



**HIV/AIDS Treatment
Web Sites:
Alphabetical Listing**

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

HIV/AIDS Treatment Web Sites

This section contains a list of AIDS treatment Web sites, selected for quality and uniqueness. The main Web sites, listed alphabetically, appear in larger print. Treatment links from each main site are indented below the main site and appear in smaller print.

✧ **Adult AIDS Clinical Trials Group**

<http://aactg.s-3.com/>

The Adults AIDS Clinical Trials Group (AACTG), the largest HIV Clinical Trials organization in the world, assists in setting standards of care for HIV infection and related opportunistic diseases. The AACTG also provides data for the approval of therapeutic agents, and treatment and prevention strategies for opportunistic infections and malignancies. The management and core members of the AACTG consist of clinical scientists in the field of HIV/AIDS therapeutic research. The AACTG is funded by the Division of AIDS of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, part of the National Institutes of Health. This site would be of interest to clinicians conducting HIV/AIDS treatment research trials.

✧ **AIDS 2000: XIII International AIDS Conference**

<http://www.aids2000.com/>

The XIII International AIDS Conference was held in Durban, South Africa, July 9-4, 2000. The Conference theme was “Break the Silence.” During these five days, South Africa played host to a worldwide audience as the conference addressed the global effects of HIV/AIDS. Treatment and care emerged as dominant discussion topics. Particular interest was on increasing access to expensive life-saving drugs for people living with HIV/AIDS in poor countries. Special emphasis was on sub-Saharan Africa, which encompasses some 47 countries and is often referred to as the epicenter of the global pandemic. It is estimated that 71% (24.5 million) of the 34.3 million people (worldwide) infected with HIV/AIDS reside in sub-Saharan Africa. The Conference Programmer can be searched for treatment topics by entering keywords.

For additional conference summary information, go to The Body at the following address:
<http://www.thebody.com/confs/durban/aids2000.html>

✧ **AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts, Inc.**

<http://www.aac.org>

The AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts, Inc. is a New England service organization. It provides services, educates, and is an advocate for more than 1,500 people living with HIV/AIDS. Most of the committee’s income is derived from non-government sources, including foundations, corporations, private donations, and special events. Individual donors are the largest source of financial support.

HIV Treatment link from the home page:

<http://www.aac.org/hivtreat/hivtreat.html>

The HIV Treatment Information Program is a treatment reference service for those infected with HIV. The HIV Health Library serves to provide individuals with treatment information necessary to make informed decisions. The treatment library Internet project receives financial support from the National Library of Medicine. This page is also available in Spanish.

HIV Health Library link from the treatment page:

<http://www.aac.org/hivtreat/reslib.html>

The AIDS Action's HIV Health Library provides up-to-date information about drugs used to treat HIV. The core of the collection is community-based journals that present accurate medical information in a less technical format than published medical journals. The library will mail information about specific infections, drugs, and treatments on request. Also available in Spanish.

HIV Health Library Index: A Subject Index to HIV/AIDS Literature link from the treatment page:

<http://www.aac.org/hivtreat/index/intro.html>

This index provides a comprehensive guide to the library's collection of articles. Also available in Spanish.

HIV Health Library Infopacs link from treatment page:

<http://www.aac.org/hivtreat/infopac.html>

Infopacs are collections of articles on particular subjects. They are available through the mail and can be ordered through the phone number or e-mail address given on this page. A list of available topics, many of them on treatment, is provided. Also available in Spanish.

✧ AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service (ACTIS)

<http://actis.org/>

ACTIS provides resource information on federally and privately funded clinical trials for adults and children. Certain sections of the site can be viewed in either a general or technical format. The Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), and the National Library of Medicine sponsor this site. This is probably the best site for government information on clinical trials.

HIV/AIDS Clinical Trials Databases link from the home page:

<http://actis.org/actis.asp?URL=database&VIEW=general>

This page links to databases related to clinical trials that evaluate experimental drug treatments for varying stages of HIV/AIDS, including AIDSTRIALS, AIDS DRUGS, and AIDS Clinical Trial Results.

Vaccine Information link from the home page:

<http://actis.org/actis.asp?URL=vaccine&VIEW=general>

Vaccine information is provided on this Web page. Major divisions are "HIV/AIDS Vaccine Trials" and "About HIV/AIDS Vaccines." Subtopics include:

- Vaccine Information Web sites
- Fact Sheets
- Faces in Vaccine Research
- International Vaccine Research
- Vaccine Conferences

- Vaccine History
- Vaccine Publications

Other Trial Resources link from the home page:

<http://actis.org/actis.asp?URL=resource&VIEW=general>

Forty-two links to other clinical trials resources are grouped in the following categories:

- NIAID-Sponsored AIDS Clinical Trials Group Web sites
- NIAID-Sponsored Community Programs for Clinical Research on AIDS (CPCRA) Trial Program
- NIAID-Sponsored Vaccine Programs
- Other National Institutes for Health (NIH)-Sponsored Web sites
- HIV-AIDS Clinical Trials Web sites
- International Clinical HIV/AIDS Research Web sites

Communicate link from the home page:

<http://actis.org/actis.asp?URL=communicate&VIEW=general>

Contact information provided includes the ACTIS toll-free phone number, the ACTIS mailing address, and the e-mail address for contacting the ACTIS with questions concerning clinical trials.

✧ AIDS Education Global Information System (AEGIS)

<http://www.aegis.org>

AEGIS is a nonprofit charitable and educational corporation. The AEGIS Web site is managed by the Sisters of St. Elizabeth of Hungary in San Juan Capistrano, California. Its purpose is to encourage understanding and knowledge that will lead to better care, prevention, and a cure for HIV/AIDS. This, probably the largest HIV/AIDS Web site, is updated on a regular basis. A wealth and wide variety of information ranging from legal issues to reference materials on HIV/AIDS is available. The emphasis is on inclusion of all HIV/AIDS resources rather than selectively reviewing a smaller number of items. Funding comes from Boehringer Ingelheim/Roxane Laboratories, iMetrikus, Inc and the National Library of Medicine.

The *HIV Daily Briefing* from the home page is a daily update of articles concerning HIV treatment. Articles are from the *CDC HIV/AIDS, STD, and TB Prevention News Update* newsletter (see entry in the Periodicals section of this document). The content is also available in Spanish.

Key Topics: Treatment link from the home page:

This section of the AEGIS Web site includes several sources of information on treatment. Major headings are “Meds,” “Health Care,” “Other Treatment Resources at AEGIS,” and “Elsewhere on the Internet.” A variety of topics are covered, including treatment strategy, combination therapy, taking pills on time, drugs and the liver, drug list, clinical trials, the HIV/AIDS Treatment Registry Database, evaluation options and health care providers, reading laboratory results, understanding blood work, managing your doctor, treatment updates, viral load testing, alternative therapies, alternative medicine, protease inhibitors comparison, protease inhibitor 1997 survey, new medicines, treatment guidelines, and drugs not to be taken with protease inhibitors.

Key Topics: Living with HIV link from the home page:

This section contains a variety of topics associated with living with HIV/AIDS. Links under “Daily Life” include “First Person” (a collection of stories and multimedia pieces) and “Traveling with HIV.” The remaining headings are the following:

- Nutrition
- Supplements, Vitamins, Minerals, and Trace Elements
- Alternative Treatments
- Insurance Issues
- Discrimination
- Unapproved Substances

News Services link from the home page:

This portion of the AEGIS Web site offers a search feature for a news database covering the period 1983 to present. This feature is unique to the AEGIS site. The following specialized subheadings are included:

- Today's HIV News
- City Newspapers
- News Services (HIV-specific)
- News Services (mainstream)
- Wire Services (mainstream)

News Services (HIV-specific) link from News Services:

This section includes a collection of past news articles. Selections are from the *CDC National Center for HIV/AIDS, STD, and TB Prevention News Update*; *AIDS Treatment News*; *AIDS Weekly Plus*; *CATIE News*; *FDA News*; *NIAID News*; *NIH News*; Panos Institute; Howard Hughes Medical Institute; and the *Daily Update*.

Publications link from the home page:

The "Patient Oriented" topic links to treatment-related periodicals on the Internet.

National Library of Medicine (NLM) Drug Fact Sheets:

<http://www.aegis.org/pubs/drugs/index.htm>

Links to descriptions of various drugs used to treat HIV infection and associated condition(s), compiled from NLM's AIDSDRUGS database. Last updated September 1999. Includes drug name, brief description of use, links to protocols using the drug, pharmacological action, disease studies/treated, substance interactions adverse effects, manufacturer information, references to studies in journal articles on the drug, and more.

✧ **aidsinfonyc**

<http://aidsinfonyc.org>

"aidsinfonyc.org" is a series of information pages for people living with HIV/AIDS. The information is provided by community-based organizations. The Web site is hosted by Mediapolis, an interactive media company that creates Web sites. The Webmaster is supported by grants from nonprofit organizations. Most of the information on this site seems current, but check the dates on each item.

AIDS Treatment Data Network link from the home page:

<http://www.aidsinfonyc.org/network>

This page links to drug and term glossaries, clinical trials, fact sheets, Spanish resources, treatment reviews, and alternative treatments. (See entry for AIDS Treatment Data Network in this manual.)

HIV Plus link from the home page:

<http://www.aidsinfonyc.org/hivplus/index.html>

A monthly magazine featuring articles on research and treatment issues. Premiered September 1998. Archive of previous issues.

HIV Treatment Registry Database link from the home page:

<http://www.aegis.com/hivinfloweb/trd/submit.html>

An online database that anonymously collects HIV/AIDS treatment information. Individuals can search for profiles similar and/or different from their own to compare treatment regimes.

PWA Health Group link from the home page:

<http://aidsinfonyc.org/pwahg/index.html>

The primary goal of the organization is to increase access to promising or experimental treatments for HIV/AIDS. This group recently incorporated with Direct Access Alternative Information Resources (DAAIR). The group publishes two monthly newsletters, *Notes from the Underground* and *About Our Kids*. Information sheets are available relating to clinical trial results, drug dosing, and side effects. Their Early Access Program imports new HIV/AIDS therapies from other countries and sells them at cost to consumers in the U.S.

Treatment Action Group (TAG) link from the home page:

<http://aidsinfonyc.org/tag/index.html>

A non-profit treatment advocacy group dedicated to promoting effective public and private HIV/AIDS research efforts. They also focus on the drug development process and health care delivery system. Includes archived policy papers and research reports. *Tagline* is the group's monthly treatment magazine. Some resources are available in Spanish.

ADAP (AIDS Drug Assistance Program) Monitoring Project link from the home page:

<http://aidsinfonyc.org/adap/index.html>

ADAP is a collaborative effort between the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors and AIDS Treatment Data Network's Access Project, and is sponsored by the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation. ADAP provides HIV/AIDS medications to low income uninsured or underinsured individuals. The site has a map of the 52 states and territories participating in the program. The map includes a list of covered drugs, eligibility requirements, and contacts in each state or territory.

✧ **AIDSMAP**

<http://www.aidsmap.com/index.htm>

The National AIDS Manual (NAM Publications), in collaboration with the British HIV Association, produces this site. NAM is a community-based organization located in the United Kingdom. Their mission is to develop and disseminate independent, accurate, accessible, and up-to-date HIV treatment information. NAM publishes a monthly newsletter entitled *AIDS Treatment Update*. Information is produced in both book form and as searchable databases. The Web sites can be searched in six languages. A medical advisory panel reviews the materials on the site. The UK Department of Health, Levi-Strauss, Inner London HIV Health Commissioners Group, and numerous pharmaceutical companies provide funding. Treatment information can be accessed from the following links.

The Wheel (Your Personal Pill Planner) link from the home page:

<http://www.aidsmap.com/wheel/starthere.htm>

This is an interactive program that addresses issues that make it difficult for individuals to correctly take their anti-viral drugs. The program builds a personalized 24-hour clock showing how drugs can be successfully incorporated into a patient's lifestyle.

Treatments link from the home page:

<http://www.aidsmap.com/treatment.asp>

Treatment information can be accessed from this page via the links provided or by searching the site by keywords.

✧ **AIDSmeds.com**

<http://www.aidsmeds.com/>

The mission of AIDSmeds is to provide people living with HIV the necessary information they need to make informed treatment decisions. A physician experienced in the treatment of HIV/AIDS reviews the content of this site. The organization is HIV+ owned and operated. Sponsored by a pharmaceutical and a retail company. Treatment information can be found at the following links:

Lessons link from the home page:

<http://www.aidsmeds.com/lessons/StartHere1.htm>

An easy-to-read subject index of treatment lessons, including:

- Two Things You Should Know Before Starting Treatment
- The Big Treatment Questions
- Dealing with Side Effects
- Opportunistic Infections
- Treatment Issues for Women & Children
- Living with HIV

Check My MEDS link from the home page:

<http://www.aidsmeds.com/DrugsNewContent.asp>

An interactive database that allows patients to research potentially adverse drug and food interactions.

