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## CROI 2017



The 24th annual Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (CROI) will be held February 13 - 16, 2017, in Seattle, Washington, at the Washington State Convention Center. HPTN researchers will present 17 abstracts covering HPTN 037, 052, 065, 067, 068, 069, 071 and 073. CROI 2017 webcasts, abstracts, electronic posters, and other electronic resources will be available [online](#) after the conference ends.

[View the HPTN abstracts at CROI](#)

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**HPTN at NAESM 2017**

The 14<sup>th</sup> [National AIDS Education and Services for Minorities \(NAESM\) conference](#) was held January 19-22, 2017, in Dallas, Texas. The event attracted several hundred healthcare providers, government officials, people living with HIV/AIDS, researchers, and community members for four days of education, professional/personal development, and networking. The HPTN co-hosted and co-sponsored a presentation and plenary session along with the HVTN and MTN. “From Top to Bottom: Everything You Need to Know About Anal Health” presented the many facets of anal health among Black MSM and transgender people, including beliefs and barriers that negatively affect access to care.



After the presentation, attendees engaged in a discussion about the best ways to improve anal health in communities most at risk for HIV. The breakfast plenary, “HIV Prevention Research Studies Engaging Black MSM and Transgender Persons,” provided updates on [HVTN 704/HPTN 085](#), also known as AMP, and [HPTN 083](#), seeking to advance HIV prevention options available for Black MSM and transgender men and women who have sex with men.



## SHOUT OUTS

### Study Shout Outs

Enrollment began in October 2016 for HPTN 082/HERS, a sub-Saharan-based research study designed to assess the number of and characteristics of young women who accept versus decline pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) at enrollment. The study also compares adherence to PrEP between women who are randomized to receive standard adherence support and those receiving enhanced adherence support. Ward 21 CRS at the Wits RHI Adolescent Research Center in Johannesburg, South Africa, the Emavundleni CRS in Cape Town, South Africa and the Spilhaus CRS in Harare, Zimbabwe have enrolled almost 100 young women, reflecting the successful strategies the sites have implemented to engage and recruit young women in oral PrEP strategies. A regional meeting, held November 31-December 1, 2016, in Hermanus, South Africa facilitated cross-site sharing of approaches for recruitment and implementation of HPTN 082/HERS.

Enrollment began in December 2016 for HPTN 083, a study that looks to evaluate the efficacy of the long-acting injectable agent, cabotegravir (CAB LA), for PrEP in transgender women (TGW) and HIV-uninfected men who have sex with men (MSM).

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## Scholars Shout Outs

### **Brandon Brown (Domestic Scholars, Cohort 6)**

Dr. Brown published a commentary in the October 2016 issue of The Lancet HIV titled "[Transparency of participant incentives in HIV research](#)." In addition, he was awarded a diversity supplement from NIAID for a new research project in HIV cure ethics as a co-investigator.

### **Dustin Duncan (Domestic Scholars, Cohort 6)**

Among some other key grants, Dr. Duncan was awarded an NIH R01 grant, entitled "PrEP Uptake and Adherence Among Young Black MSM: Neighborhood and Network Determinants."

### **Florence Momplaisir (Domestic Scholars, Cohort 6)**

Dr. Momplaisir was selected to be a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Perinatal HIV guideline member. Panel members update national guidelines on treatment of HIV-positive pregnant and postpartum women in the U.S.

### **Jabulani Ncayiyana (International Scholars, Cohort 2)**

Dr. Ncayiyana was promoted from associate lecturer to lecturer at the University of the Witwatersrand in South Africa. He also co-wrote a Fogarty D43 UNC-UNZA-Wits Partnership for HIV and Women's Reproductive Health training grant.

### **Tonia Poteat (Domestic Scholars, Cohort 6)**

Dr. Poteat was appointed guest editor for a special issue of JIAS, entitled, "Evidence for action: a call for the global HIV response to address the needs of transgender populations." She was also awarded a KL2 Career Development Award which will give her the opportunity to analyze data from the North American AIDS Cohort Collaboration on Research and Design (NA-ACCORD) as well as the CFAR Network of Integrated Clinical Systems (CNICS) to look at HIV outcomes among transgender women living with HIV.

### **Carlos Rodríguez-Díaz (Domestic Scholars, Cohort 7)**

Dr. Rodríguez-Díaz was awarded, as site Co-PI in collaboration with other colleagues, a U01 grant from the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities. The title of the grant is "A pragmatic trial of an adaptive eHealth HIV prevention program for diverse adolescent men who have sex with men."

### **Kiyomi Tsuyuki (Domestic Scholars, Cohort 7)**

Dr. Tsuyuki was awarded a NIAAA K01 and now has a faculty appointment at UCSD as a project scientist.

*The HPTN Scholars Program allows early-career investigators who are under-represented in HIV prevention science the opportunity to be mentored by a leader in HIV prevention research.*

*This funded program, in existence since 2010, consists of a domestic cohort and an international cohort and is funded by NIAID, with partial funding from NIMH and NIDA.*

## NETWORK MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

**Elizabeth Shambadza (ES) Magada, MA**, is a community liaison officer (CLO) for the Parirenyatwa and Spilhaus clinical research sites in Zimbabwe. She has spent more than 19 years working in large and complex HIV treatment, care, and behavior change projects under the University of Zimbabwe in collaboration with the University of California San-Francisco (UZ-UCSF).

### **How did you first get involved with the HPTN?**

Having worked as a counsellor for UZ-UCSF for four years under the hormonal contraceptive study and its ancillary study on genital shedding, I was hired by the HPTN in 2003 as a senior counsellor for HPTN 052 at the Parirenyatwa CRS.

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## AWARENESS DAYS



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## National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

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