

October 2018



HANC & Network Announcements

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Oct 3-7: ID Week; San Francisco, CA

Oct 21-25: HIVR4P 2018; Madrid, Spain

Oct 24-27: The Union World Conference on Lung Health; The Hague, The Netherlands

Dec 3-4: Biomedical HIV Prevention Summit, Los Angeles, CA

Mar 04-07: 2019 CROI; Seattle, WA

Mar 18-21: 2019 National HIV Prevention Conference, Atlanta, GA

May 29-31: 2019 HVTN Full Group Meeting; Washington, DC

Jun 1-5: 2019 HPTN Annual Meeting; Washington, DC

Jun 11-14: 2019 IMPAACT Annual Meeting, Washington, DC

Jun 16-20: 2019 Annual ACTG Network Meeting; Arlington, VA

Jul 14-17: 2019 STI and HIV World Congress, Vancouver, BC

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HANC: Now available: An Introduction to Transgender Communities Course. This is the first of the five-module *Transgender Training Curriculum for HIV Research* series developed by the DAIDS Cross-Network Transgender Working Group. The remaining modules will be rolled out as they become available. Start the course by clicking [here](#). The course requires a DAIDS Learning Portal account, which can be created by clicking on "Request Account" [here](#).

NIAID has released an updated infographic summarizing the state of NIAID-supported research on long-acting forms of HIV prevention. [Click here](#) to view the full infographic and download for printing or web posting.



The AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG) would like to highlight a few of its publications over the past two months, including a study on parenting desires among men and women who have sex with women in A5257 ([OFID Sept 15, 2018](#)), a study showing the predictive utility of hair concentrations of antiretrovirals (ARVs) on virologic outcomes in A5257 ([Clin Infect Dis Sept 3, 2018](#)), post-treatment control of virologic suppression ([J Infect Dis Aug 6, 2018](#)), and neuropsychological manifestations of TB infection in the setting of HIV in A5199 ([Clin Infect Dis Aug 20, 2018](#)).

To view a synopsis of the four studies, please [click here](#).



The [HIV Research for Prevention \(HIVR4P\) conference](#) will be held October 21-25, 2018 at the Marriott Auditorium Hotel in Madrid, Spain. The biennial conference is the only global scientific meeting dedicated exclusively to biomedical HIV prevention research including HIV vaccines, microbicides, pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), treatment as prevention and other biomedical prevention approaches.

HPTN researchers will present 16 abstracts – five oral presentations and 11 poster presentations – covering [HPTN 067](#), [HPTN 069](#), [HPTN 074](#), [HPTN 075](#), [HPTN 077](#), [HPTN 078](#) and the AMP (Antibody Mediated Prevention) studies [HVTN 703/HPTN 081](#) and [HVTN 704/HPTN 085](#). Three satellite sessions will feature HPTN data including "State of the Art of HIV bNAbs for Prevention of HIV Infection." Myron Cohen, MD, HPTN co-principal investigator and Larry Corey, MD, HVTN principal investigator will co-chair the jointly-hosted session. The second session, "Current State of Play: PrEP Implementation Update and Challenges" will be co-chaired by Wafaa El-Sadr, MD, MPH, MPA, HPTN co-principal investigator. The third session, "Engagement of African MSM in HIV Prevention Research: Effective Recruitment and Retention" will include a discussion on lessons learned from [HPTN 075](#). Ken Mayer, MD, chair of the HPTN MSM Scientific

Committee, will co-chair the session. In addition, Raphael Landovitz, MD, MSc, [HPTN 077](#) and [HPTN 083](#) protocol chair, will deliver a talk during the October 24 plenary session entitled, "Beyond TDF/FTC: The Future of Systemic Pre-exposure Prophylaxis."



HIV VACCINE TRIALS NETWORK HVTN is headed to HIVR4P!

The HVTN is headed to the HIV Research for Prevention Conference (HIVR4P) on October 21–25 in Madrid, Spain. HIVR4P is the world's first and only international scientific meeting dedicated solely to biomedical HIV prevention research.

In addition to presenting two satellite sessions — State of the Art of HIV bnAbs for Prevention of HIV Infection and A Treasure Trove of Clinical Specimens and Data: Mining Research Opportunities with the HVTN — the HVTN will also be presenting 11 general abstracts and 12 late breaker abstracts, which detail the year's most current and cutting-edge science. Visit hivr4p.org for a detailed program of events.



Seven new studies are in development including investigations of long-acting injectable ARVs in non-adherent HIV-infected youth (IMPAACT 2022) and dolutegravir in HIV-exposed neonates (IMPAACT 2023). Thirteen abstracts were submitted for CROI 2019.



MTN's Regional Meeting was held September 22-27 at the Westin Cape Town Hotel in Cape Town, South Africa. Topics covered at the meeting included new studies on the dapivirine vaginal ring in pregnant and lactating women, and the implementation of the REACH study (MTN-034) – a Phase IIa study that will evaluate how adolescent girls and young women use the monthly dapivirine vaginal ring and Truvada as daily PrEP and their preferences for either or both approaches. The meeting also addressed the implementation of MTN-035, a study to assess the acceptability, tolerability and adherence to placebo rectal microbicides in three formulations: a douche, fast-dissolving rectal tablet (insert) and rectal suppository. Presentation slides from the meeting are available [here](#).

