



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 Leadership Election Results



Dr. Judith Currier

"It is a privilege to serve as the Chair of the ACTG Network at this pivotal time in the epidemic. I look forward to working with all of the dedicated and talented individuals who participate in the ACTG Network to move our agenda forward."



Dr. Joseph Eron

"I am honored and thrilled to be elected as Vice Chair of the ACTG Network. I know just how fortunate I am to work with such talented clinical scientists, site leaders and staff. I look forward to the continued success of the ACTG Network"



Dr. Ian Sanne

"In this grant cycle the ACTG Network has developed a successful international research agenda implemented in 14 countries outside of the United States. I am honored to continue to serve as the ACTG Network International Vice Chair."

ACTG Network Voting Members Elect New Network Leadership at Annual Meeting

Dr. Judith Currier, Chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases, Department of Medicine, David Geffen School of Medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles, has been elected to succeed Dr. Daniel Kuritzkes as ACTG Network Chair; Dr. Currier has served as ACTG Network Vice Chair since 2010. Dr. Joseph Eron, Professor of Medicine and Vice Chief, Division of Infectious Diseases at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, has been elected as the new ACTG Network Vice Chair. Drs. Currier and Eron will assume these new roles beginning December 1, 2017. Dr. Ian Sanne, Associate Professor and Division Head of the Clinical HIV Research Unit at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, has been elected to serve a second term as ACTG Network International Vice Chair beginning December 1, 2017.

2017 Annual ACTG Network Meeting Wrap-Up

2017 Annual Network Meeting Overview

The 2017 Annual ACTG Network Meeting was held June 25-29 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 tuberculosis and viral hepatitis.

To see the State of the ACTG Network slide presentation, [click here](#) (requires login).

2017 Opening Plenary Talk

Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), gave the opening plenary talk and discussed changes to the overall National Institutes of Health's budget for the NIAID. In addition, Dr. Fauci provided insights into potential future legislature related to HIV research, as well as possible implications of the current political climate.

To see Dr. Fauci's slide presentation, [click here](#) (requires login).

2017 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 2017 award winners, [click here](#) (requires login).

2017 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 2017 award winners, [click here](#).

ACTG Network Spotlight

Health Educator Enjoys Connecting with the HIV Community and Jamming on the Roller Derby Track

Meet Anna Benbrook

Anna Benbrook, MS, CHES began her career as a college health educator working with students to promote healthy behaviors around fitness, nutrition, sexual health, tobacco cessation, and alcohol. When she moved to Tallahassee, FL in 2012 to work at Florida State University in the role of Sexual Health Educator, she earned a second MS degree, allowing her to transform her role into a Communications and Sexual Health Educator. In 2016, Anna joined our ACTG Network Emory University site in Atlanta, GA serving as a Health Educator where her main duties and focus are centered around recruiting study participants. She does this by being active in the local Atlanta HIV community and by providing health education, as well as information, about HIV in general. [Read more>>](#)



Anna Benbrook

This Year in HIV/AIDS History: 2003

January: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) calculate that 27,000 of the estimated 40,000 new infections that occur each year in the U.S. result from transmission by individuals who do not know they are infected.

March: Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation awards a \$60 million grant to the International Partnership for Microbicides to support research and development of microbicides to prevent transmission of HIV.

April: CDC announces Advancing HIV Prevention: New Strategies for a Changing Epidemic, a new prevention initiative that aims to reduce barriers to early diagnosis and increase access to, and utilization of, quality medical care, treatment, and ongoing prevention services for those living with HIV.

October: First National Latino AIDS Awareness Day in the U.S. recognized on October 15.

December: World Health Organization (WHO) announces the "3 by 5" initiative, to bring treatment to 3 million people by 2005.

Source: AIDS.gov





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