- Search for information by typing drug name in keyword box, and then click search. All possible matches will appear in the “Drug Search List.”
 - Proceed to Step 2 and add this drug to “Your Medications List.”
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✧ **AIDS Nutrition Services Alliances (ANSA)**

<http://www.aidsnutrition.org>

The AIDS Nutrition Service Alliance is a collaboration of nonprofit organizations that provide nutrition services for people living with HIV/AIDS. The mission of ANSA is to enhance the quality of life of people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWAs) by information sharing, technical assistance, education and advocacy, pooling resources, and collaboration. Information on the role nutrition plays in HIV treatment can be accessed from the following link.

Nutrition and HIV link from the home page:

<http://www.aidsnutrition.org/nutrition.ssi>

Links to over 30 fact sheets on topics related to nutrition and HIV.

✧ AIDS.ORG

<http://aids.org>

AIDS.Org (formerly known as ImmUNET) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to distributing HIV/AIDS information over the Internet. AIDS.ORG includes the *AIDS Treatment News* archive, accredited Continuing Medical Education (CME) programs, Direct AIDS Alternative Information Resources (DAAIR), the AIDS BookStore with over 3,000 titles, independent AIDS book reviews, medical conference listings and abstracts, a resource directory, hotline phone numbers, and links to information on other Web sites. You can register to receive updates about the site via e-mail. Supported by various computer companies and HIV/AIDS organizations. Some resources available in Spanish.

AIDS Treatment News topic from the home page:

<http://www.aids.org/immunet/atn.nsf/homepage>

See entry under *AIDS Treatment News* in Periodicals section of this document.

Link to the latest issue, or search by issue number, date, or index (the editor's personal index).

News topic from the home page:

<http://aids.org/news.html>

Links to *AIDS Treatment News* (see above), the *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)* *HIV/AIDS Information Center Newslines* (which is basically a link to *CDC National Center for HIV/AIDS, STD, and TB Prevention News Update*), and *HIVDaily News*. *HIVDaily News* links to *Breaking News HIV/AIDS*, which is compiled by the Cyber Support Foundation. Every day over 230 different news and medical information sources are scanned to compile this current news Web site link list. Users may sign up for e-mail notification of updates. It is not stated who does the scanning and what that person's qualifications are. MedExpress and Juven sponsor this site. Founded by the National Association of People With AIDS.

AIDS Fact Sheets link from the home page:

<http://www.aids.org/FactSheets/>

See entry for the New Mexico AIDS InfoNet in this document.

✧ AIDS Treatment Data Network

<http://www.aidsinfonyc.org/network>

The AIDS Treatment Data Network (commonly called the Network) is a national, not-for-profit, community-based organization. Treatment education and counseling services for men, women, and children with AIDS and HIV are supported by extensive, comprehensive, and up-to-date informational databases about AIDS treatments, research studies, services, and accessing care. Each link from the home page shows the date it was updated. Links include the following:

Clinical Trials from the home page:

<http://www.aidsinfonyc.org/network/trials.html>

Information on currently enrolling trials of treatments for HIV and opportunistic infections mostly in New York, but you can call to see if the trial is nationwide or in your area; how to consider if you should join a clinical trial; expanded access and compassionate use programs; and patient assistance programs.

The Access Project from the home page:

<http://www.aidsinfonyc.org/network/access/index.html>

Provides information about access to government and pharmaceutical company-sponsored treatments nationwide, includes extensive drug index with descriptions and a link to the Medicaid HIV Policy Project and Medicaid database.

Simple Facts Sheets from the home page:

<http://www.aidsinfonyc.org/network/sf.html>

One-page fact sheets on treatments, tests, and conditions.

Treatment Review and Information Bulletin from the home page:

<http://www.aidsinfonyc.org/network/trs/trs.html>

The Network newsletters, published six or more times a year and covering new treatments, clinical trials, and more. Links to the latest newsletters.

In the News from the home page:

<http://www.aidsinfonyc.org/network/news.html>

Selectively collects late breaking stories and other news; updated about twice a month. Links to current news articles.

Public Health Service (PHS) Guidelines from PHS/Infectious Diseases Society of America from the home page:

<http://www.aidsinfonyc.org/network/phs.table.html>

Guidelines for the prevention of opportunistic infections, Glossary of Drugs - brief descriptions of drugs for HIV and opportunistic infections.

Glossary of Terms from the home page:

<http://www.aidsinfonyc.org/network/phs.table.html>

Glossary of terms related to opportunistic infections and conditions.

Alternative Treatments from the home page:

<http://www.aidsinfonyc.org/network/altx.html>

Brief descriptions of and links to pages on alternative treatments.

Links from the home page:

<http://www.aidsinfonyc.org/network/links.html>

To other HIV/AIDS resources on the Web.

Search aidsinfonyc from the home page:

<http://www.aidsinfonyc.org/Excite/AT-aidsinfonycquery.html>

Site search tool

Member/Order Form from the home page:

<http://www.aidsinfonyc.org/network/member.html>

Allows you to become a Network member and order publications online.

The Aids Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Monitoring Project from the home page:

<http://www.aidsinfonyc.org/network/adap/index.html>

A collaborative project of the National Association of State and Territory AIDS Directors, the Kaiser Family Foundation, and the Network to track ADAP funding and formularies; includes a clickable U.S. map identifying State Medicaid and ADAP programs.

Información en Español from the home page:

<http://www.aidsinfonyc.org/network/lared/index.html>

The Network's Spanish language pages, includes all Simple Facts Sheets.

Forum Announcement from the home page:

<http://www.aidsinfonyc.org/network/lared/index.html>

Summaries of monthly community HIV Treatment Forums that address emerging health care issues. Schedule of upcoming forums and summaries of past forums.

❖ **AIDSTRIALS and AIDS DRUGS**

<http://actis.org/>

The AIDSTRIALS (AIDS Clinical Trials) database was created by the Specialized Information Services Division of the National Library of Medicine (NLM). It provides information about AIDS-related studies of experimental treatments conducted under the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA's) investigational new drug (IND) regulations. AIDSTRIALS contains information about clinical trials of agents undergoing evaluation for use against AIDS, HIV infection, and AIDS-related opportunistic diseases such as pneumocystis carinii pneumonia (PCP). Detailed information is supplied by the National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) for trials sponsored by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Information about non-NIH-funded trials undergoing tests for efficacy is furnished by FDA. The companion database, AIDS DRUGS, contains descriptive information about the agents being tested in clinical trials. AIDSTRIALS and AIDS DRUGS are produced as part of the AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service (ACTIS).

The information contained in AIDSTRIALS includes the title of the trial, the trial purpose, the agent being tested, the trial phase, diseases studied, patient inclusion and exclusion criteria, trial locations, and whether the trial is open or closed. Details of the treatment regimen may also be included. The file may be used to identify trials testing a particular agent or to find open trials in a specific location. If additional information is required about the trial, all records contain a telephone number for contacting the specific trial site or sponsor. If additional information about the agent being tested is required, the AIDS DRUGS database may be searched using either the drug name, accession number contained in the trial record, or the number of the protocol. AIDS DRUGS may be searched to find out about a new drug, and then AIDSTRIALS may be accessed to search for trials using that drug.

After a search of AIDSTRIALS, a user may switch to the AIDS DRUGS database and view descriptive information about the agent used in the clinical trial, such as synonyms for the name including trade names, the standard chemical name, pharmacology, contraindications, adverse reactions, manufacturer, and physical/chemical properties such as molecular composition, formula, and weight. It is easy to coordinate searches between databases since the Substance Identification number from AIDS DRUGS is present in the AIDSTRIALS record and the protocol numbers from AIDSTRIALS are carried in AIDS DRUGS. As new trials are added to AIDSTRIALS, information is compiled about the agents and records are added to AIDS DRUGS.

AIDSTRIALS and AIDS DRUGS are available free of charge, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Interested users can access these databases through the AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service Web site (<http://actis.org/>) by clicking on "Find a Clinical Trial" or "Find Drug Information." The entire AIDS DRUGS and AIDSTRIALS databases are also available via FTP from the NLM Publications server (nlpubs.nlm.nih.gov; log in as nlpubs).

✧ The Alternative Medicine Home Page

<http://www.pitt.edu/~cbw/altm.html>

The Alternative Medicine Homepage is a jumpstation for sources of information on unconventional, unorthodox, unproven, alternative, complementary, innovative, and integrative therapies.

AIDS and HIV link from the home page:

<http://www.pitt.edu/~cbw/hiv.html>

Contains links to:

- AIDS Alternative Treatment - the Critical Path AIDS Project in Philadelphia; explores alternative, complementary, and unconventional treatments
- AIDS Links Index - from the AIDS Research Information Center (ARIC); contains “Alternative Therapies (and Other Theories),” a starting point for specific alternative therapies
- AIDS Manual: Alternative Therapies - *HIV/AIDS Information: Putting the Pieces Together Workshop Manual*, Allegheny University of the Health Sciences, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- AIDS Quackery - from the Georgia Council Against Health Fraud, Inc.
- *AIDS Treatment News* - internationally recognized bimonthly newsletter containing new therapeutic information, archive of past issues, an index, and database of articles
- Alternative Treatments - from the AEGIS Web Site
- Alternative Treatments - contains a review of the current literature on alternative therapies from the AIDS Treatment Data Network
- Doc Misha’s Chinese Medicine HIV Wellness Center
- The Florida AIDS Health Fraud Task Force - protects against fraudulent activities associated with HIV/AIDS
- Hypnotherapy for Positive People: A Fact Sheet - detailed description of Hypnotherapy and its benefits compiled by the Stop and Think HIV Project; includes list of therapists
- Unconventional Therapies - reports, articles, and claims from the Poiesis Centre Exodus Foundation, Milan, Italy
- United States Food and Drug Administration State AIDS Health Fraud Task Forces

✧ American Medical Association (AMA) Health Insite

<http://www.ama-assn.org/consumer.htm>

The American Medical Association Health Insite Web site is dedicated to improving the health of Americans by enhancing and strengthening the doctor-patient relationship through active collaboration and participation by doctors and patients as partners in the delivery and receipt of health care. This site uses medical experts in their respective medical specialties to review and approve all medical content.

Under Specific Conditions from the home page, choose HIV/AIDS and click on “GO!”

http://www.ama-assn.org/insight/spec_con/hiv_aids/hiv_aids.htm

Basic Information includes links to Viral Loads, Medication Decisions, *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)* HIV/AIDS Clinicians Information (a link to the JAMA HIV/AIDS Information Center); and Drug Treatment Options for HIV. Glossary contains a list of HIV/AIDS-related terms. Doctor Finder connects to a database to search for doctors by name or medical specialty. Support Groups links to information

on National HIV/AIDS Organizations and Resources, State and Local HIV/AIDS Hotlines, and Treatment Resources. Clinical Trials offers links to other related sites. See entry for AIDS Clinical Trials Information System (ACTIS) for a reliable source of clinical trial information. The Library, Newsline, Policy, and Best of the Net links all link back to the JAMA HIV/AIDS Information Center.

✧ **amfAR (American Foundation for AIDS Research)**

<http://www.amfar.org/>

The American Foundation for AIDS Research (amfAR) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the support of HIV/AIDS research, AIDS prevention, treatment education, and the advocacy of sound AIDS-related public policy. The organization's mission is to prevent HIV infection and the disease and death associated with it, along with protecting the human rights of people with HIV/AIDS. Since 1985, amfAR has invested nearly \$166 million in support of its mission, and has funded grants to over 1,800 research teams worldwide. Funding sources include voluntary contributions from individuals, foundations, and corporations.

Treatment Directory link from the home page:

<http://www.amfar.org/td>

This is the searchable online version of the amfAR *Treatment Directory*. A printed copy can be ordered by calling ACTIS at (800) TRIALS-A. This is a comprehensive resource that is updated twice a year in print, and updated more frequently online.

This page has the following information:

- Treatments --Treatments for HIV and Related Conditions
- Clinical Studies -- Drugs in Development and Study Locations
- Information Resources -- Drug Assistance Programs, Newsletters, etc
- Treatment Guidelines -- Adult & Adolescents, Pediatric, Perinatal, Opportunistic Infections
- amFAR Treatment Insider -- Evaluates scientific progress in HIV and what it means for affected communities. Published in *HIVplus*.
- Treatment Results and Clinical Trials searchable databases
- Conference Reports Feature Articles
- News/Analysis

✧ **Bastyr University AIDS Research Center (BUARC)**

<http://www.bastyr.edu/research/buarc>

This research center was formed in 1994 with a grant from the National Institutes of Health's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and the Office of Alternative Medicine (OAM). The center was established to document the use of alternative medicine in HIV/AIDS treatment, to screen and evaluate alternative medicine therapies, and to offer support to the medical field in evaluation of alternative therapies. The BUARC Web site provides information on the scientific activities in progress, which include:

- Survey of Alternative Medicine Practitioners
- Alternative Medical Care Outcomes in AIDS
- Multi-Center AIDS Cohort/Bastyr Collaboration(MACS)

- Retrospective Records Review-Pilot
- Pilot Grants Program
- Bibliographic Resource Development
- Scientific Consultation
- Education

PWA Resource Links link from the home page:

<http://www.bastyr.edu/research/buarc/resources.asp>

A list of resources on AIDS treatment is included. Examples are the AIDS Alternative Treatment Page and AIDS Treatment Initiatives.

