

# Guide to NIH HIV/AIDS Information Services with Selected Public Health Service Activities

## PREFACE

In this Guide, the National Library of Medicine draws together in a single, easy-to-use source, a variety of data about the many HIV/AIDS information-related activities of NIH along with selected PHS offerings. It is hoped that the Guide will be a useful tool for health professionals, care givers, the affected community, and others to learn about AIDS information resources supported by public funds and available to them.

The Guide was first prepared for the NIH HIV/AIDS Information Services Conference, co-sponsored by the National Library of Medicine and the NIH Office of AIDS Research, in June 1993. Those attending the conference, most from outside the Federal Government, were enthusiastic about the Guide and recommended that the Library keep it current and make it widely available.

This revised edition has been prepared for wide distribution. We plan to keep it up-to-date and republish as necessary. Additional copies may be requested by using the form on the last page.

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## Guide to NIH HIV/AIDS Information Services

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) supports research to provide insight into the nature of HIV infection, the genetic and biological properties of the virus, immunopathogenesis, the natural history of HIV, consequences of HIV infection on the body, risk factors, and various modes of transmission. NIH supports a major effort to develop vaccines and to develop and test new agents for the treatment of AIDS and HIV infection, including opportunistic infections and HIV-associated malignancies.

NIH sponsors many information services to assist professionals, patients, and the public in the quest for knowledge about HIV/AIDS. This brochure describes many of those services, some of which are components of other HIV/AIDS-related projects, as well as selected information services sponsored by other agencies of the Public Health Service.

The symbols below identify the categories of HIV/AIDS information services of each institute, office, or center.

R = Research

CT = Clinical Trials

T = Treatment

PE = Patient Education

P = Prevention

PT = Professional Training

GI = General Information

The symbols below are used to identify the type or format of each HIV/AIDS information service provided.

Tel = Telephone

Pub = Publication

Db = Online Database,  
Electronic Bulletin  
Board, or Internet  
Service

Ex = Exhibit, Educational  
Campaign, Training  
Program/Materials, or  
Conference

## **Office of AIDS Research (OAR) R, CT, T, PT, P, GI**

Pub **Annual NIH Comprehensive Plan and Budget Estimate for Scientific Opportunities in AIDS Research:** In response to a congressional mandate, OAR annually develops a detailed plan for NIH AIDS-related research activities in seven areas: (1) Natural History and Epidemiology, (2) Etiology and Pathogenesis, (3) Therapeutics, (4) Vaccines, (5) Behavioral Research, (6) Training and Infrastructure, and (7) Information Dissemination. The plan summarizes the status of NIH-sponsored activities in these areas and presents the goals and strategies for future efforts. This plan is also linked to the annual budget estimate submitted directly to the President for review and transmittal to Congress.

Pub **Status Report on Women and AIDS Activities:** OAR regularly develops a report highlighting completed, ongoing, and planned NIH HIV/AIDS research projects, scientific conferences, and other activities relevant to women.

Pub **Status Report on Pediatric AIDS Activities:** OAR regularly develops a report that summarizes completed, ongoing, and planned NIH pediatric HIV/AIDS research projects, scientific conferences, and meetings.

Pub **Status Report on Adolescents and AIDS Activities:** OAR regularly develops a report that summarizes completed, ongoing, and planned NIH HIV/AIDS research projects, scientific conferences, and other meetings relevant to adolescents.

Pub **Status Report on Minorities and AIDS Activities:** OAR also developed a periodic report on the completed, ongoing, and planned NIH HIV/AIDS research projects, conferences, and other activities relevant to minority populations, who are disproportionately affected by the AIDS pandemic.

For more information about resources and services provided by OAR, contact the NIH Office of AIDS Research, Building 31, Room 4C02, Bethesda, MD 20892.

## **National Library of Medicine (NLM) R, CT, T, P, GI**

Db **AIDSLINE®:** This database contains over 100,000 bibliographic references to published literature about HIV/AIDS and related issues, including prevention and treatment. The database includes citations to journal articles, books, audiovisual materials, and newsletter articles. AIDSLINE also contains the abstracts from many AIDS-related conferences.

Db **AIDSTRIALS:** This database contains information about HIV-related clinical trials, both open (currently accruing patients) and closed. Information about NIH-sponsored clinical trials is provided by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID); information about privately sponsored efficacy trials is provided by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Db           **AIDSDRUGS:** This database contains information about the agents being tested in trials included in AIDSTRIALS.

