



# Prevention NOW!

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## CAB-LA Proves to Be Highly Effective for Prevention of HIV Acquisition in Cisgender Men and Transgender Women



HPTN researchers announced on Monday, May 18, results from [HPTN 083](#), a global randomized, controlled, double-blind study that compared the safety and efficacy of long-acting injectable cabotegravir (CAB LA) to daily oral tenofovir/emtricitabine (TDF/FTC) (Truvada) for pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP). The study showed CAB LA lowered HIV incidence among cisgender men and transgender women who have sex with men.

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## Infectious Diseases Have Rules: Lessons From the Past for Facing COVID-19



As the COVID-19 pandemic impacts the U.S. healthcare system, it's also raising our anxiety levels to a fevered pitch. In this opinion editorial, HPTN co-PIs Dr. Myron Cohen and Dr. Wafaa El-Sadr offer readers some hope and reassurance. Drawing on their experience in confronting HIV, SARS, and other pandemics, they remind us we have been here before, facing and controlling emergent viruses. By following basic steps to learn COVID-19's pathogenesis — its development, who it attacks, and why — we can win this battle, too.

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## Combination Prevention for COVID-19



HPTN co-PI Dr. Myron Cohen and HIV Vaccine Trials Network PI Dr. Lawrence Corey discuss COVID-19 prevention strategies, based on years of fighting HIV, in this *Science* magazine editorial.

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## Shoutout



Congratulations to HPTN co-PI Dr. Myron Cohen for being inducted into The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Order of the Golden Fleece, the school's oldest and most prestigious honor society. The Order selects members based upon service to the university as reflected in scholarship, motivation, creativity, loyalty, and leadership in academic and extracurricular pursuits.

## Network Member Spotlight

Pumeza Mzizi, a member of the [HPTN 084](#) Community Working Group, is a community liaison officer for the Ward 21 clinical research site (CRS) at Wits RHI in Johannesburg. She has coordinated community engagement in randomized clinical trials (RCTs) for the past 20 years. Pumeza was first introduced to RCTs in 2001 when working on the DART study that was enrolling pregnant women living with HIV to evaluate the single-dose nevirapine in preventing mother-to-child transmission. This project helped shape national policies and guidelines on the prevention of mother to child transmission. She has also been active in HIV prevention research for adolescent girls and young women, adult women, commercial sex workers and men.



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