Study Overview link from the home page:

<http://204.203.216.4/research/buarc/overview.asp>

This is a full article entitled “Alternative Medicine Research in HIV/AIDS” by Cherie Reeves. It provides an overview of BUARC and the resources available.

Bibliography of Selected Works link from page:

<http://204.203.216.4/research/buarc/bibliography.asp>

A selection of books, journal articles, journals, and newsletters relating to alternative medicine and the treatment of HIV/AIDS.

✧ The Body

<http://www.thebody.com/index.shtml>

The Body’s mission is to use the Web to lower barriers between patients and clinicians, demystify HIV/AIDS and its treatment, improve patients’ quality of life, and foster community through human connection. The Body is a service of Body Health Resources Corporation and is sponsored in part by several drug companies. The Board of Advisers reviews links. Most of the information on this site is updated frequently. Links are organized in a logical, coherent manner.

Insight from Experts link from the home page:

<http://www.thebody.com/treatment.html>

Extensive list of links on the topics:

- On Learning You’re HIV Positive - current articles on preventing exposure to opportunistic infections, first steps to treatment, choosing a doctor, and a list of leading AIDS hospitals
- Treatment Strategies - treatment guidelines, treatment news, adherence to regimens, drug interactions, drug resistance and regimens when medications fail
- Viral Load Testing
- Women-Specific Treatment Issues
- Treatment for Pregnancy and Newborns
- Pediatric Treatment Issues
- Antiviral Medications - extensive list, arranged by type of drug
- Infections and Complications - extensive list, arranged by condition
- Research and Experimental Drugs - includes clinical trials, vaccines, and FDA approved drugs
- Alternative, Complementary and Holistic Therapies - includes a link to Frauds

- Treatment Periodicals - list of various newsletters
- Dictionaries and Drug Glossaries

Quality of Life link from the home page:

<http://www.thebody.com/quality.html>

Links on Diet and Nutrition - food safety, vitamins, wasting

- Fatigue and Anemia
- Depression, Anxiety, and Mental Health
- Financial Issues - health, life and disability insurance; selling your life insurance, drug payment assistance
Government Assistance: welfare, Medicaid, AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAP), Social Security
general financial planning; and the economics of AIDS care
- Legal Issues
- Workplace Issues
- Art, Spirit, and Humor

HIV Positive? Consider Clinical Trials link from the home page:

http://www.thebody.com/surveys/studies_survey.html

The Body compiles a database of health information from individuals interested in participating in upcoming medical trials. Clinical researchers and labs often contact The Body to recruit volunteers for clinical trials and studies. The Body's database facilitates such requests. Currently, this program is available only to citizens and permanent residents of the U.S.

Insight from Experts link from the home page:

(see also other links to Forums on Opportunistic Infections, Fatigue, and Nutrition)

<http://www.thebody.com/cgi/treatans.html>

Ask treatment questions of several doctors experienced in treating HIV/AIDS patients. Search the archive of previously asked questions. Forum topics include: general treatment; management of side effects and symptoms; a Spanish-language forum; oral health; wasting, nutrition, and exercise; fatigue and anemia; hepatitis; opportunistic infections; viral load and resistance testing; women and children.

HIV/AIDS Treatment Education Manual

<http://www.thebody.com/nmac/manual.html>

The National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC) and the Gay Men's Health Crisis organization have teamed to develop the *HIV/AIDS Treatment Education Manual* to assist community-based AIDS workers and organizations in communicating treatment information to their members and constituents. The first section of this manual is on this Web site (the complete manual can be ordered from NMAC; order information is on this Web page), and covers standard treatment, alternative treatment, nutrition, and stress. There is no date to indicate when this manual was written.

Managing Side Effects and Symptoms forum link from the home page:

<http://www.thebody.com/cgi/sideeffectsans.html>

This is an interactive question and answer forum on the side effects and symptoms of HIV disease and its treatment. Three physicians experienced in the treatment of HIV/AIDS provide answers to the questions.

Tratamientos link from the home page:

<http://www.thebody.com/cgi/treatespans.html>

An online question and answer forum conducted entirely in Spanish. Two physicians fluent in Spanish and experienced in the treatment of HIV/AIDS provide answers to the questions.

Women and Children forum link from the home page:

<http://www.thebody.com/cgi/childans.html>

Three physicians provide feedback on the treatment of HIV/AIDS in women and children. All three physicians are considered experts in the field of pediatric AIDS and HIV treatment.

✧ **Canadian HIV Trials Network**

<http://hivnet.ubc.ca/ctn.html>

The Canadian HIV Trials Network (CTN) is a clinical trials research organization committed to developing treatments, vaccines, and a cure for HIV/AIDS. The CTN is federally funded by Health Canada and jointly sponsored by the University of British Columbia and St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver. The Network is comprised of a national headquarters in Vancouver, six regional offices in five regions, and over two dozen satellite sites. Information available in English and French.

Clinical Trials link from the home page:

- Enrolling CTN Trials - Canadian clinical AIDS studies
- CTN Trial Results - summaries of HIV/AIDS studies

Publications link from the home page:

Plans for a Tri-National Clinical Trial - Summer 2000, Volume 11, Number 3 - Clinical trial summary of collaboration agreement between the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), the Medical Research Council (MRC) of the UK, and the MRC of Canada (now known as the Canadian Institute of Health Research). The three-year study, titled Tri-National Trial 1: Options in Management with Anti-retrovirals (TNT-1:OPTIMA), plans to enroll approximately 1200 volunteers and involve 58 hospitals across the three countries.

Other Resources link from the home page:

Sublinks related to treatment include:

- Research
 - Trial and Treatment Information
 - Community Groups
 - Newsletter and Journals
 - Reference Sites
 - International Sites
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✧ **Center for Mental Health Research on AIDS (CMHRA)**

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/oa/>

Since 1983, the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) CMHRA has supported research activities related to the primary and secondary prevention of AIDS and the neurobehavioral sequelae that develop as a result of HIV infection.

News and Publications link from the home page:

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/oa/news.htm>

Includes articles on Highly Active Anti-retroviral Therapy (HAART), HIV in the brain, and HIV and the central nervous system.

✧ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention

<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/dhap.htm>

This is the Web site for CDC's National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention, Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention. It contains links to CDC information on HIV/AIDS. You can subscribe to receive e-mail notification when the site is updated.

Treatment link from the home page:

<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/treatment.htm>

Includes links to the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) treatment guidelines and other treatment information from CDC and the PHS. Links include the following:

- *CDC National Center for HIV/AIDS, STD, and TB Prevention News Update* - Informative daily update of HIV/AIDS information. Compiled from media reports, Center for Disease Control's *Morbidity Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)*, fact sheets and press releases. Updates available daily by e-mail
- Drug Interactions
- Drug Treatment Information and General Treatment Information - both of these links connect to the AIDS Treatment Information Service (ATIS) treatment page
- HIV Occupational Exposure and Management - fact sheets and publications from the CDC Hospital Infections Program
- HIV Postexposure Prophylaxis Registry - links to CDC Hospital Infections Program; if you receive prophylaxis treatment, you can register so that the effects and effectiveness can be monitored; sponsored by CDC, Glaxo Wellcome, and Merck
- Neurologic Complications - links to ATIS page
- Patients' Guide to HIV Medicines and Guidelines for their Use - a National Minority AIDS Council publication, which includes the January 19, 2000 update of the *Guidelines for the Use of Antiretroviral Agents in HIV Infected Adults and Adolescents*
- Treatment Information: HIV and Women - links to ATIS page

✧ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Prevention Information Network (NPIN)

<http://www.cdcnpin.org>

The CDC National Prevention Information Network is a reference, referral and distribution service for information on HIV/AIDS, STDs and TB. This Web site is overseen by the CDC and replaced the CDC National AIDS Clearinghouse.

Resources on Treatment and Support (click on Resources by Topic from the home page, then click on Treatment and Support):

<http://www.cdcnpin.org/topic/treatmnt.htm>

The "News and Information" links include treatment guidelines, upcoming conferences, and other treatment issues. Focuses on current or new information.

"Links to Web sites About Treatment and Support" is the "Treatment and Care" link section from a 40-page list of HIV/AIDS-related links. There are no annotations for links. CDC and the National Prevention Information Network (NPIN) do not necessarily recommend or endorse all the information contained on these Web sites. There are about 30 links to sites with treatment information on HIV/AIDS, including the usual treatment sites, alternative treatments, hepatitis, opportunistic infections, viatical settlements, and yoga.

“Publications about Treatment and Support” - HIV/AIDS treatment publications that you can order online; up to 10 publications are free (includes multiple copies of one publication). Publication topics include classification, treatment guidelines and updates, how to cope with opportunistic infections, care giving, nutrition, STDs, TB, and Social Security benefits. Some items are also available in Spanish.

✧ **CenterWatch Clinical Trials Listing Service**

<http://www.centerwatch.com>

CenterWatch is a publishing company focusing on the clinical trials industry. The CenterWatch site provides information to patients and their advocates about ongoing clinical trials seeking study volunteers. Over 41,000 clinical trials are listed on the site. Clinical trial resources are available for patients as well as research professionals. The site offers a notification service for new clinical trials and drugs approved by the FDA. Detailed profiles of more than 150 clinical research centers are listed. CenterWatch is a division of the Medical Economics Company.

✧ **ClinicalTrials.gov**

<http://clinicaltrials.gov>

ClinicalTrials.gov is designed to provide patients, family members, health care professionals, and members of the public easy access to information on clinical trials for a wide range of diseases and conditions. The National Library of Medicine (NLM), an office of the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH), has developed this site in close and ongoing collaboration with all NIH Institutes and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). This site currently contains approximately 5,000 clinical studies sponsored primarily by the NIH. Additional studies from other federal agencies and the pharmaceutical industry are anticipated during 2000, and will be included on this site. As new features and designs are developed, they will be incorporated into *ClinicalTrials.gov*.

The home page contains links to treatment resources including:

- Understanding Clinical Trials - links to frequently asked questions and answers regarding clinical trials
 - MEDLINEplus - U.S. NLM consumer/patient healthcare information on all health topics, including HIV/AIDS (see entry in this document); links are peer-reviewed for quality
 - NIH Health Information - links to health information and research supported by NIH
 - healthfinder® - Links to consumer health and human services information
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✧ **Community Provider AIDS Training (CPAT)**

<http://www.ucsf.edu/warmline/>

CPAT is funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the CDC, and the American Academy of Family Physicians. CPAT is a resource for health care providers caring for people with HIV. All CPAT services are free and for health care providers only (not for patients). CPAT is located at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at San Francisco General Hospital. CPAT is part of the Pacific AIDS Education and Training Center, which is part of UCSF's AIDS Research Institute. CPAT faculty members are physicians, clinical pharmacists, and nurse practitioners based at San Francisco General Hospital and other San Francisco Bay Area facilities.

Resources on this Web site include:

- Warmline (a hotline answered by a person, not a machine) - the HRSA/AIDS Education and Training Center (AETC) National HIV Telephone Consultation Service, which provides physicians and other health care providers timely HIV clinical information and consultation across the broad range of clinical HIV/AIDS problems. Staffed by a physician, clinical pharmacist, or nurse practitioner
- PEpline - the HRSA/CDC National Clinicians' Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) Hotline, which provides consultation for clinicians regarding occupational exposures to HIV, hepatitis, and other blood-borne pathogens
- Articles - articles and monographs written by staff at the National HIV Telephone Consultation Service
- Guidelines - includes antiretroviral use, opportunistic and other co-infections, and post exposure prophylaxis. The date the page was last updated appears at the top
- Slide Shows - summaries of conference presentations that were presented by the National HIV Telephone Consultation Service staff
- Pharmacy - includes a link to an antiretroviral drug database, drug interaction chart, antiretroviral drug information sheet, and clinical trial information
- HIVCIN - includes the *HIV Clinical Information Network Newsletter*, produced by the Pacific AIDS Education and Training Center four times a year, and articles from the National HRSA/AETC HIV Telephone Consultation Service
- Links - other HIV/AIDS resources on the Web for health care providers
- For Persons With AIDS (PWAs) - links to treatment resources for persons with AIDS
- Pacific AIDS Education and Training Center Programs (PAETC) - funded by the HRSA, the PAETC provides AIDS-related training, education, and information services to health care providers in California, Arizona, Hawaii, and Nevada
- Training - a list of a few places that offer training courses for health care providers

✧ **Connecting People and Resources Manual**

<http://www.orau.gov/nlmtrng/ConnPR/contents2.htm>

The *Connecting People and Resources* manual shows users how to use the National Library of Medicine's free user-friendly World Wide Web search interfaces to search the following files: AIDSLINE (journal article citations and abstracts); AIDSTRIALS (descriptions and contact information for clinical trials); AIDSDRUGS (chemical and medical information on drugs); and DIRLINE® (a directory of health information organizations) (see entries in this document for these databases). An overview of other quality HIV/AIDS information resources on the Internet is included. This manual also focuses on the hard plain facts about HIV/AIDS, specifically in the African-American and Latino communities, including prevention, transmission, and disease progression, as well as how to locate HIV/AIDS information and services provided by government agencies and private organizations. Sponsored by NLM's Specialized Information Services Division. Produced by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education's Medical Education and Outreach Program. Available in HTML and PDF. Last updated November 1, 1999.