Db           **HSTAT (Heath Services and Technology Assessment Text):** This fully searchable database provides access to the full text of all of the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR) guidelines, NIH Consensus Development Conference Reports, and NIH Technology Assessment Conference Reports. As part of the Public Health Service's HIV/AIDS Treatment Information Service (ATIS), which is cosponsored by NIH, all federally approved HIV/AIDS-related treatment guidelines and recommendations are included. HSTAT is available through the World Wide Web (<http://www.nlm.nih.gov>), Telnet (<text.nlm.nih.gov>) or 1-(800) 952-4426; login as hstat), gopher (<gopher.nlm.nih.gov>), or through *Grateful Med*® (see below). The documents may also be downloaded via anonymous FTP from <nlnpubs.nlm.nih.gov>.

Db           **DIRLINE:** This database is an online directory of information resources covering all areas of biomedicine. Included are over 2,000 HIV/AIDS-specific resources such as organizations, self-help groups, and information systems.

**Access to NLM's databases:** NLM's online databases are available to health professionals, libraries, and others. Users can access these databases through *Grateful Med*, a user-friendly software package available from the National Technical Information Service at 1-(800) 423-9255. For more information about NLM's databases, including AIDSLINE, and about obtaining access to them, call 1-(800) 638-8480. For more information specifically on the AIDSTRIALS and AIDSDRUGS databases, call (301) 496-3147. Information from these two databases is also available through the toll-free AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service, cosponsored by NLM, at 1-(800) TRIALS-A.

Db           **AIDS Gopher Resource:** The NLM AIDS Gopher Resource (<gopher.nlm.nih.gov>) contains the text of various AIDS-related documents produced by the Library, including reports and factsheets, information about the Library's services, and access to online databases (user code may be required). In addition, this gopher service provides organized access to selected AIDS-related Internet resources from other government and nongovernment sources.

Pub,       **Clinical Alerts:** *Clinical Alerts* are used by NIH in urgent cases in which timely and broad

Db       dissemination of results of clinical trials could prevent morbidity and mortality. These clinical trials results are released pending the formal release of the findings through conventional journal publication. Once the decision to issue a *Clinical Alert* is made by the director of the relevant NIH institute, both traditional and electronic communication channels are used to disseminate the *Clinical Alert* to health professionals, the media, and the public. These channels currently include press releases and press conferences, available online through NLM's MEDLARS® computer system, and through telefacsimile and mailings.

Pub       **AIDS Bibliography:** NLM publishes the monthly *AIDS Bibliography*, which includes all citations from the AIDSLINE database. The *AIDS Bibliography* is available by yearly subscription from the Superintendent of Documents at (202) 783-3238. For more information on the *AIDS Bibliography* (and general reference questions on AIDS resources), call (301) 496-6095 or 1-(800) 272-4787.

The monthly *AIDS Bibliography*, open trials from the AIDSTRIALS database, the entire AIDSDRUGS database, and AIDS-related *Clinical Alerts* are available via FTP from the NLM Publications Server. (FTP to <nlnpubs.nlm.nih.gov> and login as nlnpubs.)

## **National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) R, CT, T, PE**

Tel, **AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service (ACTIS):** ACTIS, a toll-free telephone service, is a Public Health Service collaborative project provided by NIAID, NLM, the Food and Drug Administration, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It provides free, up-to-date information on clinical trials that evaluate experimental drugs and other therapies for adults and children with HIV infection and AIDS. ACTIS also has information on studies of experimental HIV vaccines. Bilingual reference specialists are available to speak with Spanish-speaking callers. To speak with an ACTIS Reference Specialist, call 1-(800) TRIALS-A (874-2572); TTY: 1-(800) 243-7012. NIAID is also a cosponsor of the HIV/AIDS Treatment Information Service.

Tel **NIH clinical trials information phone line:** NIAID's Division of Intramural Research/Clinical Center operates a free telephone service for individuals seeking information about participating in clinical trials at NIH. Call 1-(800) AIDS-NIH.

Pub **NIAID updates on basic and clinical research:** NIAID's Office of Communications distributes factsheets, press releases, and other print materials about NIAID research results and HIV/AIDS clinical trials. NIAID disseminates research results relevant to clinical practice through press releases, *Notes to Physicians*, and *Clinical Alerts*.

