



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.



2016 Annual ACTG Network Meeting Wrap-Up



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

tuberculosis and viral hepatitis.

2016 Annual Network Meeting Overview

The 2016 Annual ACTG Network Meeting was held June 26-30 in Washington, DC, USA. With over 800 attendees the meeting served as a platform to share trial updates and bring together community members and researchers. The meeting offered dozens of presentations all focused on our mission to cure HIV infection and reduce the burden of disease due to HIV infection and its complications, including

2016 Opening Plenary Talk

Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), gave the opening plenary talk and highlighted the need for continued funding for HIV research. In addition, he addressed the importance of gaining a better understanding of the HIV reservoir as we work to develop a safe, simple and scalable cure for HIV. To view Dr. Fauci's slide presentation, click [here](#).

2016 ACTG Network Research Awards

Each year at the meeting select researchers are given awards for their contribution to a specific field of ACTG Network research. These include: the John Carey Young Investigators Award, the Donna Davis Award, the Constance B. Wofsy Women's Health Investigator Award and the Minority HIV/AIDS Investigator Mentoring Program Award. To see the 2016 award winners, click [here](#).

2016 ACTG Network Community Advisory Board Awards

The Global Community Advisory Board (GCAB) handed out two prestigious awards at this year's meeting. The Bridget Murtagh Award was established to recognize that each ACTG CAB makes a contribution and should be recognized. The Sharon Maxwell Community Impact Award honors her over 20 years of contributions to HIV education and support both in research related groups and for her community and state.

To see the 2016 award winners, click [here](#).

2016 International AIDS Conference Wrap-Up

ACTG Network Well Represented at International AIDS Conference

Earlier this month several members of the ACTG Network attended that International AIDS Conference in Durban, South Africa. The International AIDS Conference is the largest conference on any global health or development issues in the world.



PROMISE 1077HS Results Presented

Dr. Judith Currier, Co-Principal Investigator of the ACTG Network at our UCLA site, presented the results of the PROMISE 1077HS study. The study found that continuing ART after giving birth was safe and associated with reduced illness and infection in over 1600 young asymptomatic women with high CD4 cell counts. [Read more>>](#)

HPTN 069/ACTG A5305 Results Presented

Dr. Roy Gulick, Investigator at our Weill Cornell University site, presented the results of the HPTN 069/ACTG A5305 study. The study found that 188 U.S. women participants who took Maraviroc (MVC)-containing regimens for HIV PrEP had no new infections. To view Dr. Gulick's slide presentation, click [here](#).

Closing Plenary Talk Given by Dr. Carlos del Rio

Dr. Carlos del Rio, Investigator at our Emory University site, gave the closing plenary talk titled: *What's New, What's Ahead, What's Next*. In the presentation Dr. del Rio notes "the unprecedented breakthroughs that have occurred as a result of research make us confident that if we apply what we now know we can end AIDS even in the absence of a vaccine. To watch this presentation, click [here](#).

ACTG Network Community Advisory Board Member Given Prestigious Award

The Elizabeth Taylor Human Rights Award was presented on Nelson Mandela Day by Elizabeth Taylor's grandchildren and actress Charlize Theron. The 2016 recipient was

ACTG Network Community Advisory Board Member Martha Theolanah from our Harare, Zimbabwe site. To watch the award ceremony click [here](#).

Annual ACTG Network Meeting Guest Blog

A Community Overview

by Morénike Giwa Onaiwu and Lionel Hillard, Glocal Community Advisory Board Co-Chairs

In contrast to a typical HIV conference, at the Annual ACTG Network Meeting one can expect that "training sessions for site personnel are held, major findings from ACTG studies are presented, future directions of the network are discussed, and the various administrative, scientific, and resources committees meet to discuss the status of developing, ongoing, and completed protocols and/or other network activities." From the community perspective, this year's meeting, which was held at the historic Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC, was a success - informative as well as engaging. [Read more>>](#)

International AIDS Conference Guest Blog

Access, Equity, Rights...NOW!

by Morénike Giwa Onaiwu and Lionel Hillard, Global Community Advisory Board Co-Chairs

It is difficult to think of a more fitting title for this post than the rally cry Access, Equity, Rights...NOW!, which was directly inspired by the 2016 theme for AIDS 2016, the world's largest international HIV/AIDS conference. Earlier this month approximately 15,000 people from all over the world convened in Durban, South Africa for the meeting that covered HIV research, human rights, prevention, stigma, HIV criminalization, policy, and so much more. In addition to the conference itself, there were several smaller pre-conference tracks focused on specific issues available for meeting attendees. All in all, there was something for everyone - but specifically for those of us within the HIV clinical research advocacy community, there was much to take in, much to think about, and much to bring back to our home communities. [Read more>>](#)

This Year in HIV/AIDS History: 1988

January: NIH establishes Office of AIDS Research and AIDS Treatment and Evaluation Unit officially becomes AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG) Network.

March: U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration awards HIV Planning Grants to 11 states and 10 cities in order to create a plan for HIV/AIDS systems of care. This lays the groundwork for the statewide programs that will later be funded under the Ryan White CARE Act.

May: U.S. Surgeon General, C. Everett Koop, launches the U.S.'s first coordinated HIV/AIDS education campaign by mailing 107 million copies of a booklet, Understanding AIDS, to all American households.

October: ACT UP protests at FDA headquarters about the drug-approval process. Eight days later, FDA announces new regulations to speed up drug approvals.

December: UNAIDS reports that the number of women living with HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa exceeds that of men.

Source: AIDS.gov



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