

HIV CENTER



Dr. Ellen Stover of NIMH speaks at the press conference announcing that her agency had awarded the HIV Center a \$19 million grant. With Stover is Dr. Anke A. Ehrhardt, HIV Center Director, and Dr. Herbert Pardes, who was then the Director of the New York State Psychiatric Institute (NYSPI).

TIMELINE 1987 TO 2007



HIV Center investigators meet shortly after the HIV Center's founding in 1987. From the outset, the work of the Center has involved a collaborative process across multiple academic disciplines and scientific methodologies.

The HIV CENTER is founded at New York State Psychiatric Institute and Columbia University with a grant from NIMH

The "Follow-Up Study" begins to document the psychosocial, psychosexual, neurological, and neuropsychiatric **manifestations of HIV disease progression**, including one of the first cohorts of HIV-infected women

At-risk inner city adolescents become the focus of prevention interventions

HIV CENTER advocates for **female-controlled methods** for HIV prevention

The Center hosts breakfast meetings to raise awareness of legislators, media, and communities about the **impact of the epidemic on women**

The HIV/AIDS Mental Health Clinic is founded at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center

The HIV Center was founded by Dr. Anke A. Ehrhardt (right), a clinical psychologist and sex researcher who became Director, and Dr. Zena Stein (left), a medical doctor and epidemiologist who became Co-Director. Dr. Robert Spitzer, a prominent psychiatrist, also served as a Co-Director during the HIV Center's initial phase.



The first results from the "Follow-Up Study" describe **psychiatric and neuropsychological function and sexual behavior** in the progression of HIV disease

Rapid dissemination of new findings to communities and professional institutions begins

Researchers, communities, and The Media Group undertake a model collaboration to produce three **educational videos** that are later used around the world

Postdoctoral fellowship program is launched in behavioral sciences research in HIV infection

1987

1988

1989

TIMELINE OF THE AIDS EPIDEMIC 1981-1989

1981 Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia and "rare cancer" Kaposi's sarcoma is diagnosed in gay men • **CDC declares the new disease an epidemic**

1982 Term "Gay-Related Immune Deficiency" (GRID) is first used • **AIDS organizations GMHC, KS/AIDS Foundation, and People with AIDS Coalition are established** • First safe sex pamphlet for gay men is published

1983 French scientists isolate virus • National Association of People with AIDS adopts The Denver Principles, a statement of self-empowerment • First U.S. Conference on AIDS is held

1984 San Francisco bathhouses are closed • HHS predicts vaccine and cure by 1990

1985 HIV antibody test is licensed • Blood banks begin screening for HIV • First International AIDS Conference is held • **Actor Rock Hudson dies of AIDS** • AIDS is reported in 51 nations, with large numbers in Africa

1986 International Committee names the virus HIV – the Human Immunodeficiency Virus • Clinical trials begin of anti-retroviral drug AZT • WHO launches global AIDS strategy and recommends needle exchange • U.S. Surgeon General issues major report on AIDS

1987 AIDS Clinical Trials Group is formed • HIV antibody test measures mother's antibodies not infant's • **FDA approves AZT** • CDC revises AIDS definition • **ACT UP is established** • First national display of AIDS Memorial Quilt is held on the National Mall • AIDS is reported in 127 nations

1988 Women are named fastest growing group of PWAs • FDA speeds up approval process for experimental drugs • FDA approves the antiretroviral drug ddI • First Presidential Commission Report on AIDS is published • **First annual World AIDS Day** is commemorated

1989 Underground clinical trials of alternative treatment Compound Q are conducted • FDA approves ganciclovir for CMV and aerosolized pentamidine for PCP • ACT UP demands release of ddI • Fifth International AIDS Conference is held • 8-10 million HIV cases are estimated worldwide