

Domestic Prevention Working Group
2010 HPTN Annual Meeting
Sunday, 6 June 2010
7:30pm-9:30pm

Attendees:

Ken Mayer, Craig Hendrix, Anne Rompalo, Jim Hughes, Alan Greenburg, Manya Magnus, Irene Kuo, LaRon Nelson, Darrell Wheeler, Risha Irvin, Fred Mazyck, Sharon Mannheimer, Andrew Forsyth, Beryl Koblin, Hong Van Tieu, Steven Shoptaw, Harmony Waller, Sarah Artis, LaShawn Jones, Georgette King, Sam Griffith, Makisha Ruffin, Sherlie Brown, Genda Dockery, Sharon Parker, Carol Golin, Kemi Amola, Sally Hodder, Michael Arnold, Niru Sista, Sten Vermund

Housekeeping:

It was noted that a Domestic Prevention Working Group Lunch would be held Wednesday, June 9, 2010 from 12:30pm-1:30pm for capsule development teams to have an opportunity for further discussion. Others who were interested but not at the Sunday meeting were encouraged to attend. Notes from the working lunch would be distributed and made available on the DPWG page on the HPTN website.

HPTN 061 Update provided by Beryl Koblin:

Study Background:

Why is HIV Infection highest among Black MSM?

- Low frequency of HIV testing among Black MSM
- High HIV prevalence in Black MSM networks
- Higher prevalence of other STIs, thus facilitating HIV transmission

Timeline:

- Sept 2010- last enrollment visit
- October 2011- last 1 year follow up visit

Summary of Current Enrollment:

- over 1000 enrolled
- 10% new HIV + cases,
- 70% HIV-
- 61% have health care insurance

Publications:

- Ten soundbites have been submitted between the quantitative and qualitative data.

Questions/Discussion:

- How does capping of participants effect the data analysis?

- Was the 061 team making any considerations for targeting young MSM, who were represented at a lower amount than older age groups? It was noted that recruiting younger participants was a goal and that somewhat higher proportions of younger MSM were now being enrolled than in the beginning of the study.

HPTN 064 Update provided by Sally Hodder:

Primary Objective of HPTN 064:

- Estimate HIV incidence in high-risk women using venue based sampling and in HRA (census tracts, zip codes).

HPTN 064 recently had its first SMC Review in February 2010. The committee expressed concern that the study would not have sufficient follow-up. Per the committee's recommendations, participants originally consented for 6 months of follow up were extended to an additional 6 months of follow-up, totaling 12 months.

Timeline:

- Enrollment will close August 31, 2010.
- The study will end Feb 2011

Current Enrollment:

- As of date, nine of the 10 sites have fully enrolled.
- The study has successfully enrolled of 2000 women.

Publications:

- Women-At-Risk paper submitted to Annals of Internal Medicine
- Conferences: Rondalya Deshields, Melissa Douglas, two HPTN 064 nurses from UMDNJ and GWU will present at the National Black Nurses Conference in July.

Questions/Discussion:

- Are women enrolling in the study because they want to be heard, or is it more of the incentive?
- Most sites have reported that the incentive initially draws participants in, but after growing a rapport with staff, the participants "buy-in" to the study and feel a connection.
- Women and men are both equally engaged into the qualitative portion of the study.

HPTN 065-slides provided by Theresa Gamble/update provided by Niru Sista

HPTN 065 is a unique study for HPTN. The study will be evaluating the test and treat approach in the Bronx and DC communities. The primary question is whether you can incentivize people to make visits and suppress their HIV viral loads. The study has five components:

1. Testing
2. Linkage

3. Care
4. Adherence to treatment
5. Positive Prevention/Messages, Provider/Patient Survey about perceptions of prescribing treatment and viewpoints of participants.

The study has successfully gotten IRB approval from a central IRB and is currently recruiting sites.

HPTN 066 Update provided by Craig Hendrix:

Rationale

- Adherence has a major impact on drug exposure and outcome.

Objective of Study

- To determine the dose proportionality and intra-individual variability of intracellular TFV-DP and FTC-TP in healthy volunteers

Timeline:

- Study initiation: Aug 2010
- Study completion: Feb 2011

Capsule Development Team Updates

MSM CDT Update provided by Ken Mayer

- Because there is substantial amount of research targeting Black MSM (e.g. HPTN 061), which accounts for only half of the annual new infections among MSM in the US, the group has discussed looking at non-Black MSM (Latino MSM, etc).
- The group has had several conference calls and have discussed the following possible areas of focus:
 - How to incorporate PrEP into new MSM studies?
 - Bathhouses: Bill Woods
 - Internet: Mary Ann Chiasson, Sabina Hirschfeld,
 - Substance Use: Grant Colfax
 - Latino MSM: Steve Shoptaw, Tom Coates, Jorge Sanchez
 - Transgender: Don Operario
 - Syndemics: Ron Stall, Conall O’Cleirigh
 - Younger MSM: Partner with ATN?
 - Son of HPTN 061?

Social Sexual Network/Structural CDT update provided by Sally Hodder

- The group discussed at the DPWG face-to-face meeting in March 2010 the importance of looking at access to information, microfinance, social sexual networks, impacting heterosexual male to improve access of healthcare for women.

Incarceration Settings update provided by Carol Golin:

- During the face-to-face meeting in NY, the group discussed the role of incarceration and how it affects families and communities and how that affects risky behaviors, thus affecting HIV transmission.

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