

# **How to Find Reliable HIV/AIDS Treatment Information on the Internet**

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## Preface

### How to Find Reliable HIV/AIDS Treatment Information on the Internet

With a new HIV/AIDS treatment issue in the news each day, it is difficult for people living with HIV/AIDS and the health professionals who care for them to keep up with the latest breakthroughs. The purpose of this presentation is to inform those who need to stay current about where to go for the most accurate and up-to-date information about treatment and research. Searching for quality HIV/AIDS Web sites is an efficient, inexpensive, and powerful way to find current information. Newspapers and television may break current developments, but often more in-depth information on the same topics—on the same day—can be found on a reputable HIV/AIDS Web site. It may take 6-12 months for new information to appear in a printed medical journal or newsletter, but some researchers, drug companies, HIV/AIDS organizations, and government agencies release important information on the Internet within days. Many treatment newsletters now publish on the Internet.

Participants will become aware of how to find the most current treatment information on the Internet, including clinical trials, HIV/AIDS drugs, treatment regimens, and medical literature. Discussion will center on how to determine the accuracy of medical information found on the Internet and will include a review of several reputable treatment Web sites, including the National Library of Medicine's (NLM's) free HIV/AIDS databases and HIV/AIDS consumer information on MEDLINE*plus*, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the AIDS Treatment Data Network, the AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service (ACTIS), the HIV/AIDS Treatment Information Service (ATIS), the Body, AEGIS, HIV InfoWeb, HIVInSite, Project Inform, and more. Participants will receive handout materials that contain all information discussed in the workshop.

The Specialized Information Services Division of the NLM, part of the National Institutes of Health, is sponsoring this workshop for those who are just beginning to search the Internet to find the latest quality HIV/AIDS treatment information resources. The facilitator is an experienced database trainer for NLM, and has been teaching HIV/AIDS information resources courses to students and faculty at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and at professional meetings, for several years.

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