Experts from the MTN presented at two sessions at September's United States Conference on AIDS. They included, *You Down With GPP? Engaging young MSM in HIV prevention* and a WHRC-led session, *Can We Deliver? HIV research among pregnant and breastfeeding women*. The WHRC session resulted in a [write-up](#) in TheBodyPro.com.




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 is in the process of planning a webinar. Dr. Rivet Amico (U of Michigan) will host the webinar. Dr. Jessica Haberer (Harvard and Massachusetts General Hospital) will present on the BSCG’s work for the PHOENIX study, a co-endorsed protocol by the ACTG and IMPAACT. Dr. Michele Andrasik (HVTN) will also present on the AMP study, a co-endorsed protocol by the HPTN and HVTN. The webinar will be held in November, but a date and time has not been set as of yet. More information will follow in the upcoming weeks.

Communications: The Communications Working Group shared network presentations and sessions at the upcoming HIVR4P HIV Research for Prevention Conference in Madrid, Spain. A listing of network presentations for this conference will be posted on the [HANC website](#) by mid-October.

Community Coordination: Community Partners is holding a face-to-face meeting in Arlington, VA October 13-14. The purpose of the meeting will be to finalize the 2019 Community Partners work plan, discuss the upcoming Network recompetition, research updates, updates on TB studies, discuss human rights and ethical issues for individuals as they relate to research and discuss how to increase engagement of adolescents.

Community Partners and CRAG are pleased to announce that the abstract, “Combating Global TB/HIV through effective and strategic community engagement”, was accepted as a 90-minute workshop to the Union World Conference on Lung Health, taking place in The Hague, The Netherlands, October 24-27. The workshop will be held in Session Room 1 in the conference Community Space from 10:15 to 11:45 p.m. on October 24.

Data Management Center: The Data Management Center Working Group provided updates on the status of the DAIDS safety data reconciliation policy pilot and debriefing sessions with DAIDS RSC. The group also compared and deliberated over SCHARP and FSTRF’s respective approaches to data management quality metrics.

Financial Disclosure Working Group: The HANC-facilitated annual solicitation was emailed on September 21, 2018. Investigators that received the solicitation have until October 21, 2018 to submit their statements.

Laboratory: Members from the DAIDS Clinical Laboratory Oversight Team joined the Laboratory Focus Group on a call to continue developing standard terminology and procedures for initiating and resolving critical items on lab action plans.

The Laboratory Technologists Committee (LTC) conducted a review of the recently modified ACTG/IMPAACT Specimen Shipment Checklist and began discussions around the LPC Prep SOP. Additionally, LTC leadership announced the departure of two members in September, Bill Kabat and

Kittipong Rungruengthanakit.

Virology Quality Assurance Advisory Board held a call to review new reports from RNA 035 and GEN 033.

The Clinical Pharmacology Quality Assurance group is in the process of scheduling discussions around changes to the CPQA Bioanalytical Method Validation and Application Guidance based on the FDA’s final guidance published in May 2018.

Legacy Project: Brian Minalga will represent The Legacy Project at the 49th Union World Conference on Lung Health, taking place in The Hague, The Netherlands, October 24-27. He will lead a workshop in the conference community space on October 24 from 4:15 to 5:45 p.m. in Session Room 1. The workshop, “In Solidarity: Research and Advocacy to Decriminalize HIV and TB,” was submitted to the conference in collaboration with Brian Citro, JD, from the Northwestern Pritzker School of Law. The session includes the following speakers: Dean Lewis (TB Survivor, India), Allan Maleche (Executive Director, Kenya Legal & Ethical Issues Network), Karabo Rafube (TB Survivor, South Africa), John Stephens, JD (O’Neill Institute, Georgetown Law), and Robert Suttle (Assistant Director, Sero Project).

Brian Minalga had an abstract accepted to the 2018 National Trans Health Conference with co-authors Rona Siskind and Tori Cooper. The three authors will present on the *DAIDS Transgender Training Curriculum for HIV Research* series at the conference next month in Atlanta.

The Women’s HIV Research Collaborative has begun planning to submit two abstracts to the pre-CROI International Workshop on HIV and Women, taking place March 2-3, 2019 in Seattle. The planned abstracts cover two topics: 1) revising antiquated stigma scales and quality of life scales used in HIV research and 2) intimate partner violence and HIV. Abstracts are due November 30th.

Research Site Management & Clinical Trial Logistics: The Site Coordinators Working Group released a solicitation for new members to DAIDS network-affiliated CTU principal investigators, CRS Site Leaders, CTU Site Coordinators, and CRS Site Coordinators. In addition, the group recently discussed electronic trial master file (TMF) systems and the TMF Reference Model.

Youth Prevention Research Working Group: The YPRWG will be hosting a webinar on October 31, 2018 at 3:00pm ET. The webinar will focus on HPTN 078 and ACTG A5359. Dr. Robert Remien will present on HPTN 078 and Dr. Aadia Rana will present on ACTG A5359. In the next week, an invite to the webinar will be shared with all of HANC collaborators.