✧ Critical Path AIDS Project

<http://www.critpath.org/critpath.htm>

This Web site is produced by the Critical Path AIDS Project group in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Treatment link from the home page:

<http://www.critpath.org/treat.htm>

This treatment link contains about 19 pages of annotated links to various resources. Topics of groups of links include:

- Pathogens and Treatment - information on drugs to treat HIV/AIDS and opportunistic infections
- Expanded Access Programs - list of drugs and ways to get them at reduced cost, details on for whom and for what the drugs are intended, some details on how to take certain drugs
- Patient Assistance Programs - list of programs to help patients pay for drugs, and another detailed list of drugs, with some treatment information and some information on where to get specific drugs
- Buyer's Clubs - contact information and descriptions
- Drug Interactions - a Continuing Medical Education (CME) course on the Medscape Web site
- Community Forums and Town Meetings on Treatment
- AIDS Conference Reports
- AIDS Resources on the World Wide Web
- AIDS Information from Bulletin Board Systems
- World Wide Resources on the Web - information from countries other than the United States and in languages other than English
- HIV/AIDS Standards of Care - this information seems a little outdated (1996-1997); includes information from the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, Johns Hopkins, and ACT UP's HIV/AIDS Adult Standard of Care
- AIDS Textbooks and General References
- AIDS Treatment and Other Glossaries - useful to explain medical terms to patients
- Telephone Hotlines
- Experimental Treatment Info Line
- Fax-back: Information on Demand
- Electronic Mailing Lists (Listservs)
- Newsgroups
- The Critical Path Search Engine for the sci.med.aids Newsgroup (1992 to present)
- Searching for AIDS Information on the Internet - basically a list of popular search engines
- Gopher Sites
- Internet File Transfer Protocol - sites from which to FTP documents, and you can also upload your organization's HIV/AIDS documents to Critical Path's FTP server
- Clinical Care Options for HIV Continuum of Care Series - a CME course, plus 4th Retroviruses Conference Summaries
- HIV Patient Initial Visit, Stanford Teaching Module - case study approach
- Electric Differential Multimedia Lab of the University of Iowa - a virtual hospital teaching module
- Pathogens and Drugs for Treating and Prophylaxing against HIV/AIDS: Fact Sheets and Updates on Treatment Methodologies.

Alternative treatment link from the home page:

<http://www.critpath.org/alt.htm>

This alternative treatment link contains about 14 pages of (mostly) annotated links to various resources. Topics of groups of links include:

- Alternative, Complementary, and Unconventional Treatments - links to overview information
- Organizations - includes descriptions and contact information
- Other Alternative Web Pages from *AIDS Treatment News* Listings and Elsewhere
- Alternative Therapies - Fact Sheets, Anecdotes, Meeting Notes, Links, Miscellaneous
- A Regimen Approach - Micronutrients - a list of micronutrients to take to reduce HIV viral load
- Off-Label Drugs and Others
- Compounds List
- Amino Acids
- Peptides
- Endogenous Antioxidants
- Vitamins, Minerals, Other Micronutrients
- Extracts, Herbs, and Herbal Preparations
- Fungi
- Systems - schools of thought on alternative medicine or therapy
- Other Hybrid Therapies
- Diet, Nutrition, and Wasting Syndrome
- Steroids and Growth Factors
- Immune Based Therapies
- Addiction Interrupters

✧ **DIRLINE**

<http://sis.nlm.nih.gov/dirline>

DIRLINE (Directory of Information Resources Online) is a free online database created by the Specialized Information Services Division of the National Library of Medicine (NLM). It contains location and descriptive information about a wide variety of information resources, including organizations, research resources, projects, and databases concerned with health and biomedicine. This information may not be readily available in bibliographic databases. Each record may contain information on the publications, holdings, and services provided. DIRLINE contains approximately 14,000 records and focuses primarily on health and biomedicine, although it also provides limited coverage of some other special interests. These information resources fall into many categories, including federal, state, and local government agencies; information and referral centers; professional societies; self-help groups and voluntary associations; academic and research institutions and their programs; information systems; and research facilities. Topics include HIV/AIDS, maternal and child health, most diseases and conditions including genetic and other rare diseases, health services research, and technology assessment.

✧ **Doctor's Guide to the Internet**

<http://www.pslgroup.com/AIDS.htm>

This Web site is sponsored by P/S/L NuMedia, a consulting group. It provides information in support of the appropriate use of HIV/AIDS medicines by health providers. It also provides updated medical news and information concerning HIV/AIDS and related disorders. The site offerings include medical news and alerts, AIDS information, discussion groups and newsgroups, and links to AIDS information on the Internet. You can register to receive site updates by e-mail. Available in several languages.

Medical News and Alerts appears from the home page:

<http://www.pslgroup.com/AIDS.htm>

Provides an extensive list of links to treatment information on all aspects of HIV/AIDS. The articles are in chronological order with current listings first and are updated frequently. A link to previous articles is at the bottom of the section.

✧ **Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation**

<http://www.pedaids.org>

The Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Its goals are to find therapies to prevent transmission from an infected mother to her newborn, to prolong and improve the lives of children with HIV, and to eliminate HIV in infected children.

✧ **Food and Drug Administration (FDA) HIV/AIDS Activities**

<http://www.fda.gov/oashi/aids/hiv.html>

The FDA's HIV/AIDS Program in the Office of Special Health Issues works closely with outside individuals and advocacy groups on issues related to HIV/AIDS, informs the HIV-affected community of activities and policies at FDA related to HIV/AIDS, represents patient and community views and concerns to the agency, serves as a resource for HIV/AIDS-related information, explains the regulatory processes affecting development and approval of new therapies, represents FDA at a range of public and government meetings related to serious and life-threatening illnesses, and assists in development of federal government policies and regulations related to HIV/AIDS.

What's New link from the home page:

<http://www.fda.gov/oashi/aids/new.html>

Contains items that have been recently added to various places on this Web site.

HIV/AIDS Therapies link from the home page:

<http://www.fda.gov/oashi/aids/status.html>

Information on approved drugs and therapies for HIV/AIDS.

Clinical Trials and Drug Development link from the home page:

<http://www.fda.gov/oashi/aids/clinical.html>

Information on FDA's "Fast Track Drug Development Program," "Expanded Access and Expedited Approval of New Therapies Related to HIV/AIDS," "Enrollment of Women in HIV/AIDS Clinical Trials," and other positions and programs having to do with clinical trials and drug development.

FDA/State AIDS Health Fraud Task Forces, Evaluating Medical Therapies link from the home page:

<http://www.fda.gov/oashi/aids/eval.html>

The FDA sponsors a network of AIDS Health Fraud Task Forces throughout the United States. The network has developed a proactive approach to combat fraudulent product/treatment promotions affecting people with HIV/AIDS and their partners, family, and friends. The network strives to promote awareness and prevent fraud through education that empowers individuals. The Task Forces have developed hotlines, workshops, conferences, and advocacy sharing as an alert mechanism to new fraudulent product promotion. Media has been used to broaden awareness in the diverse communities served. Members of the Task Force Network include persons living with HIV/AIDS, community-based organizations, treatment advocates, health care practitioners, educators, federal and state government officials, and local health care departments. Includes links to HIV/AIDS task force Web pages, information on nutrition and dietary supplements, and "How to Spot Health Fraud."

HIV/AIDS Articles and Brochures

<http://www.fda.gov/oashi/aids/art.html>

Includes some articles on treatment. Only a few items are current.

News Releases

<http://www.fda.gov/oashi/aids/news.html>

FDA news releases and talk papers on various topics, including HIV/AIDS drugs. Listed by calendar year.

Experimental Treatments Unapproved But Not Always Unavailable

http://www.fda.gov/fdac/features/2000/100_exp.html

An easy-to-read article that addresses the FDA's role in testing experimental treatments. The article includes frequently asked questions, links to clinical trial sites, and criteria to consider when selecting a clinical trial. The article was published in the January-February 2000 issue of *FDA Consumer Magazine*.

Buying Drugs Online

http://www.fda.gov/fdac/features/2000/100_online.html

This is an objective report on the pros and cons of purchasing drugs online. The most recent update to the report was in June 2000.

✧ **Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC)**

<http://www.gmhc.org/index.html>

GMHC is the oldest and largest not-for-profit AIDS organization in the U.S. GMHC offers hands-on support services to more than 9,500 men, women, and children with AIDS and their families in New York City annually, as well as education and advocacy for hundreds of thousands nationwide. Also available in Spanish.

Living with HIV/AIDS link from the home page:

<http://www.gmhc.org/living/living.html>

Links include:

- Treatment
- Government Insurance and Benefits
- Insurance
- Emotional Support
- Immune Basics

- Monitoring Your Immune System
 - AIDS Defining Illnesses
 - Fact Sheets
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✧ Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) HIV/AIDS Bureau

<http://hab.hrsa.gov>

The HIV/AIDS Bureau, one of five bureaus of HRSA, is the largest single source, next to the Medicaid program, of federal funding for HIV/AIDS care for low-income, and underinsured individuals.

Educating Providers of HIV/AIDS Care link from the home page:

<http://hab.hrsa.gov/educating.html>

Providers of HIV/AIDS care include many disciplines, including physicians, nurses, physician assistants, dentists, licensed mental health professionals, case managers, nutritionists, home care providers, substance abuse treatment counselors, rehabilitation therapists, and others. Those providers supported under the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act programs are located in community-based organizations and programs throughout the United States, ranging from hospitals, community and migrant health centers, public health clinics, AIDS service organizations, and other nonprofit organizations. One of the goals of the bureau is to make available to these providers up-to-date information on clinical, pharmaceutical, and support and system information that will allow them to better serve their clients. Links include:

- AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETC) program - a network of 14 regional centers that conduct targeted, multidisciplinary education and training for health care providers includes links to AETC Web sites
- Training Calendar - lists times and places of major training (including distance-learning events) sponsored by AETCs and by other private and public entities
- National HIV Telephone Consultation Service (Warmline) - gives background and contact information for this telephone consultation service (for clinicians only)
- National Clinician's Post-Exposure Prophylaxis Line (PEPLINE) - directs health care providers who experience on-the-job needle-stick or other exposure to potential pathogens, to treatment advice
- Clinical Guidelines - lists and provides links to the several HIV/AIDS treatment guidelines issued
- Targeted Provider Education Program (TPED) - a grant program to facilitate HIV/AIDS education and training for health and support service providers working in racial and ethnic minority communities that are highly impacted by HIV/AIDS
- Funding Opportunities - information on the grant processes, grant announcements for the CARE Act program, HRSA and a useful list of other Federal grants management information links, and announcements of grant availability

Getting HIV/AIDS Care, Prescription Drugs and Other Information link from the home page:

<http://www.hab.hrsa.gov/getting.html>

People with HIV disease, their friends, and families often ask how to get care that is provided under the CARE Act. They want to know about the kinds of care available, how to qualify, who the providers of that care are, and where they are. At this site, HRSA tries to answer some of those questions. Links include:

- CARE Act Services - briefly describes the range of medical and support services provided under the various CARE Act programs

- Providers of Care: Who and Where - describes how the various CARE Act programs work and links you to either listings of grantees who can provide more specific information, or lists the CARE Act grantee who is directly responsible for providing care in an area
- AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAP) - contains information about the ADAP and directs you to the State ADAP Contacts
- Qualifying for CARE ACT Services - gives general information about who the CARE Act is intended to serve, and advises on who to ask at local and state levels to find out whether you qualify for care
- Medicaid CARE Act Contacts – provides information about HIV/AIDS care under State Medicaid programs
- Where Else To Go - tells you about sources of information on HIV/AIDS care
- Managed Care Implications - provides information about this growing part of the health care delivery system and how it can work for people with HIV
- Care Announcements and Other News - a place for HRSA to post news or developments that are of particular interest to people with HIV

✧ HIV/AIDS Dietetic Practice Group

<http://www.eatright.org/dpg/dpg29.html>

The HIV/AIDS Dietetic Practice Group (DPG) is part of the American Dietetic Association. The group was founded in response to the overwhelming evidence that nutrition was an important factor in the treatment of HIV disease. The mission of HIV/AIDS DPG is to share information regarding the nutritional management of HIV, provide an electronic listserv for members to share information, provide an avenue for national research projects, and advocate for nutrition intervention for all persons living with HIV. *Positive Communication* is the group's peer-reviewed quarterly publication.

