HIV CENTER

TIMELINE 1987 TO 2007

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

HIV CENTER advocates for female-controlled methods for HIV prevention

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

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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

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