Pub **NIAID reports:** NIAID's Office of Communications produces and disseminates materials describing NIAID's current research initiatives, such as information about HIV vaccine development, preclinical drug development, basic research, and epidemiologic studies.

Pub **NIAID pamphlets and factsheets:** NIAID's Office of Communications has developed a number of materials addressing HIV-related clinical trials and treatment issues for health care providers to use in counseling people with HIV or AIDS.

Db **NIAID World Wide Web site:** The NIAID WWW site (<http://www.niaid.nih.gov>) contains AIDS-related press releases and publications and grant and contract information.

For more information, or to receive a free list of available materials, write to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Office of Communications, Building 31, Room 7A-50, 31 Center Drive, MSC 2520, Bethesda, MD 20892. Many of these materials are also available by calling the AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service at 1-(800) TRIALS-A.

## **National Institute on Aging (NIA) GI**

Pub **AIDS and the Older Adult:** NIA produces this document, one in a series of "Age Pages," that provides general information to the public on AIDS in the older population and lists resources to contact for more information. For a copy, call 1-(800) 222-2225, or write the National Institute on Aging, Building 31, Room 5C-27, Bethesda, MD 20892.

## **National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) T, P**

Pub **Alcohol and AIDS:** This issue of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) quarterly bulletin "Alcohol Alerts" provides information to health professionals about the relationship between alcohol consumption and HIV infection and AIDS. It focuses on the relationship of alcohol consumption to unsafe sexual behavior and on

the treatment implications of alcohol's effect on the immune system. Copies are available free from NIAAA, Willco Building, Suite 409, 6000 Executive Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892-7003; (301) 443-3860.

Pub **Alcohol, Health & Research World:** Two issues of this peer-reviewed journal featured information about the relationship between alcohol consumption and HIV infection and AIDS: "Alcohol, Infectious Diseases, and Immunity" (\$19.50, PB93160604) and "Prevention of Alcohol Related Problems" (\$19.50, PB94113503). These issues are available from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS). Call NTIS at (703) 487-4650 for more information.

## **National Cancer Institute (NCI) R, CT, T, PE**

Tel **Cancer Information Service:** NCI provides a toll-free telephone service for access to information specialists who can provide information about therapies for AIDS-related malignancies and answer questions from physicians, other health care providers, service providers, and the public. Call 1-(800) 4-CANCER (422-6237). Spanish-speaking specialists are available.

Db **Physician Data Query (PDQ):** In cooperation with the National Library of Medicine (NLM), NCI provides an online system for professionals and nonprofessionals containing state-of-the-art treatment information about AIDS-related malignancies and other cancers. A bibliographic database, CANCERLIT, is also available. For more information, call 1-(800) 4-CANCER (422-6237) or NLM at 1-(800) 638-8480.

**CancerFAX:** Health professionals with access to a computer with a fax modem can receive summaries directly from the PDQ database (see above). Summaries are available in both English and Spanish. The fax number is (301) 402-5874.

## **National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) R, CT, T, P, GI**

Pub **Final Report: Secretary's Work Group on Pediatric HIV Infection and Disease:** NICHD produced this report containing the findings and recommendations of a workgroup convened to delineate the problems faced in confronting pediatric HIV infection and to suggest strategies for their solution. Other publications are being developed with information on maternal and pediatric AIDS.

Pub **The New Faces of AIDS:** This NICHD information packet contains two documents: *Maternal and Pediatric Epidemic*, containing general information on the routes of HIV transmission, symptoms, prevention, and treatment; and *AIDS Research at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development*, listing all current HIV/AIDS-related research projects supported by NICHD. It includes project descriptions and information on principal investigators and Institute funding.

Pub **Conference reports:** NICHD's Office of Research Reporting disseminates reports on various Institute-supported conferences and workshops related to HIV infection and AIDS in women, adolescents, and children. Some recent topics include AZT prophylaxis in perinatal HIV transmission, the effects of pregnancy on disease progression, and the natural history of HIV infection in women and adolescents.

Pub **Information on clinical research:** NICHD's Office of Research Reporting issues press releases and newsletters summarizing current research advances in HIV/AIDS prevention, diagnosis, and treatment. Reprints of research findings published by NICHD staff in leading scientific journals also are available.