✧ HIV/AIDS Treatment Information Service (ATIS)

<http://www.hivatis.org/>

ATIS is a project of the Department of Health and Human Services and is co-sponsored by the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Health Care Financing Administration, and the Health Resources and Services Administration. ATIS provides the most recent information about federally approved treatment guidelines for HIV and AIDS. Most of the information on this site is from the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) or the CDC. One can receive notification of updates to the Web site by e-mail.

Links include:

- What's New - links to conferences/satellite broadcasts, publications, press releases, and drug interactions; the drug interaction information is extensive
- Treatment Guidelines - mostly current U.S. PHS guidelines: "Adult and Adolescent," "Pediatric," "Perinatal," "Health-Care Worker Exposure," "Non-occupational Exposure Considerations," "Opportunistic Infections," and "Tuberculosis;" older guidelines are also archived on this site
- Treatment Information - links to "General Treatment" information, "Drug Treatment" (protease inhibitors, approved drugs, viral load, and more), "HIV and Women" (treatment information for women, including during pregnancy), and "Other Resources" (special topics, including HIV and Hepatitis C co-infection, nutrition and food safety, and AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service/ATIS free publications in English and Spanish)

- Treatment Links - links to other HIV/AIDS treatment and resource information on the Internet
 - Espanol - HIV/AIDS information and publications in Spanish
 - ACTIS - A central information source on federally and privately funded clinical trials for HIV/AIDS patients
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✧ HIV and Hepatitis.com

<http://www.hivandhepatitis.com>

The objective of HIV and Hepatitis.com is to develop an online publication that provides accurate and reliable treatment information to people living with HIV/AIDS, hepatitis B, and hepatitis C. The staff consists of individuals who have years of combined experience in publishing, community education and HIV treatment advocacy. The Medical Editor has a medical degree in Internal Medicine and is experienced in HIV/AIDS treatment, research, and education. Financially supported by grants from pharmaceutical companies. Majority of information is current.

HIV/AIDS link from the home page:

http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/html/hiv_aids.html

This page links to top stories, abstracts, and press releases on HIV and hepatitis.

HIVAIDS Treatments link from HIV/AIDS page:

<http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/hiv/thiv.html>

This page links to HIV drugs fact sheets that are very detailed, and include information on combination therapy and dosage.

Special Reports link from HIV/AIDS page:

<http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/html/specialhiv.html>

This page links to reports on various HIV topics.

Advocacy and Activism link from HIV/AIDS page:

<http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/html/advocacyhiv.html>

This page links to articles written by AIDS activists and doctors on HIV/AIDS treatment policies and FDA approval policies.

Treatment Guidelines link from HIV/AIDS page:

<http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/hiv/srhivtg.html>

This page links to U.S. government treatment guidelines.

HIV Treatment Live! Interactive Telephone Teleconferences link from the home page:

<http://hivtreatmentlive.com/hivtreatmentlive/index.html>

An interactive telephone teleconference series on up-to-date HIV/AIDS treatment developments. Medical experts and an HIV community representative staff the teleconferences.

- Teleconferences Now Open For Registration
- Teleconferences Now Available on Taped Replay
- Transcripts Now Available- Listed by month

Links from HIV/AIDS page:

<http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/html/link.html>

Links to other HIV/AIDS, hepatitis, and general medical Web sites.

✧ **HIV InfoWeb**

<http://www.infoweb.org/>

HIV InfoWeb is a non-profit online library service containing HIV- and AIDS-related information. Created in 1992 by Ken Duncan and John LaBella of Boston Massachusetts, HIV InfoWeb is sponsored by HomeBase, a non-profit advocate for AIDS housing. Online services are maintained by AEGIS. This site contains a Search function to search all the resources on the site. The home page contains links to topics such as Access Issues, Alternative Medicine, Clinical Trials, Food/Water/Supplements, resources in Foreign Languages, Opportunistic Infections, Side Effects, Standards of Care, Women and HIV, Viral Resistance, and Treatment Registry.

Treatment Related link from the home page:

<http://www.infoweb.org/treatment/treatment.html>

This page contains links to treatment resources, including:

- About the Massachusetts HIV Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)
 - Clinical Trials in Massachusetts, the US, and Canada
 - Adherence to Highly Active Antiretroviral Treatment (HAART) Models
 - Drug Interactions and Treatments
 - Improving Your Doctor Patient Relationship - A Workbook
 - Medication Guides
 - Post-Exposure Prophylaxis and Registry
 - Resistance to HIV and AIDS Medications
 - Studies to Uncover How We're Doing in the Fight Against AIDS
 - Treatment Timeline - Chart of Your Antiviral Medications
 - Treatment Models
 - Treatment Registry (Compare Your Disease/Treatment History to Others)
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✧ **HIV InSite**

<http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu>

HIV InSite is a project of the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) AIDS Program at San Francisco General Hospital and the UCSF Center for AIDS Prevention Studies, which are programs of the UCSF AIDS Research Institute. The home page of this site contains recent news items. This site contains many other items of interest, but its organizational structure is a bit confusing. There are three search boxes from the home page that you can use to access information. The Quick Search allows you to search the entire site using keywords. The Section Quick Links allow you to connect to a selected list of topics. The Key Topics Quick Links allow you to connect to a different list of topics. If you are looking for treatment information, you might want to click on "Medical" or "Topics" at the top of the page. There

is also a link to information in Spanish. The editorial process at this site is independent of financial sponsors, which include Bristol-Myers Squibb company, MERCK, Pharmacia & Upjohn, Roxane Laboratories, Agouron, Roche, Stempel Foundation, Abbott Laboratories, Ortho Biotech, and Sun.

Medical link button at the top of the home page:

<http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu/medical/>

- AIDS Knowledge Base - a textbook on HIV/AIDS from the University of California, San Francisco and San Francisco General Hospital
- Treatment Guidelines - links to federal and British guidelines, and a few items published in the *Journal of the American Medical Society*
- Antiretroviral Drug Database - antiretroviral drug doses, structures, formulations, adverse effects, and interactions
- Access to Medications - programs that help people with HIV pay for medications, including information about patient assistance and compassionate use programs, Medicaid, and the AIDS Drug Assistance Program; and contact information for Buyer's Clubs and Treatment Advocacy Groups
- Patient Fact Sheets - links to other HIV/AIDS treatment sources to include AIDS Treatment Data Network (ATDN), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Community Aids Treatment Information Exchange (CATIE), and the National Aids Treatment Information Project (NATIP)

Scroll down the page for more links:

- Conference Abstracts - summaries of major conferences with HIV – related medical content and links to official conference sites
- Trial Search - database of all HIV clinical trials in the U.S.; claims to be the most complete and accurate source of information about current HIV clinical research
- Cases Reports - online continuing medical education on HIV InSite from the IAS-USA
- Treatment Guidelines - published treatment and practice guidelines from the U.S. Public Health Service, the CDC, and International AIDS Society (IAS) sources
- Clinical Fact Sheets - for people with HIV and their care givers; key concepts from anemia to zidovudine are explained; available in English and Spanish
- Glossary of Medical Terms - concise and understandable definitions of medical terms produced by *Treatment Issues*, a publication of the Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York, New York

Topics link button at the top of the home page:

<http://hivinsite/ucsf.edu/keytopics/>

Many HIV/AIDS topics that link to news, articles, opinion pieces, documents, abstracts, bibliographies, contacts, and other resources. Categories related to treatment include:

- Adherence/Compliance
- Antiretroviral Treatment
- Dentistry and Oral Health
- Hepatitis
- Infections
- Nutrition
- Tuberculosis
- Medical Marijuana, Travel and Immigration - staying healthy while traveling
- Workplace Issues
- Vaccines
- Caregivers

- Substance Users (non-injection)
- Transgendered People - includes a link to care and treatment information specifically for this group
- Women - includes a link to care and treatment information specifically for this group

Clinical Information Sheets

http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu/medical/fact_sheets/

This is an excellent compilation of groups of fact sheets published by various HIV/AIDS organizations on the Web. Browse by topic or producer. Information provided includes the name and type of organization, description of what is available, reading level, and the languages in which the fact sheets are available.

✧ **HIVDENT**

<http://www.hivdent.org/>

HIVDENT is a not-for-profit coalition of concerned health care professionals committed to assuring access to high quality oral health care services for adults, adolescents, and children living with HIV. HIVDENT disseminates state-of-the-art treatment information and shares expertise in advocacy, development, training, integration, and evaluation of oral health services for the HIV-infected population. The Web site contains several sections on the oral manifestations of HIV (including a large picture gallery) and information on infection control, post-exposure protocols, pediatric/adolescent care, medications, funding, and other resources. Provided through nonrestricted educational grants and support from ALZA Pharmaceuticals, Bristol-Myers Squibb Immunology, Colgate Oral Pharmaceuticals, and the Grady Health System.

✧ **How to Find HIV and AIDS Information on the Internet**

http://ww2.aegis.com/hivinforweb/library/access/find_aids_info/index.htm

This presentation was created by John La Bella, the HIV InfoWeb Librarian, who can be reached via e-mail at johnlabella@rcn.com. It was last revised in March 2000. It is a good introduction to finding HIV/AIDS information on the Internet, including treatment information. Contains information not discussed in depth in this document, including e-mail lists and chat rooms.

✧ **Information in Action Manual**

<http://www.orau.gov/nlmtrng/html/infacthtml.htm>

This manual showcases the HIV/AIDS-related databases that are available free of charge on the Internet as part of the National Library of Medicine's (NLM's) efforts in combating the AIDS epidemic. The manual shows users how to use NLM's free user-friendly World Wide Web search interfaces to search the following files: AIDSLINE (journal article citations and abstracts); AIDSTRIALS (descriptions and contact information for clinical trials); AIDSDRUGS (chemical and medical information on drugs); and DIRLINE (a directory of health information organizations) (see entries in this document for these databases). An overview of how to evaluate health information on the Internet and a list of other HIV/AIDS information resources are included. Sponsored by NLM's Specialized Information Services Division. Produced by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education's Medical Education and Outreach Program. Available in HTML and PDF. Last updated September 2, 1999.

✧ International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care (IAPAC)

<http://www.iapac.org>

The IAPAC Web site serves as a member resource and a public service for physicians and other healthcare professionals, nongovernmental and governmental agencies, communities of faith, and others throughout the world who care for and about the people infected and affected by the intersecting pandemics of life-threatening infectious diseases, poverty, and dehumanization.

Co-infections link from the home page:

<http://www.iapac.org/coinfidx.html>

The topic of this page of resource information is Co-infections. Categories of links include:

- Conference and Symposia Reports
- Diagnostic Techniques
- Disease Management
- Professional Journal Abstracts
- News
- Archives

HIV/AIDS link from the home page:

<http://www.iapac.org/clinmgidx.html>

The topic of this page of resource information is Disease Management. Categories of links include:

- Antiretroviral Therapies
- Anemia and Fatigue
- Addiction Medicine
- Central and Peripheral Nervous System Disorders
- Communication Disorders
- Malignancies
- Nutrition and Wasting
- Pain Management
- Pediatrics
- Women's Health

Drug Index link from the home page:

<http://www.iapac.org/avtherapiesidx.html#specific>

This link takes you to the “Antiretroviral Drug Index” section of a long page of drug information. From the top of the page, categories of information include:

- Antiviral Drug Interactions
- Antiviral Drug Resistance
- Antiviral Intensification Therapy
- Second-Line Therapy
- Antiviral Salvage Therapy
- Antiviral Treatment Guidelines
- Antiviral Treatment - General

- General Conference & Symposia Reports - an extensive list; includes abstracts
- Conferences - Extensive list of conferences and abstracts, including news, analyses and commentaries, and book reviews
- Antiretroviral Drug Index
- Reimbursement/Drug Assistance
- Adherence

Recommended Antiretroviral Agents for Initial Treatment of Established HIV Infections in Adults and Adolescents Chart

<http://www.iapac.org/guidelines/arvagents001.pdf>

A link to the Adobe Acrobat PDF format document “Recommended Antiretroviral Agents for Initial Treatment of Established HIV Infections in Adults and Adolescents,” created by IAPAC and revised January 28, 2000. This is an easy-to-understand, graphical chart of combinations of HIV/AIDS medications, based on the January 19, 2000 *Guidelines for the Use of Antiretroviral Agents in HIV-Infected Adults and Adolescents* developed by the Panel of Clinical Practices for the Treatment of HIV Infection convened by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation. It has been peer-reviewed by an ad hoc special educational projects committee of IAPAC.

