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The 4th International AIDS Society (IAS) HIV Research for Prevention Conference (HIVR4P) takes place virtually on 27-28 January and 3-4 February. The conference will offer a combination of live, taped, and on-demand presentations featuring the world's leading HIV prevention researchers, implementers, and advocates, along with the latest science.

HPTN researchers will present abstracts covering [HPTN 071](#), [HPTN 073](#), [HPTN 082](#), [HPTN 084](#), [HVTN 703/HPTN 081](#), [HVTN 704/HPTN 085](#), [HVTN 127/HPTN 087](#), and the [Modeling Center](#). In addition, HPTN Principal Investigator Dr. Myron Cohen will discuss active and passive vaccination to prevent COVID-19 infection and disease during the [IAS COVID-19 Conference](#) on 2 February.

HIVR4P e-posters and links to abstracts will be available online after their initial presentation at hptn.org/presentedresearch.

[View Schedule of HPTN Presentations and Sessions](#)

HPTN Scholars



The HPTN Scholars Program is pleased to announce the next group of talented scholars. During the next 18 months, they will conduct secondary analyses of HPTN study data, working alongside leading HIV prevention researchers affiliated with the Network. More than fifty (50) scholars have participated in the program since it started in 2010. The U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, U.S. National Institute on Drug Abuse, and the U.S. National Institute for Mental Health fund the HPTN Scholars program.

[Meet the Scholars](#)

New Year, New Look!

Updated website homepage and slide deck template



We are very excited to announce the launch of the newly designed HPTN website homepage. Our goal is to provide visitors an easier way to learn about the HPTN, our studies, community engagement efforts, and Network and HPTN Scholars Program spotlights. The new look will improve navigation and create a more user-friendly experience. We have also updated the Network PowerPoint template (click [here](#) to download).

Shoutout

[HPTN 091](#), also known as the *I Am* study, completed all required trainings in December 2020. Topics included: protocol overview and study procedures, pharmacy, laboratory, clinical practices, sensitivity training, peer health navigation, community training, in-depth interviewing, and drug interaction sub-study training. The training sessions took place over multiple days to ensure sufficient time was given to all topics and attendance by all relevant staff. The team is aiming to initiate study conduct in early February. The



study website will be available soon at IAmStudy.org (English) and ProjetoEuSou.org (Portuguese).



Columbia University's president recently appointed HPTN Principal Investigator Dr. Wafaa M. El-Sadr to serve as the Columbia World Projects director. Columbia World Projects is an initiative focused on bringing the university's academic resources to bear on humanity's significant challenges. The initiative mobilizes the university's researchers and scholars to work with governments, organizations, businesses, and communities to tackle global challenges.

Network Member Spotlight

AJ Winingham, a member of the [HPTN 083](#) Community Working Group, is a community outreach coordinator in the Division of Infectious Diseases at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. AJ completed an Associates of Arts Degree at St. Louis Community College in 2017 and is currently working towards a Bachelor of Science degree in Integrated Studies with certificates in business and clinical research management at Washington University. One of AJ's proudest achievements is being a first-generation college student.



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Hot Off The Press

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