

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

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# Preface

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

The National Library of Medicine's Specialized Information Services Division is providing this document to increase awareness of how to find the most current treatment information on the Internet, including clinical trials, HIV/AIDS drugs, treatment regimens, and medical literature. The content centers on how to determine the accuracy of medical information found on the Internet and includes a review of several reputable treatment Web sites, including the National Library of Medicine's free HIV/AIDS databases and HIV/AIDS consumer information on MedlinePlus, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the AIDS Treatment Data Network, the Body, AEGIS, HIV InSite, and more. Special features (such as expert forums, charts of drug regimens and interactions, and interactive treatment aids) of many HIV/AIDS treatment Web sites are included. This document also contains a list of quality HIV/AIDS treatment Web sites, annotated with reviews of the quality and content of treatment information on each site.

This guide is only as current as its publication date.

This guide is also available on the Web at <http://www.orau.gov/meo/Materials/treatment>.

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# List of Acronyms

ACTIS	AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service
ADAP	AIDS Drug Assistance Program
AEGIS	AIDS Education Global Information System
AETC	AIDS Education and Training Centers
AACTG	Adult AIDS Clinical Trials Group
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
AMA	American Medical Association
amfAR	American Foundation for AIDS Research
APC	Antigen-Presenting Cell
ARI	AIDS Research Institute
ARIC	AIDS Research Information Center
ASO	AIDS Service Organization
ATIS	HIV/AIDS Treatment Information Service
AVN	Avascular Necrosis
BETA	Bulletin of Experimental Treatments for AIDS
BFR	Body Fat Redistribution Syndrome
BUARC	Bastyr University AIDS Research Center
CARE Act	Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-381)
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CME	Continuing Medical Education
CMHRA	Center for Mental Health Research on AIDS
CMV	Cytomegalovirus
CPAT	Community Provider AIDS Training Project
CBCT	Community-Based Clinical Trials
CPCRA	Community Programs for Clinical Research on AIDS
CRIA	Community Research Initiative on AIDS
CBO	Community Based Organization
DAAIR	Direct AIDS Alternative Information Resources
DAIDS	Division of Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services
DIRLINE	Directory of Information Resources Online
FAQ	Frequently Asked Questions
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FTP	File Transfer Protocol
G.A.R.D.	Global AIDS Resource Directory
GMHC	Gay Men's Health Crisis

HAART	Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy
HHS	Health and Human Services
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HIVCIN	HIV Clinical Information Network
HRSA	Health Resources and Services Administration
HTML	Hypertext Markup Language
IAPAC	International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care
IAS	International AIDS Society
IAS-USA	International AIDS Society, United States of America
ICAAC	Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy
ICAR	International Conference on Antiviral Research
IDSA	Infectious Disease Society of America
IND	Investigational New Drug
JAMA	<i>Journal of the American Medical Association</i>
KS	Kaposi's Sarcoma
MATEP	Midwest AIDS Training Center Partners
MMWR	Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report
MS Word	Microsoft Word
NATAP	National AIDS Treatment Advocacy Project
NIAID	National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases
NIH	National Institutes of Health
NIMH	National Institute for Mental Health
NLM	National Library of Medicine
NMAC	National Minority AIDS Council
NPIN	National Prevention Information Network
OAM	Office of Alternative Medicine
OAR	Office of AIDS Research
OHL	Oral Hairy Leukoplakia
OI	Opportunistic Infections
PAETC	Pacific AIDS Education and Training Center
PCP	Pneumocystis Carinii Pneumonia
PDF	Portable Document Format
PDQ	Physician Data Query
PEP	Post-Exposure Prophylaxis
PHS	Public Health Service
PI	Project Inform
PIV	Partnership in Vision
PWA	Persons with AIDS
RITA!	Research Initiative/Treatment Action!

STD	Sexually Transmitted Disease
SIT	Structured Intermittent Therapy
STI	Structured treatment Interruption
T cells	T Lymphocytes
T4 CELL	T-helper Cell
TAG	Treatment Action Group
TB	Tuberculosis
TST	Tuberculin Skin Test
TPAN	Test Positive Aware Network
UCSF	University of California, San Francisco
UN	United Nations
USPHS	U.S. Public Health Service



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# Introduction



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



## Introduction

- Many HIV/AIDS treatment resources can be accessed on the Internet
- Some valuable resources will be highlighted in this course

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## Evaluating Internet Resources

- Information on the Internet may be inaccurate
- Be savvy - evaluate the information you find

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## Why the Internet?

- **Abundance of FREE information**
  - ▶ Medical journals/databases
  - ▶ Prescription drugs
  - ▶ Clinical trials
  - ▶ Treatment options

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## Why the Internet?

- **24-hour availability**
- **Current awareness**
- **Ability to connect with people with similar medical problems**
- **Anonymity/privacy (look for privacy notices)**

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## Currentness

- Is there a date? What does the date represent?
- Is the information up to date?
- Is the update frequency apparent?
- Is the information static or does it change regularly?
- Is currentness necessary for this type of information?

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## Authority

- Who is the author?
- Is information available about the author?
- Is the author the original creator of the information?
- What are the author's credentials?
- What is the author's occupation?
- What is the author's education?

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## Accuracy

- Is the information reliable?
- Is the information free from error?
- Where does the information come from?
- Are sources cited? Can you independently verify the information?
- Has the information been reviewed or refereed?

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## Cases of Inaccurate Information on the Web

- **Many home HIV test kits sold over the Internet supply inaccurate results according to the Federal Trade Commission**
  - ▶ Correct information:
  - ▶ Only one home test is reliable, as per the Food and Drug Administration: Home Access Express HIV-I Test System.

Source: *USA Today*, 6/21/99, p. 5D

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## Cases of Inaccurate Information on the Web

- Johns Hopkins University's and C. Everett Koop's Web sites were slow to add information on new hepatitis treatments

Source: National Public Radio, 1999

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## Affiliation

- Affiliation = Publisher
- What institution is connected with this information?
- Does the institution exercise quality control?

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## Purpose

- Web sites can blend advertising, entertainment, and information
- What is the purpose of this Web site?

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## Objectivity

- Is there a minimum of bias?
- Is there any apparent conflict, such as advertising by the sponsor?

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## Audience

- **Who is the intended audience?**
  - ▶ Professionals
  - ▶ Consumers
  - ▶ Patients

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## Coverage

- **What topics are included?**
- **What is the depth of exploration?**
- **Has unfavorable information been omitted?**

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## Buying Drugs Online

- **Is the site a licensed pharmacy in good standing?**
  - ▶ National Association of Boards of Pharmacy:  
[www.nabp.net](http://www.nabp.net), or call 847-698-6227
- **Are the drugs for sale approved by the Federal Drug Administration?**
- **Are the drugs for sale by prescription only?**
- **Is a physical exam required for a first time prescription?**

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## Buying Drugs Online

- **Is a registered pharmacist available to answer questions?**
- **Does the site provide identification and a U.S. address?**
- **Is a phone number provided in case you have a question or problem?**

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## Buying Drugs Online

- **Stay away from sites that**
  - ▶ Advertise a "new cure" for a serious disorder or a quick cure-all for a wide range of ailments
  - ▶ Use impressive-sounding terminology to disguise a lack of good science or those that claim the government, the medical profession, or research scientists have conspired to suppress a product
  - ▶ Include undocumented case histories claiming "amazing" results

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## Locating Information on the World Wide Web

- **Use a search directory/engine to find Web sites**
  - ▶ Read the Help section for tips to refine your search
- **Be persistent**
- **Ask a librarian for assistance**

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## Locating Information on a Web Site

- Look for topics of interest to click on
- Look for a site map
- Look for a search tool for the site
- Look for a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) selection

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## Starting Points

- **AIDSinfo**  
**<http://actis.org>**
  - ▶ The latest federally-approved information on HIV/AIDS clinical research, treatment and prevention, for consumers and healthcare providers
  - ▶ Drug information database
  - ▶ Treatment guidelines
  - ▶ HIV/AIDS vaccine research

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## Starting Points

- **AIDS Education Global Information System (AEGIS)**  
**<http://www.aegis.org>**
  - ▶ Comprehensive coverage - large HIV/AIDS Web site
  - ▶ Compiled for inclusiveness, not quality
  - ▶ Updated frequently
  - ▶ HIV Daily Briefing on home page
  - ▶ Site search engine

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## Starting Points

- **AIDS Treatment Data Network**  
**<http://atdn.org>**
  - ▶ About 30 simple fact sheets on treatment topics
  - ▶ Treatment Review
  - ▶ Contains some Spanish resources

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## Starting Points

- **HIV InSite**  
**<http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu>**
  - ▶ Mostly practitioner-oriented
  - ▶ Well-organized links
  - ▶ Treatment guidelines
  - ▶ Knowledge Base - treatment textbook

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## Starting Points

- **Johns Hopkins AIDS Service**  
**<http://www.hopkins-aids.edu>**
  - ▶ Mostly practitioner-oriented
  - ▶ Medical expert Q & A for patients and doctors

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## Starting Points

- **MEDLINEplus AIDS Information**  
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/aids.html>
  - ▶ Web sites reviewed for quality
  - ▶ Broad coverage of topics

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## Starting Points

- **New Mexico AIDS InfoNet**  
<http://www.aidsinonet.org>
  - ▶ About 80 fact sheets on treatment topics
    - Written for 8th- or 9th-grade level
    - Reviewed by a medical doctor
    - Available also in Spanish

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## Starting Points

- **Project Inform**  
<http://www.projectinform.org>
  - ▶ About 80 fact sheets on treatment topics
    - Technical, but readable
    - “Introductory Packet”
    - Medical review not mentioned
    - Many items also in Spanish

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## Criteria for Web Sites in This Document

- **Treatment information**
- **Emphasis on nonprofit or government**
- **Emphasis on information for patients**
- **National focus**
- **Unique information**

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## Last Word

- **Use your professional judgment and these criteria to evaluate information on the Internet**
- **Consult your health care professional before making any treatment decisions**

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



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## HIV/AIDS Treatment Web Sites: Alphabetical Listing

Following is an annotated list of unique, high-quality Web sites that offer HIV/AIDS treatment information. Selected treatment links from each main site are indented below the main site and appear in smaller print.

### **Acute HIV Infection and Early Diseases Research Program (AIEDRP)**

<http://aeidrp.org>

The AIEDRP is a program funded by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) that focuses on innovative ways to study how HIV-1 causes disease in adults. Scientists will use interventions such as highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART), given in the acute and early phases of infection, to increase their understanding of the mechanisms and course of HIV disease.

### **Adult AIDS Clinical Trials Group (AACTG)**

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

The AACTG, the largest AIDS 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 2004: XV International AIDS Conference**

<http://www.aids2004.org>

The XV International AIDS Conference was held in Bangkok, Thailand July 11-16, 2004. The theme was "Access for All." All conference activities components aimed to share information and data from the biomedical, behavioral and social sciences as well as from public health-related areas. Abstract presentations were built around five specialized tracks, "Basic Science, Clinical Research, Treatment and Care, Epidemiology and Prevention, Social and Economic Issues, and Policy and Program Implementation. Additional sessions were planned to encourage dialogue among participants from all conference components.

