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From the Editor

As the month of September moves along, I can't help but reflect on 2023. I find myself thinking "where has the time gone?" over and over. This year has been filled with so many ups and downs yet there is still much to celebrate. Anyone who was able to attend the annual U.S Conference on HIV/AIDS knows the theme this year was A Love Letter to Black Women. When reflecting on this theme I can't help but think of one Black Woman in particular, the Queen herself, Beyoncé. The Bee Queen is taking the country by storm on her Renaissance World Tour, centered on her Renaissance album which she dedicated to her beloved Uncle Johnny who passed from complications of his HIV/AIDS diagnosis. When Beyoncé accepted the GLAAD Media Award's Vanguard Award in 2019 she stated "He lived his truth. He was brave and unapologetic during a time when this country wasn't as accepting. And witnessing his battle with HIV was one of the most painful experiences I've ever lived. I'm hopeful that his struggle helped to open pathways for other young people to live more freely. LGBTQIA rights are human rights."

As 2023 winds down I am grateful for people like Uncle Johnny who continue to live their truth no matter how difficult it becomes.

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HIV Prevention Trials Network (HPTN)

The 2024 HPTN Annual Meeting takes place at the JW Marriott on 14-18 June 2024 in Washington, D.C. We are planning for an in-person meeting with a virtual participation option for those unable or who choose not to attend in person. The Annual Meeting will feature several plenaries, presentations, and discussions regarding HIV prevention research and interactive question and answer sessions.

You can visit the [HPTN Annual Meeting webpage](#) for updates.



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HIV Vaccine Trials Network (HVTN)

HVTN is excited to announce their annual meeting is upcoming in Seattle, WA from October 16-18! Registration is open now.



International Maternal Pediatric Adolescent AIDS Clinical Trials (IMPAACT):

What's new? Let's dive into some exciting research updates from the IMPAACT Network! We're thrilled to share the latest data from two of our studies:

- The U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) updated the label for the drug remdesivir based on data from an IMPAACT study. IMPAACT 2032 found that pregnant people in their second and third trimesters who take remdesivir to treat COVID-19 do not face any risks associated with the drug. The study also assessed the use of the drug on non-pregnant individuals. Read more!
- Based on data from IMPAACT 2019, the FDA approved TriumeqPD[®] for infants and young children living with HIV. The study showed that the dispersible tablets are safe, well tolerated, and effective for controlling HIV when taken once daily. This is important because some children living with HIV must be given multiple tablets or liquid medicines twice daily.

TriumeqPD® is the only child-friendly combination tablet that can be used in small children living with HIV. Read more!

Looking ahead: IMPAACT researchers, study staff, community representatives, stakeholders, and advocates are preparing to meet in Washington, D.C., for the 2023 IMPAACT Annual Meeting. This hybrid event will feature progress from the past year and highlight emerging research opportunities. We are excited to work together on strategies to enhance the health outcomes of infants, children, adolescents, and pregnant and postpartum people impacted and living with HIV through our research agenda.

Stay connected! Follow the IMPAACT Network on Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), and LinkedIn (@IMPAACTNetwork). Visit our website to learn more and subscribe to our quarterly newsletter.

Important Dates

June 3-7: [HPTN Annual Meeting](#) in Washington, DC and virtual

June 5: [HIV Long-Term Survivors Awareness Day](#)

June 8: [National Caribbean American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day](#)

June 12-15: [ACTG Annual Meeting](#) in Washington, DC and virtually

June 19: [Juneteenth](#)

June 27: [National HIV Testing Day](#)

July 14: [International Non-Binary People's Day](#)

August 20: [Southern HIV/AIDS Awareness Day](#)

August 29: [National Faith HIV/AIDS Awareness Day](#)