Pub ***Pediatric AIDS Rehabilitation Research: Report of a Workshop:*** This publication addresses the need for rehabilitation in HIV-infected children. The goals of rehabilitation in this population include gaining optimal function within the scope of medical, physical, and/or mental limitations, and diminishing disability or handicap by maximizing function and quality of life. The report grew out of a workshop sponsored by NICHD's National Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research.

Pub ***Public Health Service Reports:*** NICHD staff have been instrumental in preparing several Public Health Service documents, including the report of the Task Force on the Use of Zidovudine to Reduce Perinatal Transmission of HIV and the *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* (MMWR) guidelines for PCP prophylaxis in HIV-infected children.

For more information or to receive any of these materials, write to the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, Office of Research Reporting, Building 31, Room 2A-32, 31 Center Drive, MSC-2420, Bethesda, MD 20892-2420.

## **National Institute for Dental Research (NIDR) R, PE, PT, P**

Pub ***Oral Health Aspects of HIV Infection and AIDS:*** This literature search on the oral health aspects of HIV infection and AIDS from the National Oral Health Information Clearinghouse is from the Oral Health subfile of the Combined Health Information Database (CHID). Designed with a strong patient education focus, CHID brings together health-related materials that fall outside the scope of more technical, research-based collections. The search focuses on the availability of educational materials for both the professional and the patient and includes topics such as the oral manifestations of HIV, oral hygiene for the HIV patient, oral health information for caregivers, adverse oral effects of medical management of HIV infection, and periodontal disease in the patient with HIV.

Single copies of the search are available free of charge from the National Oral Health Information Clearinghouse, a service of the National Institute of Dental Research (NIDR). Contact the National Oral Health Information Clearinghouse, One NOHC Way, Bethesda, MD 20892-3500; (301) 402-7364.

Pub ***A Guide for Epidemiologic Studies of Oral Manifestations of HIV Infections:*** NIDR, in collaboration with the World Health Organization, has produced this document, which provides practical information for the design, implementation, and reporting of epidemiological studies.

Ex ***Training manuals:*** Two training manuals explain steps for preventing HIV transmission in the dental setting: *Building the Capacity for an Oral Health Response to the Global HIV Epidemic—Principles for Developing a Country-Specific Approach*, for all national dental coordinators of HIV/AIDS activities, and *Mobilizing Oral Health Personnel to Respond to the Development of Country-Specific Plans*, which will be available in the near future, for local, regional, and national oral health personnel.

For more information, write to NIDR, Building 31, Room 2C-35, Bethesda, MD 20892.

## **National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) R, PE, P, GI**

Ex ***National Media Campaign on Drug Abuse and AIDS:*** NIDA conducts a campaign to make the general public aware that alcohol or other drug abuse could lead to exposure to HIV. Focusing on teenagers, young adults, and women, the campaign includes television and radio public service announcements, advertisements in newspapers and consumer magazines, posters, and pamphlets. Innovative communication channels such as

movies are also used.

- Pub **Public Information:** In addition to the campaign, NIDA has produced two booklets for teens and young adults on drug abuse-related HIV risk and exposure: *How Getting High Can Get You AIDS* (teen brochure) and *How Not to Get High, Get Stupid, Get AIDS* (guide to partying for young adults).
- Pub **Community Alerts:** Two publications addressing drug abuse and drug abuse-related HIV/AIDS issues are available. The first concerns the reemergence of tuberculosis among HIV/AIDS-infected injection drug users (IDU's). The second alerts the drug abuse community to the limitations of bleach disinfection of drug-use paraphernalia.
- Ex **Drug Abuse and HIV: Reaching Those At Risk:** This new videotape designed for use by drug abuse personnel provides a firsthand look at research-based strategies for educating IDU's in risk reduction and AIDS prevention.
- Pub **Publications:** The following publications are currently available: *Outreach/Risk Reduction Strategies for Changing HIV-Related Risk Behaviors*; *NIDA Research Monograph 143: The Context of HIV Risk Among Drug Users and Their Sexual Partners*; and *NIDA Research Monograph 93: AIDS and Intravenous Drug Use*.

For more information about NIDA's resources and services, write to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10A-39, Rockville, MD 20857.