## **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 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.

Click on the [Site Map](#) at the bottom of the page, or go to <http://www.aac.org/site/PageServer?pagename=sitemap> and scroll down to "HIV Health" to find links to the following.

### **HIV Treatment Information and Education**

[http://www.aac.org/hivhealth\\_healthinfo.htm](http://www.aac.org/hivhealth_healthinfo.htm)

Contains information on the HIV Health Library, including the HIV Index, which is an index of articles in the library. This index is useful for identifying and locating articles in a large selection of AIDS treatment newsletters, many of which are free on the Internet (and links to them are included). The indexing seems to be more current on some topics than on others; however, no items from 2002 could be found in the index. This page also includes a link to *HIV Health News* (a monthly publication listing news updates, new journal information and other timely treatment information) and to *Wellspring*, a magazine about HIV treatment, nutrition, and other health issues for people living with HIV (the latest article is from 1999).

### **Treatment Sites**

[http://www.aac.org/hivhealth\\_treatment.htm](http://www.aac.org/hivhealth_treatment.htm)

A list of clinics that serve HIV/AIDS patients in Massachusetts

### **Talking with Your Doctor**

[http://www.aac.org/hivhealth\\_talktoyourdr.htm](http://www.aac.org/hivhealth_talktoyourdr.htm)

This workbook is designed to help you build a partnership with your doctor and give you some simple tips about how to talk with him/her.

### **Taking the Pills**

[http://www.aac.org/hivhealth\\_takingpills.htm](http://www.aac.org/hivhealth_takingpills.htm)

Information and practical tips on adherence

### **Health Challenges**

[http://www.aac.org/hivhealth\\_healthchall.htm](http://www.aac.org/hivhealth_healthchall.htm)

This page lists symptoms that should alert patients to call their doctors and Massachusetts workshops on HIV/AIDS treatment issues.

## **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. The home page contains links to over 30 fact sheets on topics related to nutrition and HIV treatment.

## **AIDS Research Institute (ARI)**

<http://ari.ucsf.edu>

ARI coordinates and integrates all AIDS research activities at the University of California, San Francisco. The institute brings together the resources of the university and affiliated labs and institutions, and works closely with affected communities to stimulate innovation and support interdisciplinary collaboration in all aspects of the epidemic domestically and around the world.

## **AIDS Treatment Data Network**

<http://www.atdn.org>

The AIDS Treatment Data Network (commonly called the Network) is a national, not-for-profit, community-based organization sponsored by the Kaiser Family Foundation and several pharmaceutical companies. 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. Includes information in Spanish.

### **Weekly Treatment News Roundup**

<http://www.atdn.org/rita.html>

Courtesy of *Rita!*, this weekly newsletter from the Center for AIDS Hope and Remembrance Project provides weekly updates on HIV/AIDS treatment and research.

### **Simple Facts Project**

<http://www.atdn.org/sf.html>

One-page fact sheets on treatments, tests, and conditions, available in English and Spanish

### **The Access Project**

<http://www.atdn.org/access/index.html>

The Access Project is an information clearinghouse for medications available for HIV/AIDS through Medicaid, AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs), and national pharmaceutical industry patient assistance/expanded access programs. Includes a list of ADAP programs by state, the Medicaid HIV Policy Project, a Medicaid database, an extensive drug index that includes information on dosages and managing side effects, Patient Assistance Programs for those without insurance, Federal poverty guidelines, and the ADAP Monitoring Project.

### **ADAP Monitoring**

<http://www.atdn.org/access/adap/index.html>

The ADAP (AIDS Drug Assistance Program) Monitoring Project 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. ADAPs provide HIV/AIDS medications to low income, uninsured, or underinsured individuals. The map of the 52 states and territories participating in the program links to lists of covered drugs, eligibility requirements, and contacts in each state or territory.

### **HIV/HCV Co-infection**

<http://www.atdn.org/hcv.html>

The HIV/HCV Co-infection Program provides ongoing treatment information, counseling, adherence support and case management for HIV-positive people who are co-infected with hepatitis C virus (HCV) in the New York City area. The site includes links to Simple Fact Sheets, Co-infection News, and links to related sites.

### **Treatment Review**

<http://www.atdn.org/trs/trs.html>

The Network newsletters, *Treatment Review* (published about twice a year) and *Information Bulletin* (published about 4 times a year) cover new treatments, clinical trials, and more. These items are also available in Spanish.

### **información en español**

<http://www.atdn.org/lared/index.html>

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

### **HIV News**

Links on the right-hand side of the home page to the latest HIV/AIDS headlines in the news.

### **Alternative Treatments**

<http://www.atdn.org/altx.html>

Brief descriptions of and links to pages on alternative treatments.

## **AIDSinfo**

<http://www.aidsinfo.nlm.nih.gov>

This U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Web site provides information on HIV/AIDS clinical trials and treatment. It combines two previous DHHS projects: The AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service (ACTIS) and the HIV/AIDS Treatment Information Service (ATIS).

AIDSinfo is a central resource for current information on federally and privately funded clinical trials for AIDS patients and others infected with HIV and a primary dissemination point for federally approved HIV treatment and prevention guidelines. The site also includes an HIV Glossary.

**HIV/AIDS Education and Resource Center** – Links to HIV treatment and clinical trials information targeted to three audiences: the public, health care providers and researchers.

**Guidelines** – Links to documents written primarily for health care providers. The treatment guidelines are written, reviewed, and updated by panels of HIV experts from across the country, including physicians, pharmacists, researchers, and HIV treatment advocates.

**Drugs** – A searchable database that includes approved and investigational HIV/AIDS drugs. All fact sheets are available in technical, non-technical, and Spanish versions.

**Clinical Trials** – A searchable database of clinical trials studying HIV/AIDS. One can also browse for clinical trials by category.

"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 supported by grants from nonprofit organizations and by donations from private organizations. Most of the information on this site seems current, but check the dates on each item.

**AIDS Treatment Data Network** (see separate entry)

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

This page links to drug and term glossaries, clinical trials, fact sheets, Spanish resources, the *Treatment Review* newsletter, and alternative treatments.

**HIVPlus**

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

This bimonthly magazine features articles on research and treatment issues. It premiered in September 1998. Contains an archive of previous issues. Latest issue on site is December-January 2001.

**Treatment Action Group**

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

The Treatment *Action* Group (TAG) is a nonprofit 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 on treatment and complications. *Tagline* is the group's monthly treatment magazine. Some resources are available in Spanish.

**ADAP Monitoring Project**

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**ADAP Working Group**

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

The ADAP Working Group is a coalition of HIV/AIDS community-based organizations, and biotechnology, pharmacy, and pharmaceutical research companies. This page contains a budget model of the cost of treatment for all those on ADAP. Their mission is to ensure adequate access to HIV/AIDS-related therapies through the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), funded under Title II of the Ryan White CARE Act.

**The Medicaid HIV Policy Project**

<http://aidsinfonyc.org/medicaid.html>

The Medicaid HIV Policy Project features a database of Medicaid program information, with a focus on issues of concern to people living with HIV/AIDS. Contains links to many other sites with information about Medicaid. The project is an initiative of The AIDS Treatment Data Network's Access Project, supported by a grant from the Kaiser Family Foundation.

## AIDSMAP

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

The National AIDS Manual (NAM Publications), in collaboration with the British HIV Association and the International HIV/AIDS Alliance, produces this site. NAM is a community-based organization located in the United Kingdom supported by commercial and non-profit organizations. Its 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 four languages (English, Spanish, French, and Portuguese). A medical advisory panel reviews the materials on the site.

### **News** (*top right of page*)

Daily news update that originates in Britain, so it is not as “U.S.”-centric as news updates that originate in the U.S.

### **The Wheel - your personal pill planner** (©2000)

<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. The wheel should not replace consultation with a doctor but raise issues for discussion. Also available in French. There is no indication when it was last updated.

### **AIDS Treatment Update**

<http://www.aidsmap.com/publications/atu/latestATU.asp>

*AIDS Treatment Update* is a monthly magazine on treatment issues published by NAM Publications. Each issue appears on the Web one month after the print publication.

### **Information Booklets**

<http://www.aidsmap.com/publications/infoseries/index.asp>

Links to booklets on viral load, nutrition, clinical trials, anti-HIV drugs, resistance, and a glossary

### **Treatment links under “Questions about treatment?”**

Links to more than 50 fact sheets developed by NAM on topics such as when to start treatment, choosing a combination in anti-HIV therapy, overviews on drugs, side effects, practical strategies for adherence, emerging therapies in HIV infections, and how to find the drug you want.

## 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-positive owned and operated. Sponsored by pharmaceutical and retail companies.

### **LESSONS**

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

An easy-to-read subject index of treatment lessons, including the following.

- [You and Your Doctor](#)

- [The Blood Tests You'll Need](#)
- [Two Things You Should Know Before Starting Treatment](#)
- [The Big Treatment Questions](#)
- [Dealing with Side Effects](#)
- [Opportunistic Infections](#)
- [Special Issues for Women & Children](#)
- [Living with HIV](#)

### **DRUGS**

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

Links to [Currently Approved Drugs for HIV: A Comparative Chart](#), a quick-reference chart to allow patients to compare all the currently available anti-HIV drugs, including dosing, side effects, and dietary restrictions. Patients can also browse a list of drugs alphabetically, by class of drugs, or search the database for easy to read information on each drug.

### **CHECK MY MEDS**

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

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

### **GRAPH MY LABS**

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

Allows patients to track and graph their lab results.

### **TREATMENT NEWS**

<http://www.aidsmeds.com/news/TopStories.htm>

A list of recent treatment news stories.

## **AIDS.ORG**

<http://aids.org>

AIDS.Org is a nonprofit organization dedicated to distributing HIV/AIDS information over the Internet. AIDS.ORG includes the *AIDS Treatment News* archive, 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 are available in Spanish.

### **AIDS Treatment News**

<http://www.aids.org/atn/i-latest.html>

Link to the latest issue, or search by keyword, issue number, or date.

### **Daily HIV/AIDS News** (under "News" heading)

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

Links to CDC Prevention News (a link to the *CDC National Center for HIV/AIDS, STD and TB Prevention News Update*) and *AIDS Treatment News* (see above).

### **AIDS Fact Sheets**

<http://www.aids.org/factSheets/index.html>

A comprehensive collection of 120 easy to understand fact sheets about AIDS and HIV treatments and conditions including traditional, alternative, and complementary therapies.

## **The Alternative Medicine HomePage**

<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 & HIV** (*top of page*)

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

- [AIDS Manual: Alternative Therapies – HIV/AIDS Information: Putting the Pieces Together Workshop manual](#), Allegheny University of the Health Sciences, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (last revised December 1997)
- [AIDS Quackery](#) – Sponsored by Healthcare Reality Check (science-based information on alternative and complementary medicine) 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
- [AEGIS](#) – Contains these links from the Aegis Web site: Alternative Treatments: Fact Sheet: HIV/AIDS and Alternative Therapies; Supplements, Vitamins, Minerals, and Trace Elements
- [Alternative and Complementary Therapies Fact Sheets](#) – A list of links and fact sheets from the New Mexico AIDS Infonet Web site
- [The Alternative Treatments Page](#) – Contains a review of the current literature on alternative therapies from the AIDS Treatment Data Network
- [The Body: An AIDS and HIV Information Resource](#) – Contains these links from The Body's Web site: Complementary, Alternative and Holistic Therapies and The Mind-Body Connection
- [Doc Misha's Chinese Medicine HIV Wellness Center](#) – A resource guide on Chinese medicine
- [The Florida AIDS Health Fraud Task Force](#) – Educates against fraudulent activities associated with HIV/AIDS
- [Hypnotherapy for Positive People: A Fact Sheet](#) – A detailed description of hypnotherapy and its benefits, compiled by the Stop and Think HIV Project; includes list of therapists
- [United States Food and Drug Administration State AIDS Health Fraud Task Forces](#)

## **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. Funding sources include contributions from individuals, foundations, and corporations.

