

ATN Newsletter: May 2020



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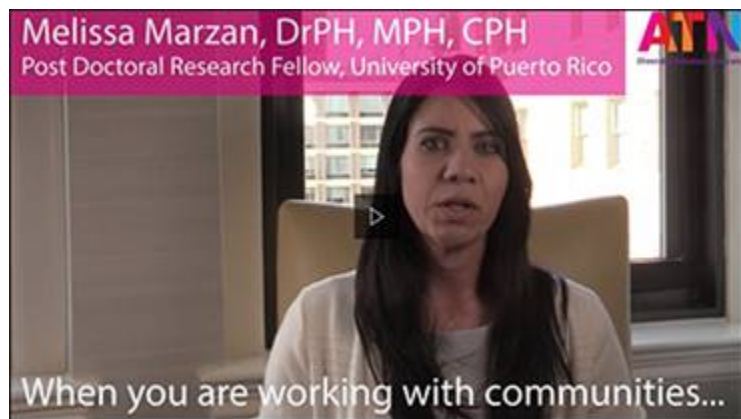
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ATN Working Groups - Mission, Goals, How to Join

The ATN has three active working groups:

- **Bioethics Working Group**
- **Community-engaged Dissemination and Implementation Working Group (CEDI)**
- **Policy and Advocacy Working Group**

If you are part of an ATN project or study staff, ask about joining. [More details including the mission and goals of each working group, and how to join, are available on the ATN website here.](#)



Video: The ATN Diversity Scholars Program

The ATN Diversity Scholars program provides an opportunity for the next generation of HIV prevention and care researchers from diverse backgrounds to work with mentors as they develop their careers.

[Watch the video and hear from four participants in the program, and see a text transcript here.](#)

Publications Update

Published in AIDS and Behavior on April 18, 2020: [Maximizing Digital Interventions for Youth in the Midst of Covid-19: Lessons from the Adolescent Trials Network for HIV Interventions.](#) In this publication, iTech project leaders share the impacts that COVID-19 has had on interventions, lab testing, participant recruitment & retention, and other changing processes.

From the May 2020 issue of Annals of Epidemiology, ["Policy- and county-level associations with HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis use, the United States, 2018."](#) This publication was supported by funding of ATN 159, ePrEP.

["HIV Preexposure Prophylaxis Among Adolescents in the US - A Review,"](#) published May 11, 2020, in JAMA Pediatrics, makes observations and conclusions from youth PrEP usage research, including from ATN 113. This publication was covered in Reuters news coverage and in Popular Science.

Published April 29, 2020 in AIDS and Behavior: "Characterizing the Impact of COVID-19 on Men Who Have Sex with Men Across the United States in April, 2020." [See the article here.](#)

Published in the Journal of Adolescent Health in March 2020: "Perspectives and Recommendations From Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer/Questioning Youth of Color Regarding Engagement in Biomedical HIV Prevention." [Access the article here.](#)

COVID-19 Calls for Papers

JIAS: The Journal of the International AIDS Society put out a call for papers about HIV and COVID-19, requesting a variety of topics and formats. [The requirements and more details are available here \(PDF\).](#)

AIDS and Behavior: The journal put out a call for papers on the impact of COVID-19 on in-progress HIV research throughout the care continuum. [See submission requirements here.](#)

Preventing Chronic Disease (CDC): "Addressing Health Disparities and Improving Population Health in Diverse Communities and Settings." [See various topics that could be submitted, including the effects of COVID-19, and guidelines here.](#)

News

- Notice: Guidance for NIH-funded Clinical Trials and Human Subjects Studies Affected by COVID-19. [See the notice from the NIH here.](#)
- The HIV Prevention Trials Network (HPTN) in this news release announced that "Long-acting injectable cabotegravir is highly effective for the prevention of HIV infection in cisgender men and transgender women who have sex with men" on May 18, 2020. [Read more about this news from the HPTN 083 study here.](#)
- The National Academy of Medicine's Culture of Health program recently marked the one-year anniversary of the release of its report, "The Promise of Adolescence: Realizing Opportunity for All Youth." [Details about the report and additional related resources released since its publication in May 2019 can be found here.](#)
- Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA) 67th Full Council Meeting: Virtual Event - The two-day online event will be livestreamed. [Click here to see an agenda and more details.](#)
- Resources for Ready, Set, PrEP and 'Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America' - Earlier this year, the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) held a webinar, "Ready, Set, PrEP," with details about its nationwide PrEP access program. During the webinar, participants asked questions that were compiled into a document with answers from the HHS. [View the document here to see answers to common questions about the program \(PDF\).](#)
- Published May 2020 by the CDC: Diagnoses of HIV Infection in the United States and Dependent Areas, 2018. [View the report here.](#)
- The National Association of County and City Health Officials published a Report from the Field: The Impact of COVID-19 on Local Health Department HIV, STI, and Hepatitis Programs. [Read the news release here \(PDF\).](#)
- NIH agencies and health networks, including the HIV Prevention Trials Network, the HIV Vaccine Trials Network, and the AIDS Clinical Trials Network, along with many other public and private organizations, announced a partnership on April 17, 2020 to focus on responding to COVID-19 for vaccines and treatments. [Read more in the news release, "NIH to launch public-private partnership to speed COVID-19 vaccine and treatment options."](#)

Events ([View All](#))

[View the list of events/conferences, including registration deadlines, postponements/cancelations, abstract submission deadlines, and save-the-dates here.](#)

Are you part of the ATN and you are presenting at these events, or have you submitted abstracts to them? Please email atnhelp@unc.edu to let us know.

Funding Opportunities ([View All](#))

Recent funding opportunities related to youth HIV/AIDS research, compiled in May 2020, [are listed here on the ATN website.](#)

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