



HPTN researchers presented 11 abstracts showcasing [HPTN 052](#), [HPTN 069](#), [HPTN 071](#), [HPTN 083](#), and the HPTN Modelling Center and HPTN Laboratory Center's ongoing work at the recent virtual [Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections](#) (CROI). HPTN 083 protocol chair Dr. Raphael J. Landovitz also delivered remarks during the CROI press conference regarding the study's laboratory analysis findings of injectable cabotegravir for pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP).

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Researchers from the HIV Prevention Trials Network and HIV Vaccine Trials Network co-authored the New England Journal of Medicine article “[Two Randomized Trials of Neutralizing Antibodies to Prevent HIV-1 Acquisition.](#)”

The two antibody-mediated prevention trials – [HVTN 704/HPTN 085](#) and [HVTN 703/HPTN 081](#) – are sponsored and funded by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, part of the National Institutes of Health.

HPTN 096 Branding Contest

We're looking for
**LOGO & STUDY
NAME CONCEPTS**
to help brand an upcoming
HIV prevention project

1st place \$500 2nd place \$250 3rd place \$150

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Anyone can enter
Submission deadline March 31st
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Calling all designers! We need your help designing a logo and tagline for a research study called “HPTN 096: Getting to Zero Among Black Men Who Have Sex with Men (MSM) in the American South: Testing the Efficacy of an Integrated Strategy.”

Put on your creative hats and learn more at <https://bit.ly/3qZyFhN>.

Shoutouts



(Photo: Courtesy McGovern Medical School at UTHealth, Office of Communications)



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[HPTN 091](#) is now open to accrual. The study will enroll about 310 transgender women (TGW), ages 18 or older, not living with HIV. The vanguard feasibility and acceptability study will assess a multi-component

strategy providing HIV prevention services, gender-affirming hormone therapy, and peer health navigation to improve PrEP uptake and adherence. Transgender women bear a disproportionate burden of HIV infection globally, and gender-affirming hormone therapy is an unmet need and community priority for TGW. An accepted and feasible intervention that delivers HIV prevention services with hormonal therapy could significantly impact the HIV epidemic among TGW. Learn more about the study at <https://www.iamstudy.org/>.



Dr. LaRon Nelson received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of Rochester School of Nursing in New York for his leading efforts and significant contributions in HIV prevention within African and African diaspora communities in the U.S., Canada, and Ghana. Dr. Nelson is an HPTN Scholar and co-leads HPTN 096. He is also the inaugural associate dean for global health and equity and an Independence Foundation associate professor of nursing at Yale School of Nursing. Dr. Nelson also oversees the Office of Global Health and the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Dr. Steven Shoptaw was appointed to the Drug and Alcohol Dependence Journal Editorial Board. He will oversee etiology, epidemiology, prevention, and policy. Dr. Shoptaw is protocol co-chair for [HPTN 094](#) and a professor at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) departments of Family Medicine and Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences, and professor (Hon.) in Psychiatry at the University of Cape Town.



Network Member Spotlight



Tereza Omoro, a community engagement expert, is a member of the HPTN Community Working Groups supporting studies such as [HVTN 703/HPTN 081](#) (AMP) and [HPTN 084](#). She has worked in HIV prevention research as a community educator with Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) Kisumu CRS.

What attracted you to a career in HIV prevention research?

I worked for an organization that conducted mobile treatment clinics for sexually transmitted infections along Lake Victoria's shores and beaches in Nyanza, Kenya. It pained me to hear how disadvantaged women and girls were with negotiating for safer sex. Back then, it was only condoms. With the advancement of research, there was hope that an effective HIV prevention method would be found, particularly for the female population. I knew this was where I wanted to be; I had the hope of empowering women and girls through options.

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