**amfAR Global Link** (*see left sidebar*)

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

amfAR's *Global Link Treatment Information* is a continuously updated, searchable database of clinical results for approved and experimental treatments, and protocol information and locations of actively recruiting HIV/AIDS clinical trials. This is the searchable online version of the amfAR's *Global Link Treatment Information*. A printed copy and CD –Rom version can be ordered by calling 1-800-392-6327. This is a comprehensive resource that is updated twice a year in print, and updated more frequently online. The directory is edited by medical doctors.

**Treatment Insider**

<http://web.amfar.org/treatment/HIV+/insidermenu.html>

This respected resource includes feature articles, conference reports, and news and analysis on the latest developments in HIV/AIDS research and clinical practice. The Treatment Insider is published eight times a year as an insert in HIV Plus magazine. This resource is also available in Chinese, French, and Spanish.

## **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 National Center on Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM). 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.

**Recommended Reading About AIDS**

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

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. This is one of the larger HIV/AIDS Web sites, containing information on many topics. The emphasis is on inclusion of all HIV/AIDS resources, including older items, rather than selectively reviewing a smaller number of current items. Users may want to click on [Comprehensive Site Map](#) to see the 550 topic areas.

**Ask the Experts**

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

Personal questions are answered on a variety of topics by several doctors (or other experts, depending on the category) experienced in treating HIV/AIDS patients.

- [AIDS-Related Cancers \(Archived\)](#)
- [Drug Resistance](#)

- [Fatigue and Anemia](#)
- [General Treatment Strategies \(also in Spanish\)](#)
- [Hepatitis and HIV Co-Infection](#)
- [Lipodystrophy and Wasting](#)
- [Mental Health and HIV](#)
- [Mixed-HIV-Status Couples](#)
- [Nutrition](#)
- [Opportunistic Infections \(Archived\)](#)
- [Oral Health and HIV](#)
- [Safe Sex, HIV Prevention and Transmission](#)
- [Side effects of HIV Treatment](#)
- [Simplifying Treatment Schedules](#)
- [Spiritual Support \(Archived\)](#)
- [Starting Treatment](#)
- [Tratamientos](#)
- [Understanding Your Labs](#)
- [Wasting, Diet, Nutrition and Exercise](#)
- [Women and HIV](#)
- [Workplace and Insurance Issues](#)

### **Treatment**

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

Contains an extensive list of links on the following topics.

- [Just Diagnosed](#) – Articles on preventing exposure to opportunistic infections, first steps to treatment, choosing a doctor, and a list of hospitals
- [HIV Medications](#)
- [First Steps to Treatment](#)
- [Switching or Stopping Treatment](#)
- [Third Line/Rescue Treatment](#)
- [HIV Treatment and Women](#)
- [Pregnancy and HIV](#)
- [Pediatric Treatment Issues](#)
- [Side Effects, Opportunistic Infections, and Co-infections](#) – An extensive list, arranged by condition
- [Research and Experimental Drugs](#) – An extensive list, includes clinical trials, vaccines, and FDA approved drugs
- [Complementary Therapies](#) – Includes yoga, nutrition, Chinese medicine, and frauds
- [Treatment Periodicals](#) – A list of various newsletters

## **Quality of Life**

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

- [Complementary Therapies](#)
- [Artistic Expression](#)
- [Columns](#)
- [Death and Mourning](#)
- [Diet and Nutrition](#) – Food safety, vitamins, wasting
- [Financial Issues](#) – Health, life, and disability insurance; selling your life insurance, drug payment assistance government assistance; Social Security; and the economics of AIDS care
- [Inspiring Stories](#)
- [Legal Issues](#)
- [Mental Health](#) – Coping with AIDS, stress, psychoactive drugs, relationships and sexuality, chemical dependency, death, and mourning
- [Religion](#)
- [Workplace Issues](#) – Returning to and remaining at work

## **Canadian HIV Trials Network (CTN)**

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

The Canadian HIV Trials Network is a nonprofit 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. Information is available in English and French.

### **Clinical Trials**

<http://www.hivnet.ubc.ca/List1Frame.html>

- [Enrolling CTN Trials](#) – Canadian clinical AIDS studies
- [Other Canadian Trials](#)
- [Trial Results](#) – Summaries of CTN HIV/AIDS studies

### **Our Publications**

<http://www.hivnet.ubc.ca/PubsFrame.html>

Publications about Canadian clinical trials.

### **Other Resources**

<http://www.hivnet.ubc.ca/WhatnewFrame.html>

A subject list of Web sites related to HIV/AIDS. Canadian sites are marked.

- [Research/Academic](#)
- [Information Providers](#)
- [Conferences](#)
- [Community Groups/Advocates](#)

- [Government](#)
- [Newsletters & Journals](#)
- [Reference Sites](#)
- [International Sites](#)

## Center for Mental Health Research on AIDS (CMHRA)

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/DMDBA/cmhra.cfm>

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.

## Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Divisions of HIV/AIDS Prevention (DHAP)

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

This is the Web site for CDC's National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention, Divisions of HIV/AIDS Prevention. It contains links to statistical, prevention, and treatment information on HIV/AIDS. You can subscribe to receive e-mail notification when the site is updated. Many items are also available in Spanish.

### **Treatment** (under "Main Topics")

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

This page includes links to the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) treatment guidelines and other treatment information from CDC and the PHS.

- [Current Treatment Guidelines](#) – The most current PHS guidelines for HIV/AIDS treatment
- [HIV/AIDS Drugs](#)
- [Patients and Caretakers](#)
  - [Caring for Someone with AIDS at Home](#) – This is a publication produced by the CDC and the American Red Cross.
  - [CDC HIV/STD/TB Prevention News](#) – This is the *CDC National Center for HIV/AIDS, STD and TB Prevention News Update*, an informative daily update of HIV/AIDS information, including treatment. Compiled from media reports, Center for Disease Control's *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)*, fact sheets, and press releases. Updates are available daily by e-mail.
  - [Clinical trials](#) – Links to the AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service and the HIV/AIDS Treatment Information Service (see separate entries).
  - [How to Find Reliable HIV/AIDS Treatment Information on the Internet](#) (see separate entry) – This is the Web site for this publication that you are reading this very instant. This publication is updated on the Web once or twice a year.

- Postexposure Prophylaxis
  - Updated U.S. Public Health Service Guidelines for the Management of Occupational Exposures to HBV, HCV, and HIV and Recommendations for Postexposure Prophylaxis
  - HIV Occupational Exposure and Management – Fact sheets and publications from the CDC Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion
  - Final Report – HIV Postexposure Prophylaxis Registry: Registry of Health-Care Workers Receiving Postexposure Prophylaxis After Occupational Exposure to Human Immunodeficiency Virus – 1999 report on the results of health care workers exposed to HIV who underwent prophylaxis treatment
  - Management of Possible Sexual, Injecting-Drug-Use, or Other Nonoccupational Exposure to HIV, Including Considerations Related to Antiretroviral Therapy Public Health Service Statement
  - Antiretroviral Therapy for Potential Nonoccupational Exposures to HIV
  - National Nonoccupational HIV Postexposure Prophylaxis Registry – Clinicians can enter data about patients who have received prophylaxis treatment. Sponsored by CDC and John Snow, Inc.

## CenterWatch Clinical Trials Listing Service

<http://www.centerwatch.com>

CenterWatch is a commercial 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, and a trial matching service in collaboration with thehealthexchange.org. Detailed profiles of more than 600 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 11,100 by the National Institutes of Health, other federal agencies, and private industry. Clinical trials can be searched by disease, location, treatment, and sponsor.

**Understanding Clinical Trials** – Links to frequently asked questions and answers regarding clinical trials

**MEDLINEplus** (see separate entry) – U.S. NLM consumer/patient healthcare information on all health topics, including HIV/AIDS; links are peer-reviewed for quality

**NIH Health Information** – Links to health information and research supported by NIH

## **Community AIDS Treatment Information Exchange (CATIE)**

<http://www.catie.ca>

The Community AIDS Treatment Information Exchange (CATIE) is a Canadian, community-based, non-profit organization committed to improving the health and quality of life of all people living with HIV/AIDS. It is sometimes referred to as the Canadian AIDS Treatment Information Exchange. Some of the information on this site is provided in French.

### **Research and News**

<http://www.catie.ca/e/resnews>

### **CATIE-News**

<http://www.catie.ca/aidsinfo.nsf/news>

Brief HIV/AIDS treatment news bulletins, available by e-mail or on the Web site, available in English and French. As of July 2004, items on the Web ranged from November 2001 to February 2004.

### **Treatment Update**

<http://www.catie.ca/tu.nsf>

Treatment Update is CATIE's treatment digest on developments in HIV/AIDS Research and treatment. It is published 8 times a year. As of July 2004, the issues available on the Web were Spring 1992 up to July 2004

### **Innovations**

<http://www.catie.ca/innovations.nsf>

Innovations is a current awareness service for physicians. It consists of journal article citations and abstracts of the medical literature from the National Library of Medicine's MEDLINE/PubMed database.

### **JournalScan**

<http://www.catie.ca/journalscan.nsf>

JournalScan is a monthly listing of abstracts from key journal articles recently published in the medical literature. CATIE's treatment team selects the articles and provides this list to highlight new and intriguing findings in AIDS research. The list includes commentary written by CATIE Science and Medical Editor Sean Hosein.

### **Clinical Trials**

[http://www.catie.ca/e/resnews/clinical\\_trials.html](http://www.catie.ca/e/resnews/clinical_trials.html)

CATIE, in collaboration with the Canadian HIV Trials Network, lists clinical trials enrolling in Canada.

### **Publications**

<http://www.catie.ca/e/pubs>

### **Fact Sheets**

<http://www.catie.ca/facts.nsf>

Fact sheets on symptoms, side effects, major infections, HIV drugs, etc.

### **Supplement Sheets**

<http://www.catie.ca/supple-e.nsf>

Fact sheets on vitamins, herbs and supplements for persons with HIV

### **Inuit Fact Sheets**

<http://www.catie.ca/simple.nsf/IE>

Easy-to-read fact sheets on treatment information and HIV/AIDS related diseases

**HIV and Nutrition by Chester Myers**

<http://www.catie.ca/myers.nsf>

The information in these documents on HIV and nutrition is older, as they were written between 1995 and 1997.

**The Positive Side**

<http://www.catie.ca/e/pubs/index.html#Positive>

CATIE newsletter on holistic health for persons with HIV.