## **National Eye Institute (NEI) CT, T, GI**

Pub **Studies of the Ocular Complications of AIDS:** NEI disseminated the results of the Foscarnet-Ganciclovir Retinitis Trial by distributing a *Clinical Alert*, press release, and media kit. NEI disseminated the results of the Ganciclovir Implant Study for Cytomegalovirus Retinitis by issuing a press release. NEI continues to conduct the CMV Retinitis Retreatment Trial. General information is available on the ocular complications of AIDS, basic research, and clinical trials completed and underway. For more information, contact the National Eye Institute, Office of Health Education and Communication, Building 31, Room 6A32, 31 Center Drive, MSC 2510, Bethesda, MD 20892-2510; (301) 496-5248.

## **National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) R**

Ex **AIDS Targeted Drug-Design Project:** Every June, NIGMS sponsors a national meeting of groups active in targeted drug design against AIDS. Abstracts are widely disseminated to interested parties. For more information, contact the National Institute of General Medical Sciences, Room 2AS-19, 45 Center Drive, MSC 6200, Bethesda, MD 20892-6200; (301) 594-0828.

## **National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) R**

Pub NHLBI issues a yearly report on its AIDS research programs. Copies of this report may be obtained by writing to the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute AIDS Program, 31 Center Drive, MSC 2490, Bethesda, MD 20892-2490; (301) 496-3245.

## **National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) R, CT, T, P**

Pub **AIDS Research: An NIMH Blueprint for the Second Decade:** The NIMH Office on AIDS prepared this document to provide a brief overview of the NIMH role in AIDS

research, including major initiatives in the areas of behavior change and prevention, neurobehavior, and neuroscience. Each section includes a discussion of issues, research opportunities, and questions. Limited copies are available.

Pub **AIDS Research and the National Institute of Mental Health:** This document lists all current HIV/AIDS-related research projects supported by NIMH. It includes project descriptions and principal investigators.

Pub **Workgroup Report: Assessment of AIDS-Related Cognitive Changes: Recommendations of the NIMH Workshop on Neuropsychological Assessment Approaches:** This report presents a brief and extended battery designed to evaluate early cognitive changes associated with seropositive, asymptomatic persons.

Pub **"Special Issue: Serving People with Psychiatric Disability at Risk for HIV/AIDS," Psychosocial Rehabilitation Journal, Volume 17, Number 4, 1994:** The NIMH Office on AIDS, in collaboration with the International Association of Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services, edited this special issue, which reviews the major seroprevalence and HIV-prevention issues of concern to persons with mental illness. There are also several articles on the incentives and barriers to collaboration among researchers, service providers, and persons living with AIDS.

Ex, **Seminars on the preparation of grant proposals for NIMH support:** The NIMH Office on AIDS

Pub presents seminars on grant preparation at conferences and universities upon request. Utilized in these seminars is the *NIMH Handbook on How to Write a Successful Research Proposal*, an authoritative guide on all aspects of research from grantsmanship and completing the Public Health Service 398 application to understanding the review process. There are separate chapters providing guidance on the development of the research plan that cover theory development, hypothesis testing, preparing an intervention, and writing a data analytic plan, as well as practical considerations in presenting a budget. This document is only available in conjunction with an NIMH seminar. For more information, contact the National Institute of Mental Health, Office on AIDS, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10-75, Rockville, MD 20857; (301) 443-7281.

Ex **Conference on the Role of Families in Preventing and Adapting to HIV/AIDS:** The NIMH Office on AIDS sponsors this annual conference for researchers to present findings on family processes and HIV disease and to stimulate future collaborative research. A conference guidebook is produced before each conference.

Pub **When Someone Close Has AIDS:** NIMH wrote and produced this brochure that includes general information on HIV infection and AIDS and provides guidance to persons who have a family member, friend, or coworker who is seropositive.

For more information, write to the Information Resources and Inquiries Branch, National Institute of Mental Health, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 7C-02, Rockville, MD 20857; (301) 443-4513.

## **National Center for Research Resources (NCRR) R, GI**

Ex **RCMI International AIDS Symposium:** NCRR provides this forum for Research Centers in Minority Institutions (RCMI) to stimulate discussion and ideas that will lead to collaborative research on AIDS. Proceedings are produced after each symposium in the series.

Pub **NCRR Office of Science and Health Reports:** NCRR's Office of Science and Health Reports produces several publications describing recent NCRR accomplishments,



resources, and services, including: *NCRR Highlights*, an annual report; *NCRR Reporter*, a bimonthly periodical; and resource directories. AIDS research is one of many biomedical research topics covered in these documents.

