

# THE HIV CENTER



“Masivukeni,” a **multimedia adherence intervention**, is developed for resource-constrained HIV healthcare settings in South Africa

Cairo conference brings together **HIV researchers from the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)** and the U.S., launching the HIV Center’s MENA initiative

The CDC names the Healthy Living Project a **best-evidence intervention** in its Compendium of Evidence-Based HIV Prevention Interventions

Studies begin to document HIV risk and prevalence among **black African MSM in South African townships**

Masivukeni uses multimedia to help lay counselors in South Africa increase ART adherence and screen for mental health and substance use problems among their HIV-positive patients.

EPIC—Enhanced Prevention in Couples—develops a **combination biomedical-behavioral intervention package** for HIV serodiscordant couples in Lesotho

Research begins among adults newly diagnosed with HIV to identify **determinants of timely entry into HIV care and ART initiation** in South Africa

The **use of HIV home-testing as a risk-management screening tool** by high-risk men is explored

HIV Center research on **potential uses of microbicides among MSM** expands with safety and acceptability studies

HIV Center researchers study the **impact of perinatal HIV infection on adolescents transitioning to early adulthood**

The Columbia University Master’s Program in Bioethics is established

The HIV Center postdoctoral training program is renewed by NIMH for its 21st-25th years

A **combination behavioral-psychopharmacologic intervention** aims to treat fatigue in HIV-infected adults

Family-based interventions are developed to address HIV risk among **adolescents in treatment for substance use and youth on probation** in NY State



HIV Center collaborates with NY State AIDS Institute to develop and test a structural intervention to **increase screening and testing for acute HIV infection** in the Bronx

The SMART Couples Study is included in the medical adherence chapter of the CDC Compendium of Evidence-Based HIV Prevention Interventions

A new study explores **sexual risk compensation in the real-world context of roll-out of male circumcision** among South African men

Through the MAC AIDS Fund Leadership Initiative, the HIV Center and its partners at UCLA and the Human Sciences Research Council, identified, trained, mentored, and provided seed funding for 58 emerging leaders in HIV prevention in South Africa. (PHOTO BY JOYCE HUNTER)



Study of **at-home rapid HIV testing** reveals the promise of this new technology to promote HIV prevention

The HIV Center was approved by NIMH for its sixth renewal (2013-2018) to focus on the application of behavioral/social science to new combination and biomedical prevention and treatment strategies

The Division of HIV at the New York State Psychiatric Institute/Columbia Psychiatry expands to become the **Division of Gender, Sexuality, and Health** and launches a new **Initiative for LGBT Health**

In 2013, the HIV Center was renewed by NIMH under the leadership of Dr. Robert Remien (above at left). Dr. Anke A. Ehrhardt (second from left) continued on as the Director and Research Chief of the Division of Gender, Sexuality, and Health. Joining Dr. Remien as Co-Directors were (at right) Dr. Claude Ann Mellins and Dr. Alex Carballo-Diéguez. (PHOTO BY EVE VAGG)

## 2008

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### TIMELINE OF THE AIDS EPIDEMIC 2008–2012

**2008** New CDC estimates show the new **HIV infection rate in the U.S. is 40% higher** in the U.S. than previously believed • Mexico hosts first Latin America-based International AIDS Conference • U.S. Congress renews PEPFAR with \$48 billion funding over five years for global HIV treatment

**2009** **U.S. ends travel ban** on HIV-positive visitors and immigrants • An estimated 4 million people in developing countries are receiving HIV treatment, about one-third of those in immediate need • UNAIDS reports 17% global decline in new HIV infections since 1999, but 25% increase in East Asia • Report finds HIV prevalence higher in Washington D.C. than in West Africa



Although millions of HIV-positive people in developing countries have begun to receive critically needed treatment due to global funding mechanisms, nearly 10 million in need of immediate treatment still have no access, such as this mother and child in Rwanda.

(PHOTO: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE)

**2010** HIV Center-affiliated researchers in South Africa **show a vaginal microbicide to be effective** • U.S. releases first-ever **National HIV/AIDS Strategy** • Study finds use of antiretrovirals by HIV-positive MSM drastically reduced transmission to negative partners

The release of the first-ever National HIV/AIDS Strategy aimed to reduce new HIV infections, increase access to care, reduce health disparities, and achieve a more coordinated national response to the HIV epidemic.

(PHOTO: WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF NATIONAL AIDS POLICY)

**2011** UN adopts new political declaration about intensifying efforts against HIV/AIDS • Large trial finds **early HIV treatment reduces transmission** within HIV serodiscordant heterosexual couples • U.S. federal agencies begin implementation of National HIV/AIDS Strategy • The world marks the **30th anniversary** of the emergence of AIDS



**2012** **Rapid HIV test** is approved by the FDA for at-home use • U.S. is host to the International AIDS Conference for the first time in two decades • FDA approves use of ARV medications in HIV-negative but high-risk individuals as a form of **pre-exposure prophylaxis** • The U.S. government unveils a five-point plan to promote an “AIDS-free generation”

At the 2012 International AIDS Conference in Washington D.C., U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton laid out plans to advance gains in HIV education and treatment.

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