**A Practicle Guide to Nutrition for People Living with HIV**

<http://www.catie.ca/ng.nsf>

**A Practicle Guide to Complementary Therapies for People Living with HIV**

[http://www.catie.ca/comp\\_e.nsf](http://www.catie.ca/comp_e.nsf)

**A Practicle Guide to Herbal Therapies for People Living with HIV**

[http://www.catie.ca/herb\\_e.nsf](http://www.catie.ca/herb_e.nsf)

## **Community Programs for Clinical Research on AIDS (CPCRA)**

<http://www.cpcra.org>

The CPCRA, founded in 1989 and called the Terry Beirn Community Programs for Clinical Research on AIDS since 1992, is a network of research units composed of community-based healthcare providers who offer their patients the opportunity to participate in research where they get their health care. The 15 CPCRA units comprise a variety of clinical settings, including private physicians' practices, university, and veterans' hospital clinics; drug treatment centers; and freestanding community clinics. Patients at these clinics are eligible for participation in CPCRA studies. The CPCRA, funded by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), is targeted to serve populations underrepresented in previous clinical trials efforts. The research focus and scientific agenda of the CPCRA is identifying and improving treatment options in the day-to-day clinical care of people with HIV.

## **DIRLINE®**

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

DIRLINE (Directory of Information Resources Online) is the National Library of Medicine's online database containing 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 over 17,000 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.

## **Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation**

<http://www.pedaids.org>

The Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation is a nonprofit 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 and AIDS Activities**

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

The FDA's HIV/AIDS Program in the Office of Special Health Issues works 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**

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

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

### **FDA HIV/AIDS Milestones**

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

Includes information on FDA approval of HIV/AIDS drugs and tests.

### **Testing Information**

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

Contains items on viral load tests.

### **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.

### **HIV/AIDS Therapies**

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

Information on approved drugs and therapies for HIV/AIDS.

- **MedWatch**

<http://www.fda.gov/medwatch>

A voluntary program for health care professionals and consumers to report possible adverse reactions to drugs.

### **Clinical Trials and Product Development**

<http://www.fda.gov/oashi/clinicaltrials/default.htm#aids>

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

## **FDA/State AIDS Health Fraud Task Forces, Evaluating Medical Therapies**

<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. This page includes links to FDA-sponsored AIDS health fraud task forces Web pages, information on dietary supplements, and articles including "How to Spot Health Fraud." From this page, you can also link to the following.

- [Buying Medical Products Online](http://www.fda.gov/oc/buyonline)  
<http://www.fda.gov/oc/buyonline>

This FDA Web site contains tips and warnings for consumers. Consumers who suspect that a site is illegal can report it to the FDA.

### **FDA Sponsored AIDS Health Fraud Task Forces**

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

List of the state task forces, including contact information.

### **HIV/AIDS Articles and Brochures**

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

Includes some articles on treatment; only a few items are current.

## **Food and Nutrition Information Center – AIDS/HIV**

<http://www.nal.usda.gov/fnic/etext/000062.html#aids>

Contains links to information about nutrition and HIV. Compiled by the Food and Nutrition Information Center at the National Agricultural Library of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

## **Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC)**

<http://www.gmhc.org>

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

### **Treatment**

<http://www.gmhc.org/health/treatment.html>

- [Emotional Support](#)
- [Financial Support](#)
- [Immune Basics](#)
- [Monitoring Your Immune System](#)
- [AIDS-Defining Illnesses](#)

- [Finding a Doctor](#)
- [To Treat or Not to Treat](#)
- [Choosing the Right Combination Therapy](#)
- [Access to Drugs: ADAP and Clinical Trials](#)
- [Fact Sheets](#) (also in Spanish)

### **Treatment Issues**

[http://www.gmhc.org/health/treatment/treatment\\_issues.html](http://www.gmhc.org/health/treatment/treatment_issues.html)

GMHC's Treatment Issues is a newsletter of current issues in HIV/AIDS treatment. It is published twelve times year. As of July 2004, the issues indexed on the web were from Spring 2000 to June 2004.

## **Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB)**

<http://hab.hrsa.gov>

This is the Web site of HRSA's HIV/AIDS Bureau. One of five bureaus of HRSA, it is the largest single source (except for the Medicaid program) of federal funding for HIV/AIDS care for low-income, uninsured, and underinsured individuals.

### **Education and Training**

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

Providers of HIV/AIDS care 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 through the AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETC) Program.

- [National Resource AETC](#)– Serves as a central resource for the education of providers of HIV/AIDS care nationwide.
- [National Minority AETC](#)– Headquartered at Howard University in Washington D.C. with additional sites at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in order to increase the number of minority providers who are educated to treat minority patients with HIV/AIDS.
- [National Evaluation AETC](#)– Responsible for program evaluation activities, including assessing the effectiveness of the AETC's education, training, and consultation activities.
- [National HIV/AIDS Clinicians' Consultation Center](#) (see separate entry) – Originates from the University of California, San Francisco at San Francisco General Hospital; serves as an AETC clinical resource for health care providers; and provides background and contact information for their Warmline telephone consultation service (for clinicians only) and for PEpline, a hotline for post-exposure prophylaxis.
- [AETC Fact Sheet](#)
- [AETC Training Centers](#) – Contains a list of all U.S. states and territories linked to the AETC responsible for that state.

### **A Guide to the Clinical Care of Women with HIV**

<http://www.hab.hrsa.gov/publications/womencare.htm>

This comprehensive manual addresses the primary care needs unique to women living with HIV/AIDS. This edition is dated 2001. The table of contents contains links to each section of the manual.

- [Introduction](#)
- [Epidemiology and Natural History of HIV Infection in Women](#)
- [Approach to the Patient](#)
- [Prevention of HIV](#)
- [Primary Medical Care](#)
- [Adherence to HIV Therapies](#)
- [Gynecologic Problems](#)
- [Color Plates - Pictures of gynecologic and oral opportunistic infections](#)
- [HIV and Reproduction](#)
- [Psychosocial and Cultural Considerations](#)
- [Psychiatric Issues](#)
- [Substance Abuse](#)
- [Adolescents](#)
- [Palliative Care and End-of-Life Care](#)
- [Occupational Exposure](#)
- [Pharmacologic Considerations in HIV-infected Pregnant Patients](#)
- [Resources](#)
- [Index](#)

### **Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act**

<http://hab.hrsa.gov/programs.htm>

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.

- [AIDS Drug Assistance Programs \(ADAP\)](#) – Contains information about the Ryan White CARE Act ADAP and directs you to the State ADAP contacts. ADAPs provide medications to low-income individuals with HIV disease who have limited or no coverage from private insurance or Medicaid—in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Guam.

## Healthology

<http://www.healthology.com>

Healthology produces and distributes physician-generated health and medical information on the Internet including original, streaming health programs and physician-authored articles on a variety of health topics. From the home page, click Health Topics, then HIV and AIDS for educational programs on AIDS and HIV symptoms and treatments.

## HIV InSite

<http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu>

HIV InSite is a project of the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). Within UCSF, the project is a collaboration among the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center, the Positive Health Program at San Francisco General Hospital, and the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies of UCSF's AIDS Research Institute. The home page of this site contains recent news items. The editorial process at this site is independent of financial sponsors, which include several pharmaceutical companies. This is an information-dense site created primarily for clinicians.

### **Knowledge Base** (*button at top of page*)

<http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu/InSite?page=KB>

A comprehensive, online textbook of HIV disease from UCSF and San Francisco General Hospital.

- [Diagnosis and Clinical Management of HIV](#)
- [Clinical Manifestations of HIV](#)
- [Infections Associated with HIV](#)
- [Malignancies of HIV](#)

### **Medical** (*button at top of page*)

<http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu/InSite?page=Medical>

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

- [Key Issues in Antiretroviral Management](#) – Contains information on the following topics.
  - [Antiretroviral Drugs](#)
  - [Viral Load testing](#)
  - [Antiretroviral Resistance Testing](#)
  - [Post-Exposure Prophylaxis](#)
  - [Treatment Access](#)
- [Antiretroviral Drug Profiles](#)
- [Database of Antiretroviral Drug Interactions](#)
- [Charts and Tables of Antiretroviral Drugs](#)
- [Treatment Guidelines](#) – Links to treatment guidelines developed by panels of clinicians and researchers brought together by organizations including various U.S. government agencies, the American Medical Association, and the International AIDS Society-USA. Only the most current version of each set of guidelines is posted. Older, archived versions of PHS guidelines are on the AIDSinfo Web site (see separate entry).

- [Patient Fact Sheets](#) – Links to fact sheets at other HIV/AIDS Web sites, including AIDSinfo, AIDS Treatment Data Network (ATDN), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Community Aids Treatment Information Exchange (CATIE), and the New Mexico AIDS InfoNet; some fact sheets are in Spanish and French.
- [Conference Abstracts](#) – Links to summaries of major conferences with HIV-related medical content produced by other Web sites.
- [For Clinicians](#) – Links to medical HIV/AIDS newsletters for clinicians.
- [General Audience](#) – Links to newsletters intended primarily for people with HIV and their advocates. Some publications are available in French and Spanish. HIV InSite also lists peer-reviewed journals with important HIV-related content and treatment newsletters for clinicians as well as prevention newsletters.
- [TrialsScope Database](#)– Inclusive database of organizations conducting HIV-related clinical research in the United States. Provides contact information for each research site.
- [Clinical Research Groups](#) – Contains a list of many HIV/AIDS clinical trials databases and lists of multi-center clinical research groups, research centers, and clinical research policies.
- [Medicine & Science](#) (under “LINKS”) – Contains a long list of annotated Web links, neatly arranged in the following categories.
  - [Adherence & Compliance](#)
  - [Alternative & Complementary Medicine](#)
  - [Blood Safety](#)
  - [Clinical Research & Trials](#)
  - [Dentistry and Oral Health](#)
  - [Drug Information](#)
  - [Hepatitis](#)
  - [Immunology & Immune-Based Therapies](#)
  - [Infections](#)
  - [Journals](#)
  - [Laboratory Research](#)
  - [Malignancies](#)
  - [Medical Marijuana](#)
  - [Medical Newsletters for a General Audience](#)
  - [Mental Health](#)
  - [Nutrition and Food Safety](#)
  - [Pharmaceutical & Biotechnology Companies](#)
  - [Resistance & Resistance Testing](#)
  - [Sexually Transmitted Diseases](#)
  - [Symptoms & Syndromes](#)
  - [Travel Health](#)
  - [Treatment Access & Advocacy](#)
  - [Tuberculosis](#)
  - [Vaccines](#)
- [Advice](#) – Links in three categories, including “Advice for People Testing Positive for HIV,” “Expert Advice” (includes expert forums), and “Hotlines.”

## HIV/AIDS Dietetic Practice Group (DPG)

<http://hivaidsdpg.org>

The HIV/AIDS Dietetic Practice Group 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 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, but it is not posted to the Web site.

**Public Policy** – Links to information on DPGs advocacy efforts for the integration of nutrition into HIV disease management.

**Books/Journals** – Descriptions of books for purchase on nutrition and HIV/AIDS, and information on obtaining a print subscription to their newsletter, *Positive Communication*.

