

HIV Prevention Research Priorities for Latin America

Retreat HPTN Meeting May 2009

Lima Workshop 2007

- In March 2007, an International Course on HIV, Pathogenesis, Prevention and Treatment took place in Lima, Peru.
- Discussion on Latin America HIV Prevention and Treatment Research Agenda
- Broad representation of regional sites (Brazil, Peru, Argentina, Equador)
- Networks leadership participation- HPTN,ACTG,AMC and other scientific collaborators

HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Latin America

- Concentrated in urban areas
- MSM driven
- Spreading among the poor and less educated
- Late HIV diagnosis

MSM epidemic

- Stigma and discrimination
- Homophobia
- Violence
- Poverty and inequality

Prevention Research Interventions

- Increasing body of data from biomedical research interventions
- Increasing awareness by the community of biomedical research interventions

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- Circumcision in MSM (feasibility and criteria for defining target populations for this approach)- feasibility ongoing in Peru, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Ecuador and Panama
- Positive Prevention for MSM
- PrEP in MSM
- Rectal Microbicides
- Behavioral interventions
- VCT
- HPV
- Substance abuse
- Depression

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IPREX – what comes next to the Prep agenda for the LA countries?

Broad community engagement for the current IPREX study

Need to build the next steps for this research agenda – intermittent Prep?

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- Working on tailoring and adapting HPTN 061 to LA
- Identifying MSM target population to focus

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- Participation in the Prevention Umbrella for MSM in the Americas - the PUMA project

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- Rectal Microbicides- crucial for LA prevention research agenda - for MSM and women
- Need to build partnership with MTN
- Need capacity building

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- Late diagnosis
- Test and Treat Approach