

BE THE GENERATION

TO END THE AIDS EPIDEMIC

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From the Editor

What does *Pride* mean to you? Someone recently asked me this question, and my memory immediately transported me to my first large LGBTQ+ Pride festival in Seattle. There were an estimated 500,000 people there. Numbers like that are almost incomprehensible, but it wasn't purely the math that brought me to tears that day. I grew up in an environment where LGBTQ+ people were so isolated that I literally believed I was the only one...in the world. To put it lightly, I was not raised to have *Pride*. Fast forward to half a million people colorfully celebrating my community at that Seattle Pride festival. Finally, I realized that I wasn't alone. Finally, I had proof for what I had long suspected: there are so many people who embrace the most sacred part of who I am. There are so many people who care.

This is the same feeling I now have for the HIV research community. This Spring, we were 1,000 strong at the Biomedical HIV Prevention Summit in Chicago. This summer, many thousands of us will gather in Montreal for AIDS 2022. We are not alone, and so many of us care. This is what *Pride* looks like...people showing up to honor—and fight for—the value of our lives. Behind the numbers, the math models, and the scientific jargon, HIV research is about valuing our lives. With this in mind, read on for updates in the HIV prevention research world.

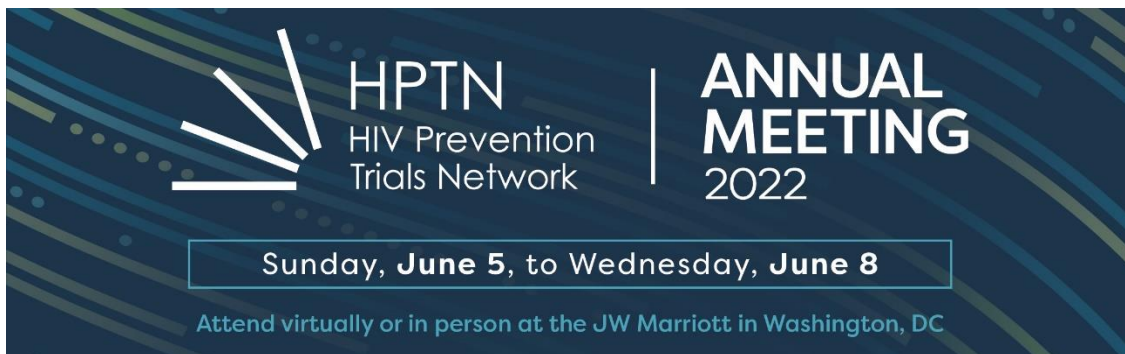
Happy Pride, and as always, share our [resources](#) and [stay in touch!](#)

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The HPTN Annual Meeting is upon us! This year's event is hybrid, meaning you can attend either in-person in Washington, DC, or virtually. The meeting will feature plenaries, presentations, discussions on HIV and COVID-19 prevention research, and interactive question and answer sessions. Study-specific protocol team meetings are also planned.



To provide a safe environment for all in-person attendees, the HPTN has developed guidelines to help reduce the likelihood of COVID-19 transmission, including required masking within all indoor meeting spaces (CDC-recommended masks only) and daily rapid testing. For questions, email annualmeetings@fhi360.org.



Red Ribbon Registry

On May 18, National HIV Vaccine Awareness Day, the HVTN launched a new initiative called the Red Ribbon Registry! This registry enables volunteers across the US to join a community of individuals ready help end HIV through the discovery of a preventive HIV vaccine.

On the website, HelpEndHIV.org, volunteers can learn about HIV and progress in vaccine research. Those who are interested in joining a study can complete a

survey to join the Red Ribbon Registry, enabling them to be contacted by nearby research sites to see if they want to join active studies.

The fight against HIV has progressed thanks to long-standing collaborations between researchers and community members. With the Red Ribbon Registry and our national [advertising campaign](#), we continue to invite a new generation of community members into the process as important partners in the advancement of science and the ending of suffering and death from HIV-related illnesses.

HVTN RAMP Scholar Program

This year we accepted [9 scholars](#) for the 2022-2023 general RAMP scholar program Cohort 12!

2022 also marks the launch of the RAMP Scholar Alumni Program, with [three scholars](#) serving as returning alumni.

This coming year the RAMP program will also be expanding to invest in African American/Black, Hispanic/Latinx, Native American/American Indian, Native Hawaiian, Asian and Pacific Islander medical students interested in HIV vaccine research. The HIV Vaccine Trials Network, in collaboration with the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases of the National Institutes of Health, is investing in a young generation of HIV prevention researchers by providing them with opportunities to conduct independent research while receiving mentoring, project and salary funding, training, and professional development opportunities. Scholars will be working on their projects with sites in the US (New York & Seattle), South Africa (Soshanguve), and Zimbabwe (Harare).

For more information please visit www.hvtn.org/ramp or contact Linda Oseso, RAMP Program Manager, at loseso@fredhutch.org.



Office of HIV/AIDS Network Coordination (HANC)

HANC is pleased to share these webinar recordings, articles, videos, and other resources:

- [Be the Generation website](#): the best place to go for trustworthy information on biomedical HIV prevention research. Features sections on PrEP, U=U, Microbicides, HIV vaccine research, inspiring videos from

researchers and community members, and even a quiz to test your knowledge of HIV prevention research.

- [Biomedical HIV Prevention for Women](#): a free downloadable training
- [Women in HIV Cure-Related Research](#): a free downloadable training
- [Transgender Training Resources Homepage](#): the Division of AIDS at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases has put all its amazing resources related to research with transgender communities in one place. All resources are free; you may just need to create a free account if you don't have one already.
- [COVID-19 Community Resources](#): In 2020, HANC formed the COVID-19 CAB Coalition (CCC). The CCC includes folks from the COVID-19 Prevention Network's Community Engagement Group, ACTG's ACTIV-2 CAB, AVAC's COVID-19 Advocates Advisory Board, The National CFAR Coalition, Stony Brook's COVID-19 CAB, Community Partners, and DAIDS. This resource page includes links to prevention and therapeutic studies, general information on COVID-19, links to webinars, and social media accounts to follow.
- [Webinar Library](#): a collection of over 30 of our webinar recordings on topics such as HIV & race, HIV & women, HIV genetic sequencing, HIV & aging, outreach & marketing, Native Americans & HIV, microbicides research, pregnancy & lactation in HIV research, HIV in the Latinx community, community engagement, and more.

Important Dates

- June 5-8: [HIV Prevention Trials Network Annual Meeting](#)
- June 5: [HIV Long Term Survivors Day](#)
- June 8: [National Caribbean American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day](#)
- June 13-18: [AIDS Clinical Trials Group Annual Meeting](#)
- June 19: Juneteenth
- June 27: [National HIV Testing Day](#)
- June 28-July 1: [IMPAACT Annual Meeting](#)
- July 14: International Nonbinary People's Day
- July 29 – August 2: [AIDS 2022](#)
- August 20: [Southern HIV/AIDS Awareness Day](#)