**Links** – Links to nutrition, exercise, medical care, and clinical trials.

## HIVandHepatitis.com

<http://www.hivandhepatitis.com>

The objective of HIVandHepatitis.com is to develop an online publication that provides accurate and timely treatment information to people living with HIV/AIDS, hepatitis B, hepatitis C, and co-infection. 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 and is experienced in HIV/AIDS treatment, research, and education. This site is financially supported by grants from pharmaceutical companies and the majority of information is current. This site is dense with information, much of it written, and all of it reviewed, by medical doctors.

### **HIV and AIDS**

[http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/hiv\\_aids.html](http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/hiv_aids.html)

This page contains current news and press releases on HIV and hepatitis, as well as links to the following.

- **News Stories**

[http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/hiv\\_rec\\_new.html](http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/hiv_rec_new.html)

Contains news stories arranged by topic for easy access. It looks like it takes about a month for the current news to be posted.

- **HIV Treatments**

[http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/hiv\\_and\\_aids/hiv\\_treat.html](http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/hiv_and_aids/hiv_treat.html)

Contains detailed drug fact sheets, arranged by class of drugs (i.e., protease inhibitors, nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors, and non nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors). For each class of drugs, a comparison chart of dosage and side effects is provided, and a link to news stories.

- **HIV Vaccines**

[http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/hiv\\_vacc.html](http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/hiv_vacc.html)

News reports and press releases

- [HIV/HBV Co-Infection](http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/hiv_hbv_co_inf.html)  
[http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/hiv\\_hbv\\_co\\_inf.html](http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/hiv_hbv_co_inf.html)  
News stories
- [HIV/HCV Co-Infection](http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/hiv_hcv_co_inf.html)  
[http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/hiv\\_hcv\\_co\\_inf.html](http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/hiv_hcv_co_inf.html)  
News stories
- [Health and Technology](http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/hea_tech.html)  
[http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/hea\\_tech.html](http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/hea_tech.html)  
News stories
- [Internet Conference Reports](http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/int_conf_rpt.html)  
[http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/int\\_conf\\_rpt.html](http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/int_conf_rpt.html)  
Features selected highlights from all major HIV/AIDS and viral hepatitis -related research conferences worldwide. Coordinated by the HIV and Hepatitis.com Medical Editor, with contributions from other researchers and clinicians (i.e., the reviews are written by medical professionals). Purpose is to provide rapid access to new scientific data. This site is kept current.
- [Teleconferences](http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/teleconf.html)  
<http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/teleconf.html>  
Information on “Meet-the-Experts,” a free and interactive telephone conference series on current HIV treatment developments.
- [Tests](http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/hiv_tests.html)  
[http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/hiv\\_tests.html](http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/hiv_tests.html)  
Links to an article on laboratory tests for monitoring HIV and news stories on viral load.

### **The Doctor is in**

<http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/doctor/main.html>

Topics are posted and patients can submit questions that will be answered by medical experts after a period of time.

## **hivcme.com**

<http://www.hivcme.com>

“*hivcme.com*” is an online HIV continuing medical education (CME) library. This site provides health care professionals access to accredited HIV CME materials on up-to-date treatment issues. In addition, there is a section of the home page called “**What’s new at hivcme.com**” with news summaries on HIV treatment issues for clinicians. Links are provided to publications. The Healthcare Consortium, a nonprofit organization committed to improving the quality of medical care for HIV-infected individuals, provides support for this site.

### **Downloadable CME Materials**

<http://www.hivcme.com/cme/frame.htm>

This section contains links to accredited CME programs in downloadable format, statistical slides on HIV developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and HIV presentations developed by others that contain slide material. All materials are developed under the guidance of HIV medical experts.

### **HIV Today**

<http://www.hivcme.com/newsframe.htm>

News stories for clinicians compiled daily by hivcme.com staff. Some of these items are a few weeks old.

### **Resources**

<http://www.hivcme.com/resourcesframe.htm>

Contains links to professional training (CME) and patient education materials, a select list of medical and HIV organizations, and noted medical journals.

### **Clinician Notification Service**

<http://www.hivcme.com/registerframe.htm>

Health professionals can sign up for e-mail clinical alerts, customized by specified interests in HIV care.

### **Pediatric and Adolescent HIV**

<http://www.hivcme.com/adolframe.htm>

Education materials and news

### **Treatment Strategies for Women with HIV**

<http://www.hivcme.com/womenframe.htm>

Education materials and news

### **HIV and Immune Reconstruction**

<http://www.hivcme.com/immuneframe.htm>

Education materials and news

### **Incarcerated Populations**

<http://www.hivcme.com/incarceratedframe.htm>

News

### **General HIV**

<http://www.hivcme.com/generalframe.htm>

Education materials and news

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## **HIVDENT**

<http://www.hivdent.org>

HIVDENT is a not-for-profit coalition of health care professionals committed to assuring access to high quality oral health care services for adults, adolescents, and children living with HIV. HIVDENT disseminates 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. Support is provided through non-restricted educational grants and support from several pharmaceutical companies and a network of health centers.

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

<http://www.orau.gov/meo/meo/courses-TREAT.htm>

This online manual, available as PDF files, is for people living with HIV/AIDS and the health professionals who care for them. It includes descriptions of Web sites for the most accurate and up-to-date information about treatment and research, including clinical trials, HIV/AIDS drugs, treatment regimens, and medical literature.

## 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. Much of the information on this site is not current; therefore, it is not recommended as a resource unless it is updated. The “What’s New” link is a good guide to current information on this Web site.

### **Recommended Antiretroviral Agents for Initial Treatment of Established HIV Infection in Adults and Adolescents**

[http://www.iapac.org/uploads/documents/475\\_DHHS\\_Guidelines\\_July\\_2003.pdf](http://www.iapac.org/uploads/documents/475_DHHS_Guidelines_July_2003.pdf)

### **NNRTI Comparison Chart**

<http://www.iapac.org/home.asp?PID=988&ToolID=16&ItemID=2959>

## International Bibliographic Information on Dietary Supplements (IBIDS)

<http://ods.od.nih.gov/databases/ibids.html>

The 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.

### **What Are Dietary Supplements?**

<http://ods.od.nih.gov/factsheets/dietarysupplements.asp>

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**

[http://ods.od.nih.gov/news/conferences\\_and\\_workshops.aspx](http://ods.od.nih.gov/news/conferences_and_workshops.aspx)

### **ODS Databases**

[http://ods.od.nih.gov/Health\\_Information/IBIDS.aspx](http://ods.od.nih.gov/Health_Information/IBIDS.aspx)

Links to the IBIDS database, a database of published international scientific literature on dietary supplements, including vitamins, minerals, and botanicals.

## **Publications**

[http://ods.od.nih.gov/News/ODS\\_Update.aspx](http://ods.od.nih.gov/News/ODS_Update.aspx)

Conferences, workshops, reports, and bibliographies.

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## **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. The home page contains current news articles and a question/answer of the week.

### **Expert Q&A**

<http://www.hopkins-aids.edu/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. Questions are answered by medical doctors experienced in HIV/AIDS treatment and research. A forum also can be accessed in Portuguese.

### **Publications**

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

Contains links to *Medical Management of HIV Infection*, a clinical handbook of HIV/AIDS care that is updated every year; the *Hopkins HIV Report*, a newsletter for health care professionals published 6 times a year; and *Moore News Quarterly*, excerpts from Johns Hopkins' quarterly newsletter for HIV/AIDS patients.

### **Medical Education**

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

Contains links to a specialty test to test your knowledge as a clinician, descriptions of clinical HIV/AIDS cases at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, and an archive of conferences and special events.

### **Resources**

<http://hopkins-aids.edu/resources/resources.html>

This page offers links to AIDS Conferences/Events, Clinical Trials, and Related Links.

### **Managed Care**

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

This page links to case studies on managed care, a Medicaid overview, a glossary of terms, and the Ryan White Care Act.

### **Guidelines**

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

Contains links to current DHHS treatment guidelines.

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## **Medem Medical Library**

[http://www.medem.com/MedLB/medlib\\_entry.cfm](http://www.medem.com/MedLB/medlib_entry.cfm)

Medem is an organization of professional medical societies. The Medical Library includes peer-reviewed (by physicians, probably, but not spelled out as such) patient education information from its partner societies, including the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology, and other sources. Under "Diseases and

Conditions” on the home page, there is an HIV/AIDS link. A Complexity Indicator indicates the complexity of each item.

### **HIV/AIDS**

- [Living With HIV](#)
- [Women and HIV Infection](#)
- [Opportunistic Infections in the HIV-Positive](#)
- [Occupational Exposure to HIV/AIDS](#)
- [Pediatric AIDS](#)
- [Treatment Options](#)
- [The Science of HIV/AIDS](#)
- [Future Issues in HIV/AIDS](#)
- [Medical News](#)
- [Medical Journals/Professional Resources](#)

### **MEDLINE/PubMed®**

[\*http://pubmed.gov\*](http://pubmed.gov)

PubMed is the National Library of Medicine’s Web search interface that provides access to over 10 million journal article abstracts/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 AIDS journal article abstracts/citations. To limit your search to only items in the AIDS subset of MEDLINE, 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.

A Spanish language tutorial for using PubMed, developed by the University of Florida Health Science Center Libraries, is available at [\*http://www.sap.org.ar/medline/tutorial/index.html\*](http://www.sap.org.ar/medline/tutorial/index.html)

### **MedlinePlus®**

[\*http://medlineplus.gov\*](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\*](http://www.nlm.nih.gov)) or directly at MedlinePlus ([\*http://medlineplus.gov\*](http://medlineplus.gov)).

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. MedlinePlus includes mostly U.S. resources. International sites may be included at a later date.

## **Health Topics**

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/healthtopics.html>

Information on conditions, diseases, and wellness plus a medical encyclopedia, organized alphabetically.

MedlinePlus contains extensive information on four AIDS-related health topics. Current news, general overviews, alternative therapy, clinical trials, disease management, nutrition, research, specific conditions/aspects, treatment, and information in Spanish are provided for each topic.

- [AIDS \(under “A”\)](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/aids.html)
- [AIDS and Infections \(under “A;” also linked from AIDS page\)](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/aidsandinfections.html)
- [AIDS and Pregnancy \(under “A;” also linked from AIDS page\)](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/aidsandpregnancy.html)
- [AIDS—Living with AIDS \(under “A;” also linked from AIDS page\)](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/aidslivingwithaids.html)
- [Kaposi’s Sarcoma \(under “K;” also linked from AIDS page\)](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/kaposissarcoma.html)

## **Drug Information**

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/druginformation.html>

A list of drug resources with over 9,000 prescription and over-the-counter medications. Information provided by the United States Pharmacopeia Dispensing Information (USP DI) Advice for the Patient®

## **Dictionary**

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/mplusdictionary.html>

Spellings and definitions of medical terms

## **Directories**

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/directories.html>

Locations and credentials of doctors, dentists, and hospitals

## **Other Resources**

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/otherresources.html>

Access to organizations, consumer health libraries, international sites, publications, MEDLINE, and more

## **Medscape® HIV/AIDS**

<http://www.medscape.com/hiv-aidshome>

Medscape offers health care providers online medical information and education tools concerning HIV/AIDS. The home page contains current HIV/AIDS news, recent conference coverage (that is actually recent), the latest additions to the Medscape HIV/AIDS Web site, many CMEs concerning HIV/AIDS, and news from Reuters Health and MedscapeWire. This is a commercial site, but it is included in this guide because it contains information of interest to clinicians and the conference summary information is current. Users must register (it is free) to access all of the information. The site is operated by Medscape, Inc. Links from the Medscape HIV/AIDS home page include the following.

