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HPTN at IAS 2017



The 9th [IAS Conference on HIV Science](#) (IAS 2017) will be held July 23-26, 2017 at the Palais des Congrès in Paris, France. IAS is the largest open scientific conference focusing on issues related to HIV and AIDS. This year it will bring together more than 6,000 industry professionals to discuss the latest scientific developments in HIV-related research, keeping a focus on moving science into practice and policy. HPTN researchers will present 18 abstracts covering HPTN [068](#), [069](#), [071](#), [073](#), [074](#), [075](#), [076](#), and [077](#). In addition, the HPTN will host three unique satellite sessions featuring insights on HPTN 071 (PopART), systemic PrEP, and mathematical modelling for HIV prevention research.

IAS 2017 webcasts, abstracts, electronic posters, and other electronic resources will be available online after the conference ends.

[See HPTN Abstracts](#)

News

Quarraisha Abdool Karim Receives Honorary Doctoral Degree



Congratulations to Quarraisha Abdool Karim on receiving an honorary doctoral degree from the University of Johannesburg – a tribute to her many contributions as an internationally-renowned HIV researcher. She is a former Principal Investigator with the HPTN and a current member of the Executive Committee. Quarraisha is also an associate scientific director at the Centre for the AIDS Programme of Research (CAPRISA) in South Africa, and director of the Columbia University-Southern African Fogarty AIDS International Training and Research Programme.

New HPTN LC Co-Director



Congratulations to Mark Marzinke on his appointment to the position of co-director of the HPTN Laboratory Center (LC). Mark is an associate professor in pathology at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in Baltimore, Md., with a secondary appointment in medicine. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Clinical Chemistry and a fellow in the Academy of the American Association for Clinical Chemistry. He joined the HPTN LC in 2012 and is a member of the HPTN LC Pharmacology Core and director of the Clinical Pharmacology Analytical Laboratory (CPAL) at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

ICAP Events



Staff members and volunteers with ICAP at Columbia University recently participated in AIDS Walk New York, the largest single-day AIDS fundraising event in the world. The funds raised at the event remain a vital lifeline sustaining the prevention, care, and advocacy programs that Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC) provides for the thousands of men, women, and families affected by the disease in New York, Connecticut, and New Jersey.

ICAP also participated in New York City's Pride 2017 in June, staffing a booth for HPTN 083 and the AMP Study.

Network Member Spotlight



Ernest Moseki is a community engagement coordinator at the Gaborone CRS in Gaborone, Botswana. He is currently a member of the HPTN Community Working Group Steering Committee and the HPTN 075 protocol team. Ernest is the first regulatory and administrative coordinator for the Botswana CTU. He also provides technical and administrative support for the local Community Advisory Board (CAB). Ernest holds a post-graduate diploma in International Research Ethics from the University of Cape Town in South Africa.

How did you first get involved with the HPTN?

When the HPTN 052 site selection was done, our site (Gaborone CRS) was not among those selected to implement the study. However, during the course of the study, our site was asked to join since we had experience in working with serodiscordant couples. I was the regulatory coordinator for our site and worked with the ethics review committees for submission of the study documents, and was asked to take up the community educator role as well. It is from then on that I worked with the most amazing team that supports sites in the implementation of studies.

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Awareness Days



World Hepatitis Day

July 28

Hot off the Press

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