✧ **International Bibliographic Information on Dietary Supplements**

<http://www.nal.usda.gov/fnic/IBIDS>

The International Bibliographic Information on Dietary Supplements (IBIDS) database is a cooperative project of the Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and the Food and Nutrition Information Center at the National Agricultural Library of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. IBIDS was launched specifically to assist health care providers, researchers, and the general public with locating scientific information on dietary supplements. IBIDS contains citations to scientific literature on dietary supplements, including vitamins, minerals, and botanicals.

Topic Links from the home page:

What Are Dietary Supplements - Full definition and explanation of dietary supplements. Includes link to U.S. Food and Drug Administration Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition

Conferences, Meetings, and Events - Conference schedule for year 2000

Publications - Conferences, Workshops, and Report Information

Other Relevant Links - Includes links to AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service (ACTIS), AIDS Treatment Information Services (ATIS), and the NIH National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM).

Food and Nutrition Information Center link from the home page:

<http://www.nal.usda.gov/fnic/>

On this page, click on **Topics from A to Z**, then click on the [AIDS/HIV](#) link. Subtopics include:

- About Nutrition and HIV (via the Tennessee Department of Health AIDS Program)
- Diet and Nutrition Overview (via The Body)
- HIV ReSources, Inc. (a nutrition resources Web page)
- International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care (IAPAC)

✧ Johns Hopkins AIDS Service

<http://www.hopkins-aids.edu>

This is the Web site of the faculty of Johns Hopkins University, Division of Infectious Diseases. It lists several current news articles from the home page, a question/answer of the week, and has links to “Expert Q&A,” “Publications,” “Medical Education,” “Resources,” “Managed Care,” “Epidemiology,” “Prevention,” and “Treatment.” It also offers conference information.

Expert Q&A link from the home page:

http://www.hopkins-aids.edu/index_ask.html

This is the Web page of the question-and-answer forum. The user can ask questions as a clinician or as a patient. The forum also can be accessed in Portuguese. Archives to previous forums are linked from this page.

Publications link from the home page:

http://www.hopkins-aids.edu/publications/index_pub.html

Medical Management of HIV Disease by John G. Bartlett, M.D., is accessed from this page. Access is provided to the *Hopkins HIV Report*, a bimonthly newsletter for health care providers who care for HIV/AIDS patients.

Resources link from the home page:

http://hopkins-aids.edu/resources/index_res.html

This page offers information on AIDS Conferences/Events, Clinical Trials, and Related Links.

Managed Care link from the home page:

<http://hopkins-aids.edu/manage/index-manage.html>

This page refers to case studies on Managed Care and a Medicaid overview.

Treatment link from the home page:

http://www.hopkins-aids.edu/treatment/index_treat.html

This is the treatment section of the Johns Hopkins AIDS Service Web site. The table of contents is divided into “Guidelines and Recommendations,” “Outcomes Research,” “Women and HIV,” “The Hopkins HIV Report,” and the “Medical Management of HIV Disease.”

✧ *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)*

HIV/AIDS Information Center

<http://www.ama-assn.org/special/hiv/hivhome.htm>

The JAMA HIV/AIDS Information Center is designed as a resource for physicians and other health professionals and is produced and maintained by JAMA editors and staff under the direction of an editorial review board of leading HIV/AIDS authorities. The primary selection criterion is the quality of the science.

Treatment Center link from the home page:

<http://www.ama-assn.org/special/hiv/treatmnt/treatmnt.htm>

This site is a portal to information on “Clinical Guidelines,” “Clinical Trials Resources,” “Treatment Updates and Resources,” and “Drug Information.”

Clinical Guidelines link from Treatment Center page:

<http://www.ama-assn.org/special/hiv/treatmnt/treatment.htm>

This is a collection of published guidelines for prevention and management of HIV/AIDS and related conditions that have been selected by members of the JAMA editorial review panel. Information is provided on obtaining full-text guidelines if JAMA cannot or does not offer the full document. JAMA updates this list regularly, but some guidelines might not reflect certain recent clinical developments because HIV/AIDS science and practice change so quickly. Editor's notes indicate when otherwise valuable guidelines might not reflect recent developments. Links include:

- Prevention and Prophylaxis - mostly U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) guidelines and *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* recommendations
- Counseling and Testing - *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* recommendations
- Antiretroviral Therapy - guidelines for adults, adolescents, children, and pregnant women
- Classification and Coding
- Search the National Library of Medicine's (NLM's) AIDS Databases - through HealthGate Data Corporation; however, NLM recommends using its Web interface for the most current information in these databases
- Information on Other Guidelines - guidelines released by various medical associations

Clinical Trials Resources link from Treatment Center page:

<http://www.ama-assn.org/special/hiv/treatmnt/trials/trials.htm>

Focus is on background information, searchable trials and results databases, and links to trials units. Includes the following links:

- What is an AIDS Clinical Trial? - from PHS
- AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service - PHS project providing current information on federally and privately sponsored clinical trials for people with AIDS and HIV infection
- Search the AIDS Clinical Trial Results Database - link to AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service site (see entry in this document)
- Trials Open to Enrollment - link to AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service site (see entry in this document)
- Trials Search: Online Guide to HIV Clinical Trials in the United States - link to HIVInSite, University of California, San Francisco
- Trials at the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH) – trials conducted by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the NIH Clinical Center, Bethesda, Maryland
- Search the National Library of Medicine's AIDSTRIALS Database - service provided through HealthGate Corporation
- AIDS Treatment Data Network (see entry in this document)
- Canadian HIV Trials Network; AIDS Clinical Trials Units - at hospitals
- AIDS Vaccine Evaluation Units - at hospitals

Treatment Updates and Resources link from Treatment Center page:

<http://www.ama-assn.org/special/hiv/treatmnt/profess.htm>

This is a selective collection of professional reports on key treatment topics. Links include:

- Treatment Updates - Clinical reports for health professionals selected by JAMA editors and expert reviewers
- HIV/AIDS Treatment Information Service - collaborative PHS effort offering treatment information based on government guidelines (see entry in this document)

- AIDS Treatment Data Network - New York City-based support organization with an extensive listing of treatment information (see entry in this document)
- Critical Path - Philadelphia-based support organization with an extensive listing of treatment information (see entry in this document)
- Project Inform - long-time San Francisco-based treatment/research support group offering extensive treatment information (see entry in this document)
- AIDS Knowledge Base - comprehensive textbook on HIV disease from the University of California, San Francisco and the San Francisco General Hospital
- American Foundation for AIDS Research Treatment Guide - twice-yearly updated resource including information on clinical trial results, open protocols and enrollment information, expanded access/compassionate use programs, financial assistance programs, and additional resources for HIV/AIDS treatment information (see entry in this document)
- *Medical Management of HIV Disease* - the 1997 edition of the standards of care of the Johns Hopkins AIDS Service, by John G. Bartlett, M.D., Professor of Medicine and Chief, Division of Infectious Diseases, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
- Ask an Expert - advice for health professionals

Drug Information link from the Treatment Center page:

<http://www.ama-assn.org/special/hiv/treatmnt/druginfo/druginfo.htm>

This is a detailed listing of FDA-approved drugs for HIV infection and AIDS-related conditions, updated monthly. Information is provided by the AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service and the HIV/AIDS Treatment Information Service (see entries in this document). Detailed drug information is provided by Monthly Prescribing Reference, a pharmaceutical information resource for health professionals. Drug listing includes links to Patient Assistance information provided by the AIDS Treatment Data Network Service (see entry in this document).

✧ **MEDLINEplus**

<http://medlineplus.gov>

MEDLINEplus® is the National Library of Medicine's (NLM's) Web site for consumer health information. NLM's experienced staff of information experts review hundreds of government and nongovernment publications, brochures, databases, and Web sites in order to link the public with the most reliable and authoritative information. MEDLINEplus is available on the World Wide Web from the NLM home page (<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/>) or directly at MEDLINEplus (<http://medlineplus.gov>)

MEDLINEplus contains information on:

- Drug Information - drug resource listing with over 9000 prescription and over-the-counter medications. Information provided by the United States Pharmacopeia (USP) in the USP DI® and the Advice for the Patient®
- Dictionaries - for finding definitions of medical terms
- Medical Encyclopedia - an information source for disease reference to include AIDS treatment
- Doctors/Dentists - for finding physicians and other health professionals
- Hospitals - for finding accredited hospitals and other health facilities (e.g., assisted living, hospice, and residential care facility)
- Organizations - links to major national groups providing information to consumers
- Databases - for articles and information from other organizations

- Publications/News - textbooks, newsletters, and health news sources for reading online
- Libraries - to find a nearby library for health consumers

MEDLINEplus is not meant to be an exhaustive list of every health Web resource. It is a selective list of appropriate, authoritative health information sources. A link to the guidelines is on the front page of the site. MEDLINEplus includes mostly U.S. resources. International sites may be included at a later date.

AIDS on MEDLINEplus

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/MEDLINEPlus/aids.html>

NLM's experienced staff of information experts review hundreds of government and non-government publications, brochures, databases, and Web sites in order to link the public with the most reliable and authoritative HIV/AIDS information. Treatment topics include:

- Alternative Therapy - a link to the Critical Path page
- Children - clinical trials, treatment guidelines
- Clinical Trials - National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) adult trials; AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service (ACTIS); Canadian HIV Trials Network; Clinical Trials Database of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; Critical Path AIDS Project clinical trials link; a thrush trial from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Clinical Center; and pediatric trials from NIAID
- Glossaries/Dictionaries - HIV/AIDS terms and vaccines
- Disease Management - a textbook from San Francisco General Hospital, drug interactions link to AIDS Program at San Francisco General Hospital, and links to the American Academy of Family Physicians and Medscape
- Spanish - items in Spanish
- News-Focused - latest developments in treatment
- Nutrition - links to the HIV/AIDS Treatment Information Service (ATIS)
- Treatment - links to the Department of Health and Human Services, the Food and Drug Administration, ATIS, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, and the University of New Mexico Health Services Center

✧ **Medscape® HIV/AIDS**

<http://www.medscape.com/Home/Topics/Aids/AIDS.html>

Medscape offers health care providers online medical information and education tools concerning HIV/AIDS. It contains next-day summaries of presentations at professional meetings and links to information on HIV/AIDS news, treatment updates, expert columns, practice guidelines, clinical management, symposium announcements, exam room information, patient resources, and journal information. The site is operated by Medscape, Inc.

Treatment Updates link from the home page:

<http://www.medscape.com/Home/Topics/AIDS/directories/dir-AIDS.TreatUpdate.html>

This site contains information on late-breaking treatment updates (including some Continuing Medical Education items). Also provided on this page are links to expert columns in the area of HIV/AIDS treatment.

Clinical Management link from the home page:

<http://www.medscape.com/Home/Topics/AIDS/directories/dir-AIDS.ClinMgmt.html>

Access is provided to a series of courses developed for the HIV health care professional. The participant can review the latest medical information, take online post-tests to receive CME credit, and review updated courses.

Practice Guidelines link from the home page:

<http://www.medscape.com/Home/Topics/AIDS/directories/dir-AIDS.PracticeGuide.html>

This page contains practice guidelines under the following subject headings: “Antiretroviral Therapy,” “Opportunistic Infections,” “Postexposure Management,” and “Testing and Prevention.”

Conference Summaries link from the home page:

<http://www.medscape.com/Home/Topics/AIDS/directories/dir-AIDS.ConfSummaries.html>

Provides access to next-day conference summaries.

Conference Schedules link from the home page:

<http://www.medscape.com/Home/Topics/AIDS/directories/dir-AIDS.ConfSchedules.html>

Provides an up-to-date calendar of upcoming conferences on HIV/AIDS. A map of various regions of the country is at the bottom of the page. By clicking on a specific region, a list of conferences in that area is displayed.

Exam Room link from the home page:

<http://www.medscape.com/Home/Topics/AIDS/directories/dir-AIDS.ExamRoom.cfm>

“Today’s Questions” answers questions about HIV/AIDS. “Interactive Case” is a test to determine diagnostic ability. “The Clinical Calculator, Drug-Drug Interactions Report,” is a program that allows the participant to set up a multidrug regimen and identify possible interactions.

Library link from the home page:

<http://www.medscape.com/Home/Topics/AIDS/directories/dir-AIDS.Library.html>

The Hyperkeywords section’s link to “Treatment guidelines” (at the bottom of the HIV/AIDS Library page) offers hundreds of articles, conference summaries, etc., on treatment from the last 12 months (the date is given to the left of each article).