- Ex **AIDS Animal Model Program:** NCRR's Office of Science and Health Reports provides information about the AIDS Animal Model Program and alerts qualified researchers to AIDS animal models.
- Ex **National Traveling AIDS Exhibit and Education Program:** NCRR has funded a hands-on exhibit and associated educational materials to improve public understanding of the fundamentals of microbiology underlying the AIDS epidemic. The target audiences are students in grades 6-12 and their families and teachers. Additional small modules on *Understanding AIDS* and a CD-ROM version are being prepared for use by schools, public libraries, and other institutions. For more information, contact New York Hall of Science, 47-01 111th Street, Corona, NY 11368.

For more information about resources and services provided by NCRR, contact the National Center for Research Resources, Office of Science and Health Reports, One Rockledge Centre, Room 5040, 6705 Rockledge Drive, MSC 7965, Bethesda, MD 20892-7965.

## **Fogarty International Center R, CT, T, PT, P**

Ex **AIDS International Training and Research Program:** The Fogarty International Center sponsors training for foreign scientists to increase their capacity to deal with the AIDS epidemic through epidemiological research, clinical trials, and other prevention projects, and to stimulate cooperation and sharing of research knowledge. For more information, write to the Fogarty International Center, National Institutes of Health, Building 31, Room B2-C32, Bethesda, MD 20892.

# **Selected Public Health Service HIV/AIDS Information Activities**

## **Office of HIV/AIDS Policy (OHAP) R, T, P, GI**

OHAP serves as the staff office responsible for coordinating and integrating all Federal AIDS-related activities, including the development of policy and the setting of priorities.

Tel, **HIV/AIDS Treatment Information Service (ATIS):** ATIS, a toll-free telephone service, provides  
Pub timely federally approved treatment guidelines and information for people with HIV disease, their families and friends, and health care providers. OHAP is the lead office for this service. ATIS is sponsored by the following Public Health Service agencies: the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Health Resources and Services Administration, Indian Health Service, National Institutes of Health, and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Spanish- and English-speaking Reference Specialists are available weekdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., eastern time, by calling 1-(800) HIV-0440 (1-(800) 448-0440); or 1-(800) 243-7012 (TTY).

## Public Health Service (PHS) Office of Communications GI

Db **PHS BBS:** The PHS BBS is the free and publicly accessible electronic bulletin board of the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The PHS Office of Communications distributes many files of AIDS-related information from PHS, including news releases from NIAID, *Federal Register* announcements, CDC's *AIDS Daily Summary*, and AIDS-related press releases and reports. For more information, contact the PHS Office of Communications, Hubert Humphrey Building, Room 738-G, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201; (202) 690-6867. To connect online to the PHS BBS, dial (202) 690-5423 using a computer with a modem.

## Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR) R, T, PE

AHCPR supports activities designed to enhance the quality, appropriateness, and effectiveness of health care services and to improve access to that care through various programs, including its Medical Treatment Effectiveness Program. The program emphasizes clinical guidelines development and dissemination and outcomes research. AHCPR is also a cosponsor of the HIV/AIDS Treatment Information Service.

Pub **AHCPR reports:** AHCPR has produced over 20 reports related to HIV/AIDS, including *Pediatric AIDS-Related Discharges in a Sample of U.S. Hospitals: Demographics, Diagnoses, and Resource Use* and *Forecasts of the Costs of Medical Care for Persons With HIV: 1992-1995*.

Pub **AHCPR-sponsored guidelines:** AHCPR produced the following guidelines: *Evaluation and Management of Early HIV Infection, Clinical Practice Guideline, Number 7*; *Managing Early HIV Infection, Quick Reference Guide for Clinicians, Number 7*; *HIV and Your Child, Consumer Guide* in English or Spanish; and *Understanding HIV, Consumer Guide* in English or Spanish.

To obtain copies of the above publications or the *AHCPR Publications Catalog*, contact the AHCPR Publications Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 8547, Silver Spring, MD 20907-8547; 1-(800) 358-9295. For more information write to the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, Executive Office Center, Suite 501, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Rockville, MD 20852.

## Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) R, PE, PT, P, GI

CDC assesses the status and characteristics of the AIDS epidemic and the prevalence of HIV infection, and supports, via financial and technical assistance, the design, implementation, and evaluation of HIV prevention and education activities.