**Latest on Medscape HIV/AIDS** (click on **more** for additional links)  
<http://www.medscape.com/px/viewindex/more?Specialty=1&Bucket=latest>

A list of the latest additions to Medscape HIV/AIDS

**Conference Coverage**

<http://www.medscape.com/conferencedirectory/hiv>

The conference coverage is extensive, recent, and written by medical professionals. CME can be obtained by reading some items and taking a post-test.

**Today's HIV/AIDS News** (click on **more** for complete links)

<http://www.medscape.com/px/viewindex/more?Specialty=1&Bucket=news>

HIV/AIDS news from Reuters Health and MedscapeWire—it would be nice if Medscape included dates on the article links

**Resource Centers** (click on **more** for additional topics)

Links to disease and condition specific information collections, such as [Antiretroviral Therapy: Simplified and Novel Approaches](#); [Pregnancy and Vertical HIV Transmission](#), and [Dyslipidemia and Fat Maldistribution Associated with Antiretroviral Therapy](#).

**Ask the Expert**

<http://www.medscape.com/pages/editorial/public/ate/index-hiv>

Questions are answered by a panel of leading experts in the treatment of HIV/AIDS.

**HIV/AIDS Clinical Calculator**

**Drug-Drug Interactions and Medication Daily Scheduler**

<http://www.medscape.com/px/hivscheduler>

This interactive tool, last updated November 2000, can be used to check a regimen for drug-drug interactions and to generate a daily schedule for a regimen.

The following links are at the top of each Medscape page.

**CME Center** – Professional educational activities by specialty

**Patient Education** – Collection of resources for patients

**Conference Coverage** – Findings from key medical meetings

**Library** – Journals, textbooks and reference tools

**Discussions** – Ask the Experts, Opinions and Discussion Boards

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

<http://www.natap.org>

The National AIDS Treatment Advocacy Project is a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating the diverse communities affected by HIV on the latest HIV and hepatitis 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.

**Newsletters** – Contains *NATAP Reports*, which provides HIV/AIDS treatment information and research from the NATAP NYU Forum and other conferences; appears to be published once or twice a year.

**Conferences** – Contains highlights of recent HIV/AIDS conferences.

**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.

**Women & HIV** – Recent news and articles.

**Forums** (not updated since 2000) – Summaries of forums that NATAP sponsors in New York at which doctors discuss treatment issues such as treatment, drug resistance, and co-infection (the forums seem to be held about twice a year).

**Older Articles** – These items are about 2-3 months old.

## National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM)

<http://nccam.nih.gov>

The National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine 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 Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention – Divisions of HIV/AIDS Prevention

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchstp/od/nchstp.html>

The National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention is a component of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that provides national leadership in preventing and controlling human immunodeficiency virus infection, sexually transmitted diseases, and tuberculosis.

## National HIV/AIDS Clinicians' Consultation Center (NCCC)

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

The NCCC is funded by the University of California, San Francisco (USCF) and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). It is an AIDS Education and Training Centers clinical resource for health care providers from the USCF at San Francisco General Hospital. NCCC includes the National HIV Telephone Consultation Service (Warmline) and the National Clinician's Post-Exposure Prophylaxis Hotline (PEpline). These national services continue as programs of the AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETC) of the HIV/AIDS Bureau of HRSA, with additional funding from CDC.

## **Services**

<http://www.ucsf.edu/hivcntr/services.html>

- **NATIONAL HIV TELEPHONE CONSULTATION SERVICE**

<http://www.ucsf.edu/hivcntr/Warmline/index.html>

Called “Warmline” because a real person answers each call, this consultation service offers physicians and other health care providers up-to-the-minute HIV clinical information and individualized expert case consultation across the broad range of clinical HIV/AIDS problems. The Warmline is free to physicians, nurses, and other clinicians involved in HIV/AIDS care; it is staffed by physicians, clinical pharmacists, and nurse practitioners every Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Pacific Time). Voice mail is available 24 hours a day. The toll-free number is 1-800-933-3413.

- **PEPline**

<http://www.ucsf.edu/hivcntr/PEPline/index.html>

The National Clinicians' Post-Exposure Prophylaxis Hotline (PEPline) offers treating clinicians up-to-the-minute advice on managing occupational exposures (i.e., needlesticks, splashes, etc.) to HIV, hepatitis, and other blood-borne pathogens. PEPline clinicians will respond to your call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Emergency calls made during evening, weekend, and holiday hours are forwarded to on-call clinicians. Non-emergency calls will be returned during business hours. The toll-free number is 1-888-448-4911.

- **Resistance Testing Consultation Panel**

<http://www.ucsf.edu/hivcntr/services.html#rtp>

States that HIV resistance testing consultation and support for California (not available to other states at this time) HIV/AIDS clinicians is available through the Warmline under a pilot project funded through the State Office of AIDS. Also contains a link to the Resistance Panel Reports, case reports from the HIV Resistance Testing Consultation Panel, a service provided through the Warmline and the UCSF Positive Health Program at San Francisco General Hospital.

- **Bulletin**

<http://www.ucsf.edu/hivcntr/services.html#bulletin>

*The Bulletin*, a quarterly publication of the NCCC, is organized as clinical questions and corresponding recommendations from the NCCC faculty. The questions are drawn from Warmline calls, PEPline calls, and the Resistance Testing Panel.

## **Guidelines**

[http://www.ucsf.edu/hivcntr/Clinical\\_Resources/Guidelines.html](http://www.ucsf.edu/hivcntr/Clinical_Resources/Guidelines.html)

Contains links to current PHS treatment guidelines, and a few additional treatment guideline resources.

## **PEP Resources**

[http://www.ucsf.edu/hivcntr/Clinical\\_Resources/PEPResources.html](http://www.ucsf.edu/hivcntr/Clinical_Resources/PEPResources.html)

Links to current guidelines, a PEP FAQ, and other Pep Resources and links.

## **Pharmacist Central**

[http://www.ucsf.edu/hivcntr/Clinical\\_Resources/Pharmacist.html](http://www.ucsf.edu/hivcntr/Clinical_Resources/Pharmacist.html)

- **FROM THE WARMLINE:**

**Antiretroviral Drugs: Dosages, Adverse Reactions, and Interaction Potential**

[http://www.ucsf.edu/hivcntr/Clinical\\_Resources/Pharmacy/PDFs/ARVtable0404.pdf](http://www.ucsf.edu/hivcntr/Clinical_Resources/Pharmacy/PDFs/ARVtable0404.pdf)

This is a two page chart, and was updated April 2004.

- [Treatment of AIDS and HIV Related Conditions: 2001 \(updated May 2001\)](http://www.ucsf.edu/hivcntr/assets/PDF_Files/Update2001.pdf)  
[http://www.ucsf.edu/hivcntr/assets/PDF\\_Files/Update2001.pdf](http://www.ucsf.edu/hivcntr/assets/PDF_Files/Update2001.pdf)

This is a 27-page report written by a doctor and a pharmacist of the Family Residency Program, San Francisco General Hospital, and the Departments of Family and Community Medicine and the Clinical Pharmacy at the University of California, San Francisco. Most of the report is a table listing “System, Problem, and Drug Regimen,” “Duration,” “Adverse Effects/Drug Interactions,” and “Comments.” Contains a bibliography of articles on treatment. Published in the *Journal of the American Board of Family Practice*, July-August 2001, Vol. 14, No. 4.

- [SLIDE SET: National AETC Pharmacy Faculty Development Workshop](http://www.ucsf.edu/hivcntr/library/slidesets.html#pharmslides)  
<http://www.ucsf.edu/hivcntr/library/slidesets.html#pharmslides>

PowerPoint Slide Presentations from the August 10-11, 2001 Workshop in San Francisco, California

### **Resistance Cases**

<http://www.ucsf.edu/hivcntr/resources/resistancecases>

Contains a link to the [HIV Resistance Testing Consultation Panel](#) and links to the Panel’s case reports.

### **Articles**

<http://www.ucsf.edu/hivcntr/library>

Contains links to NCCC articles and Information Sheets, including [Treatment of HIV and AIDS-Related Conditions: 2001](#), [Elements of Resistance Test Interpretation](#), and [From Clinician to Consultant: Strategies for Translating Expertise into Effective Consultation](#).

### **Slide Sets**

<http://www.ucsf.edu/hivcntr/library/slidesets.html>

Links to Powerpoint presentations on HIV/AIDS care and treatment topics, such as PEP, drug interactions, pregnant women, substance abuse, new drugs, resistance, etc.

### **HIV Drug Interaction Management** *(this link is further down the page—not in left sidebar)*

[http://www.ucsf.edu/hivcntr/pharmacy/Drug\\_Intxn\\_Web.pdf](http://www.ucsf.edu/hivcntr/pharmacy/Drug_Intxn_Web.pdf)

A document that lists and describes Internet and print resources on HIV drug interactions.

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

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

The mission of DAIDS is to increase basic knowledge of the pathogenesis, natural history, and transmission of HIV disease and to support research that promotes progress in its detection, treatment, and prevention. DAIDS accomplishes this through planning, implementing, managing, and evaluating programs in fundamental basic research, discovery and development of therapies for HIV infection and its complications, and discovery and development of vaccines and other prevention strategies.

### **Resources**

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

Links to scientific and technical research resources and to clinical trials databases; for patients, physicians, and investigators.

### **Publications and Meeting Summaries**

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

NIAID and NIH fact sheets and publications on HIV/AIDS, and some NIAID meeting summaries from 2000.

### **NIAID-Funded Research Networks and Programs**

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

Information for clinicians looking for NIAID HIV/AIDS research funding.

### **HIV Vaccines**

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

A comprehensive overview of AIDS vaccine discovery and development; contains information of general interest as well as details of NIAID's major programs and activities in the vaccine area.

### **HIV/AIDS Treatment**

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

A comprehensive overview of the discovery and development of AIDS drugs; contains information of general interest as well as details of NIAID's programs and activities in AIDS therapeutic research.

## **National Institutes of Health (NIH) Clinical Center Pharmacy Department**

<http://www.cc.nih.gov/phar>

The NIH Clinical Center Pharmacy Department provides pharmaceutical care and research support to patients, health care providers, and investigators. Pharmacy staff members conduct and participate in research programs that enhance knowledge regarding optimal dosing and appropriate use of investigational and commercially available agents. Pharmacists at the NIH Clinical Center manage commercially available and investigational drugs in approximately 1,000 drug protocols.

## **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 OAR to plan, coordinate, evaluate, and fund all NIH AIDS research. 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.