Patient Resources link from the home page:

<http://www.medscape.com/Home/Topics/AIDS/directories/dir-AIDS.Patient.html>

This page includes 52 Patient Fact Sheets on treatment topics from the New Mexico AIDS InfoNet.

Managed Care link from the home page:

<http://www.medscape.com/Home/Topics/AIDS/directories/dir-AIDS.ManagedCare.html>

“HIV/AIDS Managed Care” includes a number of articles dealing with the economics of HIV/AIDS treatment.

AIDS Links link from the home page:

<http://www.medscape.com/Home/Topics/AIDS/directories/dir-AIDS.Links.html>

“HIV/AIDS Links” references Web sites offering clinically relevant material on HIV/AIDS. Each site has been reviewed prior to listing. “Government Sites,” “Reference Resources,” “Pharmacy Resources,” “Clinical Trials,” and “Journals” are the major headings.

✧ **Midwest AIDS Training and Education Partners (MATEP)** **Adherence Virtual Monograph: Adherence Resources, Tools and Information**

<http://www.matep.org/virtualmonograph/index.html>

MATEP is a partnership created by the Midwest AIDS Training and Education Center (based at the University of Illinois) and the Cook County HIV Primary Care Center (based at the Hektoen Institute), the nonprofit foundation affiliated with Cook County Hospital. The purpose of MATEP is to produce high-quality, cutting-edge HIV-specific educational programs. The Virtual Adherence Monograph is a collection of MSWord and PowerPoint files on adherence topics.

✧ **The National AIDS Treatment Advocacy Project (NATAP)**

<http://www.natap.org>

NATAP is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to educating the diverse communities affected by HIV on the latest HIV treatments and advocating on treatment and policy issues for people with HIV. NATAP posts summary reports of conferences and conducts free community forums, usually at the New York University (NYU) Medical Center, to bridge the gap between the very latest research and the community by bringing in speakers who are conducting cutting-edge research. Proceedings from these forums are also posted to the NATAP Web site.

Links from the home page include:

- Newsletters - contains *NATAP Reports*, which provide HIV/AIDS treatment information and research and comprehensive reports and developments from the NATAP New York University Forum and other conferences; the newsletter seems to be published three or four times a year
 - Conference Reports - contains highlights of recent HIV/AIDS conferences
 - User's Guide - NATAP's *Protease Inhibitor User's Guide*, revised in 1997 (seems a little dated)
 - Hepatitis - the NATAP Hepatitis page was created to raise awareness about the growing co-infection of people with HIV and hepatitis, and to provide basic education and more advanced scientific information; many of these links are very recent
 - Forums - summaries of forums that NATAP sponsors in New York where doctors talk about treatment issues such as treatment, drug resistance, and co-infection; the forums seem to be held about twice a year
 - Older Articles - some of the older articles are just a few months old
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✧ **National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine**

<http://nam.nih.gov>

The National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) conducts and supports basic and applied research and training and disseminates information on complementary and alternative medicine to practitioners and the public. The NCCAM does not serve as a referral agency for various alternative medical treatments or individual practitioners. The NCCAM facilitates and conducts biomedical research.

✧ **National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), Division of Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (DAIDS)**

<http://www.niaid.nih.gov/research/daids.htm>

DAIDS supports research that promotes progress of the detection, prevention, and treatment of HIV/AIDS. This site provides information on clinical trials, conferences and meetings, research resources, DAIDS-supported programs, and publications. This is primarily a site for researchers. A more appropriate resource for health care providers and patients is the HIV/AIDS Treatment Information Service (see entry in this document).

AIDS Therapeutics link from the home page:

<http://www.niaid.nih.gov/daids/therapeutics>

This site provides a comprehensive overview of the discovery and development of AIDS therapeutics.

Database for Anti-HIV Compounds link from the home page:

<http://www.niaid.nih.gov/daids/dtpdb/default.htm>

This online database is a technical information source for anti-HIV compounds associated with the chemotherapy of HIV and opportunistic infections.

AIDS Vaccine Research link from the home page:

<http://www.niaid.nih.gov/daids/vaccine/default.htm>

This site provides a comprehensive overview of AIDS vaccine discovery and development.

Resource Guide for the Development of AIDS Therapies link from the home page:

<http://www.niaid.nih.gov/daids/pdatguide/overview.htm>

This page provides information to assist investigators in developing therapies for the treatment of HIV disease and opportunistic infections associated with AIDS. It contains information about National Institutes for Health (NIH)-funded resources, and points of contact in DAIDS that can be contacted for additional information.

AIDS: Finding Better Treatment With Your Help link from the home page:

<http://www.niaid.nih.gov/publications/aids/aidstreat.htm>

This publication tells you how doctors test new treatments for AIDS and how people with HIV can help. It offers an explanation of clinical trials and provides information on getting involved with these studies.

✧ **National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of AIDS Research (OAR)**

<http://www.nih.gov/od/oar/>

OAR is located within the Office of the Director of NIH and is responsible for the scientific, budgetary, legislative, and policy elements of the NIH AIDS research program. Congress has provided broad authority to the OAR to plan, coordinate, evaluate, and fund all NIH AIDS research. The OAR is responsible for the development of an annual comprehensive plan and budget for all NIH AIDS research. OAR supports trans-NIH Coordinating Committees to assist in these efforts in the following areas of program emphasis that have to do with treatment:

- Therapeutics - link to drug research at NIH
- Vaccines - link to vaccine research at NIH
- Information Dissemination - link to how NIH HIV/AIDS information is distributed

✧ **National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC)**

<http://www.nmac.org>

NMAC, established in 1987, is dedicated to developing leadership within communities of color to address the challenge of HIV/AIDS. NMAC sponsors the U.S. Conference on AIDS each year.

Treatment Education

<http://www.nmac.org/treatment/treat.htm>

The NMAC Treatment Education, Training, and Advocacy Department organizes regional training on treatment issues and provides technical assistance to community-based organizations on treatment education for clients and service providers. It is also conducting a national needs assessment on treatment issues in communities of color and organizing a new national training project for treatment issues in prisons.

Virtual Conferences link from Treatment Education page:

<http://www.nmac.org/virtualconf.htm>

Virtual conferences on treatment issues can be seen and heard on this page, using the RealAudio player plugin with your Web browser.

Meet-the-Expert Web Broadcasts link from Treatment Education page:

<http://www.nmac.org/expert.htm>

NMAC hosts monthly online Meet-the-Expert Web broadcasts on a variety of treatment and technical assistance topics. Every Meet-the-Expert Session consists of a 20-minute video/slide presentation developed by the featured expert followed by a live online question-and-answer "chat" session. Check the schedule link on this page for upcoming sessions.

Conferences link from Treatment Education page:

<http://www.nmac.org/treatment/treatmeet.htm>

Contains information on NMAC's yearly National AIDS Treatment Advocates Forum meeting.

Publications link from Treatment Education page:

<http://www.nmac.org/treatment/treatpub.htm>

Contains just a few publications, including:

- Patients' Guide to HIV Medicines and Guidelines for Their Use - written by NMAC to accompany the December 1998 HHS Federal Treatment Guidelines; in PDF format
- *Patient Self Assessment* - written by NMAC; in PDF format
- *Treatment Alert!* - NMAC's newsletter; in English and Spanish
- A link to subscribe to the NMAC Treatment Education and Training electronic mailing list

Search Treatment Newsletters link from Treatment Education page:

<http://www.nmac.org/treatframe.htm>

A page from which you can search through a database containing the following publications: *AIDS Treatment News*, *BETA*, *CRIA Update*, *GMHC Treatment Issues*, NMAC's newsletters, New Mexico AIDS InfoNet Fact Sheets; and Treatment Action Group (TAG), and The Center for Aids Research Initiative/Treatment Action (see entries in the Periodicals section of this document). There is also a link to a list of direct links to these newsletters.

✧ **National Pediatric and Family HIV Resource Center**

<http://www.pedhiv aids.org/>

The National Pediatric and Family HIV Resource Center at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey is a nonprofit organization that serves professionals who care for children, adolescents, and families with HIV infection and AIDS. Founded in 1990, the Center offers education, consultation, technical assistance, and training for health and social service professionals.

Care and Treatment link from the home page:

<http://www.pedhiv aids.org/care/>

Contains links to five resource pages related to “Antiretroviral Drugs,” “Family-Centered Care,” “Medical Adherence,” “Nutrition,” and “Quality of Life” issues for children enrolled in clinical trials (document written by the Supportive Care/Quality of Life Committee of the National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Disease’s Pediatric AIDS Clinical Trials Group). A page on “Pain and Palliative Care” is under construction.

✧ **New Mexico AIDS InfoNet**

<http://www.aidsinfo net.org>

The New Mexico AIDS InfoNet is a project of the New Mexico AIDS Education and Training Center in the Infectious Diseases Division of the University of New Mexico School of Medicine. The InfoNet was originally designed to make information on HIV/AIDS services and treatments easily accessible in both English and Spanish for residents of New Mexico. Some InfoNet Fact Sheets have information that is specific to New Mexico; national references are provided when relevant. Major project funding has been provided by the National Library of Medicine; the New Mexico Department of Health, Public Health Division; and the Levi Strauss Foundation. Additional support has been provided by Agouron Pharmaceuticals, Bristol-Myers Squibb, DuPont Pharmaceuticals Company, Glaxo-Wellcome, Inc., Merck and Company, and Roche Laboratories.

Go to Index of Fact Sheets link from the home page:

<http://www.aidsinfo net.org/001-index.html>

This site provides about 60 fact sheets on treatment topics, written at the 8th or 9th grade reading level. The fact sheets are reviewed by a medical doctor. You may print the fact sheets with your browser, with Microsoft Word, or with the Adobe Reader program [for Portable Document file (PDF) format]. Also available in Spanish.

✧ **Pediatric AIDS Clinical Trials Group**

<http://pactg.s-3.com/>

The Pediatric AIDS Clinical Trials Group (PACTG) is a collaborative effort of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAD) and the National Institute for Child Health and Human Development (NICHD). The PACTG specializes in evaluating treatments for HIV-infected children, developing new approaches for the interruption of mother-to-infant transmission, and establishing standards of care for children infected with HIV. This site would be of interest to clinicians conducting HIV/AIDS treatment research trials.

✧ **Pediatric HIV/AIDS Links**

<http://mail.med.upenn.edu/~jstoller/pedaids.html>

This site was created by a student at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. This site contains links to many Web sites categorized as “Organizations,” “Facts and Information,” and “Articles, Essays, and Reports.” The revision date appears at the top of the page. This Web site is worthwhile if you are interested in treating HIV/AIDS in children.

✧ **PEPNet**

<http://epi-center.ucsf.edu/PEP/pepnet.html>

PEPNet is maintained by the Epidemiology and Prevention Interventions Center at the University of California, San Francisco and San Francisco General Hospital. PEPNet provides access to current information about post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) for HIV and other bloodborne viruses. The treatment information is adapted from current U.S. PHS/CDC guidelines for managing occupational exposures and guidelines for managing HIV-infected patients prepared by various consensus groups. Users can register to receive e-mail notification when the site is updated.

✧ **Physicians Research Network**

<http://www.prn.org/>

The mission of the Physicians’ Research Network (PRN) is to provide continuous peer support to health care providers who treat people with HIV disease. The organization works to improve the diagnosis, management, and prevention of all aspects of HIV disease and to enhance the skills of providers. Clinical reports and scientific meeting summaries are published in a monthly journal entitled *The PRN Report*. Physicians review the content of the site. Several pharmaceutical companies provide the majority of support. The home page provides current news updates called PRN News Capsules. The Provider Resources section contains:

- PI and NNRTI Effect on Drug Level Chart
 - PI and Other Drugs – Interaction Chart
 - NRTIs, NNRTIs and Other Drugs – Interaction Chart
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✧ **Project Inform**

<http://www.ProjectInform.org/>

Project Inform is a national, nonprofit, community-based organization based in San Francisco working to end the AIDS epidemic. Its mission is to provide vital information on the diagnosis and treatment of HIV to HIV-infected individuals, their caregivers, and their health care and service providers; to advocate enlightened regulatory, research, and funding policies affecting the development of, access to, and delivery of effective treatments, as well as to fund innovative research opportunities; to inspire people to make informed choices amid uncertainty, and to choose hope over despair. Funded by individuals, corporate and private foundations, individual bequests, and government sources.

Publications link from the home page:

<http://www.ProjectInform.org/pub/index.html>

Many of the publications are treatment-oriented. Three of the treatment topics covered are:

- Antiviral Medication - developing a long-term antiviral strategy, protease inhibitors, AZT, ddI, ddC, d4T, 3TC, Nevirapine, Delavirdine, etc.
- Immune-Based Therapies - Project Immune Restoration overviews many immune-based approaches, interleukin-2, gene therapy, etc.
- Opportunistic Infections

See the “Index of all Publications at This Site” for more treatment publications, including about 80 fact sheets on treatment topics.