Tel, **CDC National AIDS Clearinghouse:** The CDC National AIDS Clearinghouse is a comprehensive

Db, HIV/AIDS information service targeted to health professionals, managers of HIV/AIDS programs,

Pub educators, and information providers. The Clearinghouse helps professionals access HIV/AIDS-related information through its online databases; obtain key HIV materials, such as the *HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report*, articles from *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, CDC Fact Sheets, and the *AIDS Daily Summary*; and share the latest HIV information through CDC NAC ONLINE, an electronic bulletin board service for AIDS-related organizations. The Clearinghouse's services are available Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. eastern time, by calling 1-(800) 458-5231; or 1-(800) 243-7012 (TTY). Bilingual reference specialists are available to speak with Spanish-speaking callers. Selected Clearinghouse materials are available through NAC FAX, a 24-hour, fax-on-demand service; call 1-(800) 458-5231. The

Clearinghouse also operates the AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service and the HIV/AIDS Treatment Information Service which are cosponsored by CDC.

Db The Clearinghouse offers the following Internet services: AIDS News, a listserv of HIV/AIDS-related news (listserv@cdcnac.aspensys.com); a file transfer protocol site (cdcnac.aspensys.com); a gopher site (cdcnac.aspensys.com); and a World Wide Web home page (<http://cdcnac.aspensys.com:86>). For more information about any of these services, call 1-(800) 458-5231 or e-mail [aidsinfo@cdcnac.aspensys.com](mailto:aidsinfo@cdcnac.aspensys.com).

Tel, **CDC National AIDS Hotline:** The CDC National AIDS Hotline is a toll-free HIV/AIDS-related

Pub information service that provides personal and confidential information, referrals, and educational materials to the public. The Hotline operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Call 1-(800) 342-AIDS; 1-(800) 344-SIDA (Spanish); or 1-(800) 243-7889 (TTY).

Tel **CDC National STD Hotline:** The CDC National STD Hotline (NSTDH) provides callers with current, disease-specific STD prevention information and referrals via toll-free calling. The

hotline serves the general population throughout the country. The NSTDH operates Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. A 2-minute taped message is provided after business hours and on weekends and holidays. The toll-free number is 1-(800) 227-8922.

Tel **CDC automated telephone services:** For current statistics on HIV infection and AIDS, call the CDC HIV/AIDS Statistics Information Line at (404) 332-4570. CDC's Voice Information System also provides up-to-date information on a variety of health-related topics, including HIV/AIDS; call (404) 332-4555. To receive free facsimile documents on a variety of HIV/AIDS-related topics, call the CDC Fax Information Service at (404) 332-4565.

## **Food and Drug Administration (FDA) CT, T, GI**

FDA is responsible for assuring the safety and effectiveness of drugs, biologics, vaccines, and medical devices used in the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of HIV infection, AIDS, and AIDS-associated opportunistic infections. FDA also works with the blood banking industry to help ensure the safety of the Nation's blood supply. The agency is a cosponsor of the AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service. For more information, contact the FDA Office of AIDS and Special Health Issues (HF-12), 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 9-49, Rockville, MD 20857; (301) 443-0104.

Db FDA has opened a home page on the Internet World Wide Web to replace the FDA's electronic bulletin board. The Internet address is <http://www.fda.gov>.

## **Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) R, CT, T, PE, PT, GI**

HRSA administers education and training programs for health care providers and community service workers who care for AIDS patients. HRSA also administers programs to demonstrate how communities can organize their health care resources to develop an integrated, comprehensive system of care for those with AIDS and HIV infection. The agency is a cosponsor of the HIV/AIDS Treatment Information Service.

Tel **National HIV Telephone Consulting Service:** HRSA funds the toll-free National HIV Telephone Consulting Service to provide information on drugs, clinical trials, and the latest treatment methods to physicians and other health care professionals who have questions about providing care to people with HIV infection or AIDS. All staff members

are health professionals with extensive experience in outpatient and inpatient primary care of people with HIV-related diseases. The service, accessible from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. eastern time, can be reached by calling 1-(800) 933-3413.