### **About OAR**

[http://www.nih.gov/od/oar/about/about\\_oar.htm](http://www.nih.gov/od/oar/about/about_oar.htm)

- [Therapeutics](#) – A link to drug research at NIH
- [Vaccines](#) – A link to vaccine research at NIH
- [Information Dissemination](#) – A link to how NIH HIV/AIDS information is distributed

## National Library of Medicine (NLM), National Institutes of Health (NIH), U.S. Department of Human Services (DHHS)

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

The NLM is the world's largest medical library. NLM's online AIDS resources and other NLM databases are searchable at libraries, other institutions, and via personal computers. These free resources include the following.

### **MEDLINE®/PubMed®** (see separate entry)

<http://pubmed.gov>

MEDLINE is the NLM's premier bibliographic database covering the fields of medicine, nursing, dentistry, veterinary medicine, the health care system, and the preclinical sciences. MEDLINE (including the AIDS subset of this database) is available through PubMed and contains references to journal articles published since 1980, as well as citations to HIV/AIDS-related newsletters. This subset contains approximately 160,000 citations—over 50 percent of which have abstracts—with new citations added continuously. To access the AIDS subset of MEDLINE, go to the PubMed Web site and click on Limits under the search term entry box. Then choose AIDS from the Subset menu.

### **ClinicalTrials.gov** (see separate entry)

<http://clinicaltrials.gov>

*ClinicalTrials.gov* provides 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 U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH), through its National Library of Medicine (NLM), has developed this site in collaboration with all NIH Institutes and the [Food and Drug Administration](#) (FDA). The site currently contains approximately 11,300 clinical studies sponsored by the National Institutes of Health, other Federal agencies, and the pharmaceutical industry in over 63,000 locations worldwide. Studies listed in the database are conducted primarily in the United States and Canada, but include locations in about 90 countries.

### **NLM Gateway**

<http://gateway.nlm.nih.gov>

The NLM Gateway enables users to retrieve information from several NLM resources, including MEDLINE, LOCATORplus (the online catalog of books and audiovisuals), and meeting abstracts. Abstracts are included from the Fifth through the Fourteenth International Conferences on AIDS, the Symposium on Non-Human Primate Models for AIDS, the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology, and others.

### **DIRLINE®** (see separate entry)

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

DIRLINE is an online, annotated directory listing some 17,000 health organizations. It includes information on over 1,000 national and international organizations that provide AIDS-related services or information, including direct support services, counseling, and databases; clinics and hospitals are not included.

### **MedlinePlus®** (see separate entry)

<http://medlineplus.gov>

MedlinePlus provides access to extensive, accurate, and current medical information about specific diseases and conditions. The site also has links to consumer health information from the National Institutes of Health, dictionaries, lists of hospitals and physicians, health information in Spanish and other languages, and clinical trials. All information links on this site have been peer-reviewed for accuracy. There is no advertising on this site, nor does MEDLINEplus endorse any company or product. The sections on AIDS contain many links to treatment items in Spanish.

## **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 and the North American AIDS Treatment Action Forum each year, along with regional training for community-based organizations.

### **Help for Persons with HIV/AIDS**

This page includes links to a database to find Community Based Organizations (CBOs), information for CBOs (you can access this information only if you work for a CBO and register—the author does not know what information is available at this site), and a database for state HIV/AIDS Hotlines.

### **United States Conference on AIDS**

Information the largest annual U.S. based HIV/AIDS conference for service providers.

### **North American AIDS Treatment Action Forum**

This annual conference is open to anyone interested in broadening their knowledge of HIV/AIDS research and treatment issues. Participants include the volunteers, staff and board members of community-based organizations, case managers, social workers, AIDS educators, outreach workers, pharmaceutical and government representatives, health care professionals, and people living with HIV/AIDS.

### **HIV Prevention Leadership Summit**

### **NMAC Regional Training**

Contains a current schedule of upcoming NMAC regional training classes designed for community-based organizations and care providers that serve minority populations.

### **HIV/AIDS Library**

This multimedia HIV library contains educational HIV/AIDS webcasts and text articles. The site is a collaboration between NMAC and Healthology (see separate entry).

### **Meet the Expert**

Web Broadcasts addressing treatment issues (the latest one posted is dated September 2002, and none are scheduled at this time).

### **Treatment Publications Order Form**

These treatment publications (in English or Spanish) may be ordered or downloaded in HTML or PDF.

- More Than Just Meds!: Tips and Tricks to Maintain Your Quality of Life (no date available)
- Once or Twice?: A Guide to Medication Dosing for the Treatment of HIV Infection (no date available)
- Lipo What?: A Patient's Guide to Body-Shape Changes and Lipid Problems Associated with HIV (September 2000)
- Patient's Guide to HIV Medicines and Guidelines for Their Use (March 2000)

Revised to include January 19, 2000 update of the *Guidelines for the Use of Antiretroviral Agents in HIV-Infected Adults and Adolescents*. The *Patient Self-Assessment* can also be downloaded. This is a useful questionnaire that patients can take to their doctors to describe their lifestyles and schedules, which is important when taking medications with side effect on a schedule. This particular publication and the self-assessment are available in English, Spanish, and French. NMAC has a print copy of the guide that was revised to include the February 5, 2001 update to the *Guidelines for the Use of*

*Antiretroviral Agents in HIV-Infected Adults and Adolescents*, but this doesn't seem to be the version posted on the Web as of February 2002.

## National Prevention Information Network (NPIN)

<http://www.cdcpin.org>

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) National Prevention Information Network is a reference, referral, and distribution service for information on HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, and tuberculosis. This Web site is supported by the CDC and replaced the CDC National AIDS Clearinghouse.

**HIV/AIDS** (from home page, click on **HIV/AIDS** button.

<http://www.cdcpin.org/scripts/hiv/index.asp>

What's New

<http://www.cdcpin.org/scripts/hiv/whatsnew.asp>

These links include the most recent treatment guidelines, upcoming conferences, and other treatment issues.

CDC Guidelines and Recommendations

<http://www.cdcpin.org/scripts/hiv/cdc.asp>

Links to Web sites About Treatment and Care

<http://www.cdcpin.org/scripts/links/index.asp>

This is the "Treatment and Care" link section from a large 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 35 links to sites with treatment information on HIV/AIDS, including alternative treatments, hepatitis, opportunistic infections, viatical settlements, and yoga.

- Publications about Treatment and Care

<http://www.cdcpin.org/scripts/pubs/matlpubsearch.asp>

This links to a subject guide to all publications available through CDC NPIN. Select the Treatment and Care topic.

This category includes HIV/AIDS treatment publications that you can order online; up to 10 publications are free (includes multiple copies of one publication) on a single order. Publication topics include treatment guidelines and updates, how to cope with opportunistic infections, care giving, nutrition, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and Social Security benefits. Some items are also available in Spanish.

## New Mexico AIDS InfoNet

<http://www.aidsinfonet.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 several pharmaceutical companies.

**Go to Index of Fact Sheets**

<http://www.aidsinonet.org/topics.php>

This site provides about 100 fact sheets on treatment topics, written at the 8th or 9th grade reading level. The fact sheets are updated frequently and are reviewed by a medical doctor. You may print the fact sheets with your browser, with Microsoft Word, or with the Adobe Acrobat Reader program [for Portable Document file (PDF) format]. The fact sheets are also available in Spanish. Fact Sheet #999 is a list of over 500 Internet sites on HIV/AIDS, arranged by topic.

## **Pediatric AIDS Clinical Trials Group (PACTG)**

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

The Pediatric AIDS Clinical Trials Group 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.

## **Physicians' Research Network, Inc. (PRN)**

<http://www.prn.org>

The mission of this not-for-profit organization is to provide 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 unrestricted educational grants to support the site.

**The PRN Notebook Online**

[http://www.prn.org/prn\\_nb\\_cntnt/current.htm](http://www.prn.org/prn_nb_cntnt/current.htm)

PRN's newsletter on HIV/AIDS treatment

**PRN Reports**

[http://www.prn.org/prn\\_nb\\_cntnt/prepress.htm](http://www.prn.org/prn_nb_cntnt/prepress.htm)

Reports on HIV/AIDS treatment

**PRN News Capsules**

[http://www.prn.org/prn\\_nb\\_cntnt/caps/capsules.htm](http://www.prn.org/prn_nb_cntnt/caps/capsules.htm)

Current news and reports

### **Provider Resources** (not a link—links are under this heading)

[http://www.prn.org/prn\\_nb\\_cntnt/capsules.htm](http://www.prn.org/prn_nb_cntnt/capsules.htm)

Some of these links were not operational at the time this manual was compiled.

- [PRN's Clinical Care Algorithm for Chronic HBV Infection](http://www.prn.org/prn_nb_cntnt/algorithm.hbv.htm) (updated 2001)  
[http://www.prn.org/prn\\_nb\\_cntnt/algorithm.hbv.htm](http://www.prn.org/prn_nb_cntnt/algorithm.hbv.htm)
- [Drug Interaction Charts](http://www.hiv-druginteractions.org/)  
<http://www.hiv-druginteractions.org/>
- [Interactions Between Protease Inhibitors - Effect of Drug on Levels \( AUC \) / Dose](http://www.prn.org/prn_nb_cntnt/pdf/pi_effect_of_drug_on_levels_6-20-01.pdf) (updated June 2001)  
[http://www.prn.org/prn\\_nb\\_cntnt/pdf/pi\\_effect\\_of\\_drug\\_on\\_levels\\_6-20-01.pdf](http://www.prn.org/prn_nb_cntnt/pdf/pi_effect_of_drug_on_levels_6-20-01.pdf)

## **Project Inform (PI)**

<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. Some items are in Spanish.

### **Treatment Information**

<http://www.projectinform.org/pub>

Project Inform has produced easy-to-read publications on a wide range of topics including information about specific anti-HIV therapies, diagnosis and treatments for HIV/AIDS-related diseases and conditions, and discussions about things to consider when treating HIV. Information is organized alphabetically and by subject. It may also be searched by keyword.

- [Introductory Packet](#) – This selection of Project Inform materials is a good starting point to learn more about HIV and your treatment options. The Introductory Packet is sent to all first-time callers to the PI Hotline.
- [Anti-HIV Therapies](#) – Includes information on alternative and complementary therapies. Articles include information on how a drug works, what it is commonly used for, a summary of research findings, side effects, dosing and drug interactions as well as how to access the drug and commentary from Project Inform.
  - [Drug Dosing Chart](http://www.projectinform.org/fs/dosingchart.html) (updated April 2004)  
<http://www.projectinform.org/fs/dosingchart.html>
  - [Drug Interactions](http://www.projectinform.org/fs/drugin.html) (updated April 2004)  
<http://www.projectinform.org/fs/drugin.html>

This page contains a list of prescription drugs used by HIV/AIDS patients. 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 Resistance Tests  
<http://www.projectinform.org/fs/GenoPheno.html>
- Dealing with Drug Side Effects (updated November 2003)  
<http://www.projectinform.org/fs/sideeffects.html>
  - Drug Side Effects Chart (updated November 2003)  
<http://www.projectinform.org/fs/sideeffectschart.html>
- Interpreting Viral Load: The Mellors Chart  
<http://www.projectinform.org/fs/avstrategies.html#mellor>

- Opportunistic Infections and Conditions  
<http://www.projectinform.org/indexS.html#ois>

Materials related to opportunistic infections and conditions associated with HIV. Information covers the appropriate standard-of-care guidelines or points to consider when choosing treatments.

