



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.



Letters from the LOC



A Message from the Leadership and Operations Center

ACTG Network Chair, Daniel Kurtzkes, MD, Examines the Clinician and Study Participant Relationship

The relationship between study investigators including physicians, nurses, pharmacists, research assistants and other clinicians, and study participants is crucial to the success of the studies we conduct across the ACTG Network. As many of our participants become long-term patients in affiliated practices and enroll in numerous studies, as with all human interactions, the relationship between a clinician and a study participant evolves over time. [Read more>>](#)

2015 Annual ACTG Network Meeting Update

Annual AIDS Clinical Trials Group Network Meeting

The 2015 Annual ACTG Network Meeting will be held next week, June 22 - June 26 in Washington, DC at the Renaissance Downtown Hotel. The meeting includes principal investigators, site investigators and site coordinators, research nurses, laboratory

technologists, pharmacists, data managers, community representatives, specialty laboratory directors and representatives from the Leadership and Operations Center, Network Coordinating Center, Statistical and Data Management Center and DAIDS. For the most up-to-date 2015 Annual ACTG Network Meeting agenda, [click here](#).

Highlights from our Sites



REPRIEVE Makes Front Page News in Article Profiling Washington University Clinical Trial Site

Last month, on the front page of the May 25th edition of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch read the headline: [Drug that lowers cholesterol could be next advancement in HIV treatment](#). The widely read article featured David Clifford, MD, Seay Professor of Neurology at Washington University in St Louis, Missouri and ACTG study participant and clinical trial advocate, Mr. James Pulford. The pair spoke about the valuable research being conducted at the Washington University Clinical Trial Site as well as the recently launched REPRIEVE Trial, A5332. Not only did the article address the importance of this landmark study, it also served to highlight how powerful it can be when ACTG study participants share their personal stories in the hopes of encouraging others to enroll in clinical trials. [Read more>>](#)

The ACTG Network Spotlight

Mentoring Comes Full Circle: ACTG Mentee Becomes the Mentor *Meet Timothy Wilkin, MD*

Timothy Wilkin, MD, MPH, is an Associate Professor of Medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases at the Weill Cornell Medical College and also serves as the Cornell-Chelsea Clinical Research Site Leader and Chair of the ACTG Co-Infections and Malignancy Working Group. Dr. Wilkin has been with the ACTG Network since 2003 and credits his decision to focus on HIV/AIDS research to Michael Para, MD, Professor of Infectious Disease at The Ohio State University who inspired him during his medical school training. [Read More>>](#)



Dr. Timothy Wilkin

LOC Staff Participates in AIDS Walk Boston

ACTG Network Team Raises Over \$800

Earlier this month, four members of the ACTG Network Leadership and Operations Center took part in the 30th Annual AIDS Walk



Borah Kaabunga and
Joanna Gervais

Boston. The Walk brings together members of the HIV/AIDS community, researchers, volunteers and many other groups affected by the disease to walk in solidarity. An estimated 10,000 participants walked to raise awareness and funds that will be used to support research, services and programs for the HIV/AIDS community. We thank them for their generosity. To view pictures and hear from ACTG Network walkers, [click here](#).

This Month in HIV/AIDS History

June 1981: The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publish a Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR), describing cases of a rare lung infection known as *Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia* (PCP), in five young, previously healthy, gay men in Los Angeles. All the men have other unusual infections as well, indicating that their immune systems are not working; two have already died by the time the report is published. This edition of the MMWR marks the first official reporting of what will become known as the AIDS epidemic. To read the original report, [click here](#).

June 1984: Dr. Gallo and Professor Luc Montagnier, from the Pasteur Institute in France, hold a joint press conference to announce that Dr. Montagnier's Lymphadenopathy Associated Virus (LAV) and Dr. Gallo's HTLV-III virus are almost certainly identical and are the likely cause of AIDS.

June 1998: The U.S. Supreme Court rules that the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) covers those in earlier stages of HIV disease, not just those who have developed AIDS.



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 trial site highlighted or would like to nominate a colleague for the Spotlight, please [click here](#). We welcome your feedback.

Sincerely,

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