The Introductory Treatment Packet link from this page provides information for people newly diagnosed with HIV and helps them create a comprehensive personal action plan. Materials from Project Inform provide information on everything from choosing and working with a health care provider to understanding treatment options. Resources in the Introductory Treatment Packet include:

- “Day One” - a discussion paper on points to consider when first finding out one is HIV+ or first considering developing a treatment strategy for managing HIV
- “Developing a Doctor/Patient Relationship” - outlines points to consider in working with a health care provider
- “Anti-HIV Strategies” - a fact sheet that helps you understand and make decisions regarding antiretroviral therapy and covers combination therapies and newer drugs
- “Diagnostic Tests” - about understanding how laboratory tests can give you important clues about your health status and how they can determine what steps to take regarding medication
- The OI Chart - a comprehensive chart outlining the symptoms, diagnostic procedures, and treatment and preventive options for the different opportunistic infections that affect people with HIV; also provides information on drug side effects and possible drug interactions
- “PCP Prevention” - a fact sheet which provides results from various studies as well as guidelines on when to start PCP preventive therapy.

Some items under the Publications page link are available in Spanish and in PDF format. Includes two periodicals, *PI Perspective* and *Wise Words* (see entries in the Periodicals section).

Project Inform National HIV/AIDS Treatment Hotline

<http://www.ProjectInform.org/org/hotline.html>

To get confidential treatment information by phone, call the Project Inform National HIV/AIDS Treatment Hotline at (800) 822-7422 (toll-free in the U.S.) or (415) 558-9051 (in the San Francisco Bay Area or internationally). Hotline hours are Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm and Saturday, 10am-4pm (Pacific Time).

Drug Interactions:

<http://www.projectinform.org/fs/drugin.html>

This page contains a list of prescription drugs used by HIV/AIDS patients. It was last updated in May 2000. Each drug has a chart that lists potential drug interactions. Some of these interactions have been reported in medical literature while others are purely anecdotal. The chart was compiled with information from package inserts, anecdotal reports, discussions with pharmacologists and physicians who treat HIV disease, and discussions with pharmaceutical companies.

Drug Dosing Chart:

<http://www.projectinform.org/fs/dosingchart.html>

This chart was updated in May 2000.

Drug Side Effects:

<http://www.projectinform.org/fs/sideeffects.html>

This document was updated in May 2000.

✧ **PubMed**

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/PubMed>

PubMed is the National Library of Medicine's Web search interface that provides access to over 10 million citations in MEDLINE, PreMEDLINE, and other related databases with links to participating online journals. The online journal providers usually charge a fee to read the entire journal article, but viewing the abstracts is free through PubMed. PubMed is also the free Web interface to search AIDSLINE. To limit your search to only items in the AIDSLINE database, click on the word "Limits" under the search box. On the lower right of the screen, click on the arrow to the right of "Subsets" and select "AIDS." Click in the search box and type in your search terms.

✧ **San Francisco AIDS Foundation**

<http://www.sfaf.org/>

The goal of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation is to provide treatment information, support services, and advocacy for people living with HIV disease. The organization was founded in 1982. *The Bulletin of Experimental Treatment for AIDS (BETA)* and *Treatment Flash* are treatment journals published by the Foundation. Resources on the site are available in Spanish. The San Francisco AIDS Foundation receives most of its funding from government grants and private donations. Treatment information can be accessed from the following links:

AIDS 101: Guide to HIV Basics link from Treatment page:

<http://www.sfaf.org/aids101/treatment.html>

This page provides links to treatment resources, publications, and Internet links to treatment Web sites.

- Antiviral Therapy
- Broad Spectrum Healing Program
- Immune Boosting Therapy
- Monitoring the Immune System
- Natural Approaches to Treating HIV
- Opportunistic Infection Treatment and Prevention
- Politics of Treatment

Browse by Topic link from treatment page:

http://www.sfaf.org/treatment/treatment_topics.html

Topics include more than 160 articles from San Francisco AIDS Foundation HIV treatment publications, arranged into 16 categories. Topics include:

- Advocacy
- Adherence/Resistance
- Alternative & Complementary Treatments
- Conference Coverage

- Drug Watch
 - General Treatment Issues
 - News Briefs
 - Nutrition/Food Safety
 - Opportunistic Infections and Complications
 - Patient Assistance Programs
 - Protease Inhibitors
 - Side Effects of Treatment
 - Tests (Viral load, blood)
 - Treatment guidelines
 - Vaccine Research
 - Women, Pregnancy, and Children
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✧ **Sci.med.aids FAQ**

<http://www.aids.wustl.edu/>

Sci.med.aids is the international newsgroup on AIDS, a USENET newsgroup that discusses AIDS and HIV. A gateway forwards articles posted to sci.med.aids to a listserv mailing list called AIDS. The thousands of sci.med.aids readers include people with HIV infections, published authors, researchers, public health officials, and interested individuals. It is carried in several countries, particularly in the Americas and Europe. Sci.med.aids is moderated by a team. When readers submit an article, it must be approved by two members of the moderation team before it will be posted to the newsgroup.

The sci.med.aids “FAQ” answers frequently asked questions about AIDS and the sci.med.aids newsgroup. The moderators try to keep things as up to date and accurate as possible. However, readers of the site may post updates to the moderators. Some sections may contain information that is not current.

Section 4. Treatment Options link from the home page:

<http://www.aids.wustl.edu/aids/sci.med.aids.faq4.html>

Treatment topics covered include:

- “Guidelines for the Use of Antiretroviral Agents in HIV-Infected Adults and Adolescents, 1/00”
 - “Report of the NIH Panel to Define Principles of Therapy of HIV Infection, 4/98”
 - “Guidelines for the Prevention of Opportunistic Infections in Persons Infected with Human Immunodeficiency Virus, 8/99”
 - “List of FDA Approved Drugs for AIDS, 6/99”
 - “AIDS Drugs - An Overview, 6/96”
 - “What About ‘Alternative’ Treatments for HIV/AIDS”
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✧ **Social Security Administration (SSA)**

<http://www.ssa.gov/>

The SSA home page.

Disability Information link from the home page:

<http://www.ssa.gov/odhome/odhome.htm>

Links include:

- Social Security Handbook
- Social Security Disability Publications, Information, and Forms
- Functional Work Disability Measure

✧ **Veterans Administration AIDS Information Center**

<http://vhaaidsinfo.cio.med.va.gov/aidsctr/>

The AIDS Service Division of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) sponsors the VA AIDS Information Center, which provides up-to-date HIV/AIDS treatment information to physicians, researchers, social workers, counselors, and other health care professionals. Information is provided by electronic communication, including a biweekly *AIDS Information Newsletter*. The director of the center is a well-known authority in the area of HIV/AIDS information and communications services.

AIDS Information Center fact sheet, *How to Receive Communications from the Center* link from the home page:

<http://vhaaidsinfo.cio.med.va.gov/aidsctr/AIC-FactSheet.doc>

This page provides instructions on how to receive communications from the center. Communications are provided by e-mail, the local VA facility VISTA e-mail system, Microsoft Outlook 98 distribution lists, and the Center's Intranet and Internet Web sites.

***AIDS Information Newsletter* link from the home page:**

<http://vhaaidsinfo.cio.med.va.gov/aidsctr/Newsletters/Newsletters.htm>

The editor of the newsletter is acknowledged as a national leader in the fields of information and communications services for HIV disease. Newsletters from 1993 to the present are available. Current treatment information can be accessed under the following headings:

- Recent Issues
- Patient Health Education Materials

Audiovisual Reviews - written by VA AIDS Information Center staff

Updated Guidelines for the Use of Antiretroviral Agents and Prevention of Opportunistic Infections in HIV-Infected Adults and Adolescents (VA Directive 2000-018, July 18, 2000)

✧ **Veterans Administration AIDS Service**

<http://vhaaidsinfo.cio.med.va.gov/aidservice>

The VA AIDS Service is a division of the Department of Veterans Affairs. The program is responsible for planning, coordinating, implementing, and evaluating HIV/AIDS clinical programs for all of the VA health care system. Their mission is to provide the highest quality of care to VA patients with HIV infection. The program staff has broad expertise in the VA medical system and in HIV care and research. The program disseminates information through their biweekly newsletter, *AIDS News Service*.

✧ **The University of North Carolina AIDS Clinical Trials Unit**

<http://www.med.unc.edu/medicine/hivaidsc/>

The University of North Carolina AIDS Clinical Trials Unit is dedicated to conducting research on HIV infection and providing access to promising treatment to persons living with HIV. The program provides access to clinical studies researching antiretroviral therapies, immunomodulators, HIV-related malignancies, wasting syndrome, neurological complications, gastrointestinal illnesses, and many others. In addition to conducting research, the staff provides treatment consultation for health care providers. The program was established in 1987. The National Institutes of Health is a sponsor of the program.

HIV Management Manual

<http://www.med.unc.edu/wrkunits/2depts/medicine/hivaidsc/>

The HIV Management Manual provides information on the treatment and management of over 30 HIV related malignancies, antiretroviral therapies, laboratory predictors of disease, and treatment of asymptomatic patients. The manual was updated in March 2000.

Studies link from the home page:

<http://www.med.unc.edu/wrkunits/2depts/medicine/hivaidsc/>

This page gives the basic facts about protocols currently open to enrollment.

✧ **Women's Interagency HIV Study (WIHS)**

<http://www.statepi.jhsph.edu/wihs/index.html>

The Women's Interagency HIV Study (WIHS) is a multicenter, prospective study initiated in 1999 by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to carry out comprehensive investigations of the impact of HIV infection in women. This study has been conducted by the NIH in association with a similar study, the HIV Epidemiology Research Study (HERS), which is coordinated by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The study is co-sponsored by several NIH Institutes that fund different components of the WIHS. These include the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), the National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA), the National Cancer Institute (NCI), and the National Institute of Dental Research (NIDR). Hypertext links to these sites are available from the home page. Most information is available in both English and Spanish.

Glossary of Terms Found in WIHS Literature link from the home page:

<http://www.statepi.jhsph.edu/wihs/glossary>

Links to three glossaries of HIV/AIDS terminology used in the course of education and treatment:

Abstracts link from the home page:

<http://statepi.jhsph.edu/wihs/pubs/index.html>

Abstracts of papers on HIV and women presented at various recent HIV/AIDS meetings.

Information Bulletins link from the home page:

<http://www.statepi.jhsph.edu/wihs/info/>

This page contains easy to read informational fact sheets on:

- Viral Load Testing
 - What You Should Know About Colposcopy
 - What You Should Know about "LEEP" Treatment
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- Legal Information for Women with HIV
- Information for People Testing Positive for HTLV-I/II
- XI International Conference on AIDS WIHS Abstracts Summary
- Hepatitis at a Glance
- Clinical Information Sheets (from HIVInSite—this is an excellent compilation of groups of fact sheets published by various HIV/AIDS organizations on the Web. Browse by topic or producer. Information provided includes the name and type of organization, description of what is available, reading level, and the languages in which the fact sheets are available.

Clinical Substudies link from the home page:

<http://www.statepi.jhsph.edu/wihs/substudies/>

- **San Francisco Area**
Qualitative Interviews with Women at High risk of AIDS
Oral and Genital Ulceration (sores)
- **Washington, D.C. Metro Area**
Psychosocial Determinants of HIV Preventive Behavior: A Pilot Study of Black Women in Washington, D.C., The Women's Interagency HIV Study
WIHS/HERS Collaborative NIDA Substudy: Effects of Drug use on HIV related health care behaviors and adherence to treatment regimens
Vitamin A levels in the WIHS cohort
- **Chicago Area**
Impact of Intercurrent Illnesses on HIV Viral Load
Determinants of Protease Inhibitor Failure in a Group of HIV-Infected Women with Advanced Disease
WIHS/HERS Collaborative NIDA Substudy: Effects of Drug Use on HIV related health care behaviors and adherence to treatment regimens
Vitamin A levels in the WIHS cohort
Neurobehavioral Function in HIV-Seropositive Women
- **Los Angeles**
WIHS/HERS Collaborative NIDA Substudy: Effects of Drug use on HIV related health care behaviors and adherence to treatment regimens
- **New York/Bronx**
WIHS/HERS Collaborative NIDA Substudy: Effects of Drug use on HIV related health care behaviors and adherence to treatment regimens
Vitamin A levels in the WIHS cohort
- **New York/Brooklyn**
The Effect of Contraceptives (Vaginal Microbicides and Oral Hormonal Contraceptives) on vaginal HIV
Vitamin A levels in the WIHS cohort