- Tel     **HIV Clinical Conference Call Series:** In collaboration with the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), HRSA offers interactive, toll-free audio teleconferences during which primary health care providers from many disciplines have the opportunity to discuss timely clinical issues with internationally renowned clinical experts. For more information, contact Abe Macher, M.D., Health Resources and Services Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20852; (301) 443-6364.
- Ex     **AIDS Education and Training Centers:** HRSA supports a network of 17 regional centers that serve as resources for educating health professionals in prevention, diagnosis, and care of HIV-infected patients. The centers train primary care providers to incorporate HIV prevention strategies into their clinical priorities, along with diagnosis, counseling, and care of HIV-infected persons and their families. For more information, contact the AIDS ETC Program, Health Resources and Services Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 4C-03, Rockville, MD 20857; (301) 443-6364.
- Ex     **National Pediatric HIV Resource Center:** The Bureau of Maternal and Child Health, HRSA, supports the National Pediatric HIV Resource Center, which offers a range of services to professionals caring for children, youth, and families affected by HIV infection. The Resource Center provides consultation, technical assistance, policy analysis, and clinical training. The center is accessible from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. eastern time and can be reached by calling 1-(800) 362-0071, fax: (201) 485-2752, or by writing to the National Pediatric HIV Resource Center, 15 South Ninth Street, Newark, NJ 07107.
- Pub    **Clinical Issues Subcommittee:** The Clinical Issues Subcommittee of the HRSA AIDS Advisory Committee was set up to facilitate timely dissemination of information about new developments in clinical research, drug development, and policies on HIV disease into language relevant for practicing caregivers, principally those supported by HRSA's HIV/AIDS-related programs. NIAID and the NIH Office of AIDS Research have participated in all its activities. For information, contact A. Russell Gerber, M.D., AIDS Program Office, Health Resources and Services Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857; (301) 443-4588.
- Pub    **ACTG 076:** Based on the results of the clinical trial known as ACTG 076, the U.S. Public Health Service recommends the use of zidovudine to reduce perinatal transmission of HIV. With AHCP, HRSA is supporting preparation of consumer and provider educational materials regarding the implementation of ACTG 076. HRSA is developing a Program Advisory related to implementing ACTG 076 for all of its grantees.

## **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) R, PE, P, GI**

Drug abuse treatment is a primary HIV prevention strategy. SAMHSA administers the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Services Block Grant and other grant programs providing States and localities with support for substance abuse and mental illness treatment and prevention programs. The agency is a cosponsor of the HIV/AIDS Treatment Information Service.

Tel,     **National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information:** SAMHSA's Center

for Substance Abuse

Pub Prevention (CSAP) sponsors the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI), which provides current print and audiovisual materials about alcohol and other drugs, including materials explaining the risk of HIV transmission from sharing needles during injection drug use and from unsafe behaviors practiced due to the effects of substance abuse. NCADI's resources include scientific findings; databases on prevention programs and materials, field experts, Federal grants, and market research; and information about organizations and groups concerned with alcohol and other drug problems. For more information, call NCADI at 1-(800) 729-6686 (English and Spanish), or 1-(800) 487-4889 (TTY). NCADI is also accessible through the World Wide Web ([http:// www.health.org](http://www.health.org)), gopher (<gopher.health.org>), FTP (<ftp.health.org>), and telnet (<ncadi.health.org>).

Db **PREVLIN (Prevention OnLine):** This database is a computer-based message and information service used to exchange ideas and information with SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Prevention. It seeks to promote communication within the prevention community at a very personal level by providing a direct link among CSAP, the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information, and prevention professionals in the field. Included are HIV/AIDS and substance abuse-related information. The forum promotes research and evaluation, networking on issues related to state-of-the-art technologies and methodologies, data exchange, and sharing new ideas. The forum allows for placing orders for materials from NCADI, requesting searches from the Clearinghouse's extensive databases, and searching through an online library of research data and scientific studies on HIV/AIDS. For more information, contact Luisa Del Pollard at (301) 443-0377.

Db, Ex **National Women's Resource Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Abuse and Mental Illness:** The National Women's Resource Center provides knowledge exchange and development, information and referral services, and training and technical assistance on preventing and treating women's substance abuse, mental illness, and issues of HIV/AIDS in women. A key service of the Center will be PREMIS, a centralized online information system that serves as a source of information on substance abuse and mental health issues for women across the lifecycle, including HIV/AIDS. The toll-free number for the National Women's Resource Center is 1-(800) 354-8824.

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