



The AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG) Network is the largest HIV/AIDS clinical trials organization in the world. We currently have 34 domestic & 25 international sites.



## ACTG Network Celebrates 30th Anniversary



ACTG Network Leadership (L to R) Dr. Robert Coombs, Dr. Daniel Kuritzkes, Dr. Judith Currier, Dr. Ian Sanne

### December 2, 2016 Marks Three Decades of HIV/AIDS Research

As we look back at the progress made over the past 30 years in developing HIV/AIDS treatments that are safe and well tolerated, it is clear the ACTG Network has significantly contributed to reducing the morbidity and mortality from HIV/AIDS; but it is important that we never lose sight of the challenges that still remain. We cannot lose our momentum at this critical juncture in the epidemic. Leadership is committed to supporting and empowering researchers, clinicians, community representatives and all staff across the Network to remain as passionate and focused as we have been during the past three decades as we head into our fourth. Together, we have made great strides, however, there is still much work to be done and research to be conducted. We greatly appreciate your contributions and challenge you to redouble your efforts to complete the work we have begun, and to design the next generation of studies to be undertaken by the ACTG Network. As always, we also wish to thank our selfless and giving clinical trial study participants, who without, there would be no ACTG Network. Cheers to the past 30 years and here, here to the years ahead!

Sincerely,  
ACTG Network Leadership

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## World AIDS Day 2016 Wrap-Up

### University of Colorado and Emory University Highlighted in World AIDS Day Coverage

World AIDS Day is held on December, 1 each year and is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, show their support for people living with HIV and to commemorate those who have passed. World AIDS Day was the first ever global health day, held for the first time in 1988.

Dr. Carlos del Rio of our Emory University site was interviewed by the Atlanta NPR Station, WABE, where he discussed in a lengthy interview the many social issues that need to be addressed to help us eradicate HIV. To listen to this interview, [click here](#).

Dr. Thomas Campbell of our University of Colorado, Denver site was featured as part of a news piece by Denver Fox affiliate, KDVR, that shared the story of a study participant and provided updates on the latest in HIV research. To watch this news piece, [click here](#).

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## ACTG Network Clinician Named 2016 North Carolina HIV/AIDS Certified Nurse of the Year



David Currin

### David Currin, RN, ACRN, CCRC, Honored as North Carolina's HIV/AIDS 2016 Certified Nurse of the Year

David Currin, RN, ACRN, CCRC of our University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill site is the North Carolina HIV/AIDS Nursing Certification Board's 2016 Certified Nurse of the Year. He was nominated for the award by Cheryl Marcus, BSN, Clinical Director of the research unit, and Claire Farel, MD, MPH, Medical Director of UNC's Infectious Diseases Clinic. David has served on multiple ACTG Network committees in member and leadership positions, most recently as chair of the Site Management and Clinical Care Committee.

"David brings incredible professionalism to all of his work, including volunteer positions, and frequently mentors new site staff for committees as well as in the field representative role to protocols teams," said Cheryl.

We wish to congratulate David on being honored with this prestigious award and thank him for his contributions to the ACTG Network. To learn more about David and why he was named North Carolina's HIV/AIDS 2016 Certified Nurse of the Year, [click here](#).

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## The HAILO Connection Newsletter

### Latest Edition of Protocol A5322/HAILO Study Participant Newsletter Now Available



In this issue of the HAILO Connection, we are excited to provide new information on Health-Related behaviors that include recent smoking, alcohol and substance use and physical activity. These behaviors represent an important part of our ongoing goal to follow HAILO participants in order to evaluate health and quality-of-life factors associated with healthy aging among HIV-positive individuals. In addition, we share news that so far four abstracts of HAILO research findings have been accepted as poster presentations at the Conference for Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (CROI) 2017. To download the latest edition of the HAILO Connection, [click here](#).

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## This Year in HIV/AIDS History: 1983

**January:** Ward 86, the world's first dedicated outpatient AIDS clinic, opens at San Francisco General Hospital.

**February:** CDC establishes the National AIDS Hotline to respond to public inquiries about the disease.

**May:** Dr. Françoise Barré-Sinoussi and her colleagues at the Pasteur Institute in France report the discovery of a retrovirus they call Lymphadenopathy Associated Virus that could be the cause of AIDS.

**July:** San Francisco General Hospital opens Ward 5B, the first dedicated AIDS ward in the U.S. It is fully occupied within days.

**September:** In response to growing concerns about the potential for transmission of AIDS in healthcare settings, CDC publishes the first set of occupational exposure precautions for healthcare workers and allied health professionals.

Source: AIDS.gov



Thank you for taking the time to read the ACTG Network's Monthly Newsletter. If you would like to be a guest blogger, have your clinical research site highlighted or would like to nominate a colleague for the Spotlight, please [click here](#). We welcome your feedback.

Sincerely,

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