A. Hughes, CCRP

Location/role: Silver Spring, MD: Co-chair of Legacy Project Working Group (volunteer) and Sr. Research Assoc. (ACTG NCC, SSS, Inc.)

What you like most about community engagement: I have most enjoyed the direct interaction with community members. It provides a broader perspective of our end goals and is a reminder that research participants are not “subjects” to study, but a diverse and valuable group that forms the backbone of all we do. These relationships have made me a better and more informed person, inspiring genuine pride in my work. With community being the most important piece of the puzzle, engagement is a necessary tool to avoid past research mistakes, ensuring appropriate respect and a voice to those in the most affected communities and historically underrepresented populations.

Any other interesting things about yourself you care to share? My career life began in electrical engineering, but I discovered my passion through working with our networks. Outside of work, I lead my church’s HIV Ministry and also hold a mayoral appointment to the Washington DC Regional Commission on Health and HIV. To fuel my creative side, I perform with a touring professional African dance company.
RESOURCES

**Newsletters**

**Be the Generation Newsletter**
The Be the Generation (BTG) project builds scientific literacy and community capacity to engage with biomedical HIV prevention research. *BTG News* is its quarterly newsletter publication on biomedical HIV prevention research, geared for community audiences who are interested in the HIV prevention research field. [Click here](#) to view current and past newsletters. Email btg@hanc.info to subscribe.

**Behavioral Science Interest Group Newsletter**
Interested in behavioral science? Join the Behavioral Science Interest Group (BSIG) and subscribe to the BSIG Newsletter. Email Greg Davis at gpdavis@fredhutch.org for more details.

**Network Publications**
Several of the HIV/AIDS clinical trials networks and collaborators publish their own newsletters, covering a range of topics from network-wide news to community level events. Links to various network publications are on the *Newsletters* page of the HANC website. [Click here](#) for more information.

**OCSO MOB Newsletter**
Looking for the latest on site monitoring and regulatory compliance? Check out the Monitoring Operations Branch (MOB) Newsletter, produced by the DAIDS Office of Clinical Site Oversight (OCSO). [Click here](#) to find newsletter archives.

**NIH Corner**

**ClinRegs**
ClinRegs is an online database of country-specific clinical research regulatory information designed to assist in planning and implementing international clinical research. [Click here](#) to explore ClinRegs.

**NICHD Data and Specimen Hub (DASH)**
NICHD DASH is a centralized resource for researchers to access data and biospecimens from NICHD-funded research studies for secondary analyses. [Click here](#) to explore DASH.

**C3PNO Virtual Data Repository**
The C3PNO Virtual Data Repository facilitates the sharing of HIV, substance use, clinical data, behavioral, and biospecimens collected by the NIDA longitudinal HIV cohorts with outside researchers. [Click here](#) to learn more or email c3pno.info@fstrf.org to request data or specimens.

**Laboratory**

**CNICS Research Network**
The CFAR Network of Integrated Clinical Systems (CNICS) provides peer-reviewed-open access to a rapidly evolving clinical research platform that prospectively collects patient data, including validated outcomes, longitudinal resistance data, and detailed PROs with readily available biological specimens. [Click here](#) for more information.

**EQAPOL**
The goal of the External Quality Assurance Program Oversight Laboratory (EQAPOL) is to establish a panel of fully characterized viruses from acute/early and chronic HIV infections. Viral Diversity samples are available to NIAID-approved laboratories, and products created for the EQAPOL Viral Diversity Program are available to order. [Click here](#) for more information.

**Specimen Repository**
The specimen repository is a collaboration between the ACTG, IMPAACT, and HVTN clinical trial networks to make available to investigators the large body of specimens collected for HIV research. [Click here](#) to visit the site and request specimens.

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