- Includes a link to the Chart of Opportunistic Infections (updated October 2001)  
[http://www.projectinform.org/fs/oi\\_chart.html](http://www.projectinform.org/fs/oi_chart.html)

- Immune Restoration  
<http://www.projectinform.org/indexS.html#immune>

Materials related to immune-based therapies

- Women-specific topics  
<http://www.projectinform.org/indexS.html#women>

- Special Topics  
<http://www.projectinform.org/indexS.html#misc>

Materials on information that does not fit the above categories

Scroll further down the page for links to the following Newsletters.

- PI Perspective – The HIV treatment journal of Project Inform, published three times a year. Articles include recent advances in HIV/AIDS research, advances in understanding HIV disease, discussions about developing treatment strategies, HIV/AIDS public policy issues, and information on programs at Project Inform.
- What's New? – PI's monthly summary of recent HIV treatment information and program activities. It includes brief updates on topics that Project Inform's hotline operators may be asked to comment on by callers.

### **Women's Information**

[http://www.projectinform.org/pub/ww\\_index.html](http://www.projectinform.org/pub/ww_index.html)

A link to PI's *Wise Words* newsletter for women living with HIV/AIDS and fact sheets in English and Spanish.

### **Hotline**

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

For 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). The Hotline is staffed by volunteer operators who undergo an intensive training program.

## San Francisco AIDS Foundation (SFAF)

<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 Bulletin of Experimental Treatment for AIDS (BETA)* and *Treatment Flash* are treatment newsletters 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**

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

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

- [AIDS 101: Guide to HIV Basics](http://www.sfaf.org/aid101/treatment.html)  
<http://www.sfaf.org/aid101/treatment.html>

This page contains short descriptions of treatment options for HIV as well as links to additional treatment resources, publications, and treatment Web sites.

- [Antiviral Therapy](#)
- [Broad Spectrum Healing Program](#)
- [Clinical Trials](#)
- [Immune Boosting Therapy](#)
- [Monitoring the Immune System](#)
- [Natural Approaches to Treating HIV](#)
- [Nutrition](#)
- [Opportunistic Infection Treatment and Prevention](#)
- [Politics of Treatment](#)

- [More than 150 HIV treatment articles arranged by topic](http://www.sfaf.org/treatment/treatment_topics.html)  
[http://www.sfaf.org/treatment/treatment\\_topics.html](http://www.sfaf.org/treatment/treatment_topics.html)

A subject index to more than 160 articles from SFAF's publications. Articles from easy-to-read publications such as *Treatment Flash* are labeled "The Basics," while articles from the journal *Bulletin of Experimental Treatments for AIDS* are labeled "In Depth." There are a few items from 2001 in the index, but most items are older. For the latest information, look at the latest newsletters.

- [Summary Sheets on new HIV treatment strategies](http://www.sfaf.org/treatment/factsheets)  
<http://www.sfaf.org/treatment/factsheets>

The SFAF's Treatment Education and Support department is currently updating these summary sheets to reflect the latest HIV treatment strategies. The revised fact sheets were supposed to be published here in 2001, but they were not posted as of February 2002.

- [Glossary of 2000+ HIV-AIDS-Related Terms](http://www.sfaf.org/treatment/glossary)  
<http://www.sfaf.org/treatment/glossary>

- [Bulletin of Experimental Treatments for AIDS](http://www.sfaf.org/beta)  
<http://www.sfaf.org/beta>

*BETA*, the *Bulletin of Experimental Treatments for AIDS*, covers new developments in AIDS treatment research. *BETA* includes in-depth articles on treatment for HIV infection and AIDS-related illnesses for HIV positive individuals and their caregivers. It is published quarterly (winter, spring, summer, and autumn) by the SFAF's Treatment Education and Support Unit. Contributing writers to *BETA* include AIDS researchers and clinicians as well as AIDS community advocates and activists, and each article

is peer-reviewed. Each issue of *BETA* includes News Briefs, Research Notes, a Women and HIV/AIDS department, a listing of open clinical trials, and an extensive glossary of terms.

*BETA* is a more technical and scientifically-oriented publication than *Treatment Flash*.

- [Treatment Flash](http://www.sfaf.org/treatment/treatment_flash)  
[http://www.sfaf.org/treatment/treatment\\_flash](http://www.sfaf.org/treatment/treatment_flash)
- [Treatment Web Sites](http://www.sfaf.org/aboutaids/links/links_treatment.html)  
[http://www.sfaf.org/aboutaids/links/links\\_treatment.html](http://www.sfaf.org/aboutaids/links/links_treatment.html)

This is a publication to give SFAF's clients the most recent news on a variety of topics relating to HIV-positive people. *Treatment Flash* is written in easy-to-understand English and Spanish, and is seen as a good companion publication to *BETA*. The latest issue on the Web is January 2001.

An annotated list of treatment Web sites.

## Social Security Administration (SSA)

<http://www.ssa.gov>

“Social Security Online” is the official home page of the SSA. Information on disability benefits may be helpful to HIV/AIDS patients.

### Disability

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

Links to information on how to apply for Social Security disability benefits and how to evaluate disabilities.

## The University of North Carolina AIDS Research and Treatment Unit

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

The University of North Carolina AIDS Research and Treatment 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 National Institutes of Health is a sponsor of the program. Funding is also accepted from pharmaceutical companies. This page is geared toward clinicians.

On the home page click on **Treatment News** for HIV/AIDS treatment information, including a treatment manual.

### HIV Treatment Manual (updated March 2000)

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

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.

## **Veterans Administration AIDS Information Center**

<http://vhaaidsinfo.cio.med.va.gov/aidsinfo/TOC.htm>

The Public Health Strategic Health Care Group 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*.

### **VA HIV/Hepatitis C News Service**

[http://vhaaidsinfo.cio.med.va.gov/news\\_service/TOC.htm](http://vhaaidsinfo.cio.med.va.gov/news_service/TOC.htm)

Weekly newsletters published by the VA AIDS Information Center and National HIV/Hepatitis C Program.

### **How to Receive Communications from the Center**

<http://vhaaidsinfo.cio.med.va.gov/aidsinfo/aic-factsheet.htm>

This page provides instructions on how to receive communications such as newsletters and announcements from the VA AIDS Information Center.



# **HIV/AIDS Treatment** **Periodicals on** **The Internet:** **Alphabetical Listing**



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



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## ***ACRIA Update***

[http://www.criany.org/treatment/treatment\\_edu\\_ACRIA\\_update.html](http://www.criany.org/treatment/treatment_edu_ACRIA_update.html)

ACRIA Update is a treatment newsletter published quarterly by the AIDS Community Research Initiative of America, a nonprofit, community-based AIDS research and treatment education center in New York.

## ***AIDS***

<http://www.aidsonline.com>

*AIDS* is the official journal of the International AIDS Society, the nonprofit organization that sponsors the biennial International AIDS Conference. It is a technical publication written for clinicians and researchers. The full text of articles is available in PDF format.

## ***AIDScience***

<http://www.aidsscience.com/Articles.asp>

*AIDScience* is an archival collection of journals published by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and contains information on AIDS prevention and vaccine development.

## ***AIDS Treatment News***

<http://www.thebody.com/atn/atnix.html>

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

Published twice monthly, *AIDS Treatment News* reports on experimental and standard treatments, especially those currently available. The staff interviews physicians, scientists, other health professionals, and persons with AIDS or HIV; they also collect information from meetings and conferences, medical journals, and computer databases. They report on long-term survivors who have usually tried many different treatments and found combinations that worked for them. *AIDS Treatment News* does not recommend particular therapies, but seeks to increase awareness of the options available. *AIDS Treatment News* is supported by tax-deductible contributions and subscriptions to the print edition; the Internet edition is free.

## ***AIDS Treatment Update***

<http://www.aidsmap.com/publications/atu/latestATU.asp>

*AIDS Treatment Update* is published monthly by the National AIDS Manual (NAM) Publications. The newsletter contains reports on treatment choices, conference summaries, clinical trial results, and complementary therapies. A medical advisory panel of clinicians and researchers reviews the publication. Subscriptions are free to individuals affected by HIV.

### ***The amfAR Treatment Insider***

<http://199.105.91.6/treatment/HIV+/insidermenu.html>

*The amfAR Treatment Insider* is a monthly publication from the American Foundation for AIDS Research. The publication is also available in Spanish.

### ***Being Alive Newsletter***

<http://www.beingalivela.org/newsletter.html>

Being Alive LA works in consortia with Bienestar and The Gay and Lesbian Center to provide peer support services to people of color. The organization also works closely with AIDS Healthcare Foundation, AltaMed in East Los Angeles, and with the Los Angeles County/University of Southern California (LAC/USC) Medical Center. This monthly treatment newsletter is available in English and Spanish.

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### ***Body Positive Magazine***

<http://www.thebody.com/bp/bpix.html>

This is a monthly magazine published by Body Positive, Inc., a nonprofit organization based in New York. *Body Positive* magazine is a resource for HIV-infected and -affected people across the United States and abroad.

### ***The Bulletin***

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

*The Bulletin* is a quarterly publication of the National HIV/AIDS Clinicians' Consultation Center (NCCC) (see separate entry in the Web site section of this document). Information is organized as clinical questions and corresponding recommendations from the NCCC faculty. The questions are drawn from Warmline calls, PEpline calls, and the HIV Resistance Testing Consultation Panel, all services of the NCCC.

### ***CATIE-News***

<http://www.catie.ca/aidsinfo.nsf/news>

The Community AIDS Treatment Information Exchange (CATIE) is a Canadian, community-based, nonprofit organization committed to improving the health and quality of life of all people living with HIV/AIDS. *CATIE-News* is a brief HIV/AIDS treatment news bulletin, available by e-mail or on the Web site, in English and French.

## ***CDC HIV, STD, TB Prevention News Update***

<http://www.cdcnpin.org/news/prevnews.htm>

This newsletter, a public service of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), provides synopses of key scientific articles and lay media reports on HIV/AIDS, other sexually transmitted diseases, and tuberculosis. Additionally, it includes information from CDC and other government agencies, such as background on *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* (MMWR) articles, fact sheets, press releases, and announcements. This newsletter can also be received daily via e-mail.

## ***Emerging Infectious Diseases***

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/eid/index.htm>

*Emerging Infectious Diseases* is a peer-reviewed journal published monthly by the National Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

## ***FOCUS: A Guide to AIDS Research and Counseling***

<http://www.ucsf-ahp.org/HTML/FOCUS.html>

*FOCUS* is a monthly publication of the AIDS Health Project, which is affiliated with the University of California San Francisco. It is targeted for mental health providers who treat people with HIV.

## ***GMHC Treatment Issues***

<http://www.thebody.com/gmhc/gmhcx.html>

Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC), an AIDS service, education, and advocacy organization based in New York, publishes this monthly periodical for those affected by HIV/AIDS.

## ***HIV Fitness Guidelines***

<http://www.tbrewi.com/hivfitness>

Published approximately four times a year, *HIV Fitness Guidelines* contains reports on advancements in the study of fitness for people living with HIV/AIDS. Back issues are available.

## ***HIV NEWSLINE***

<http://www.hivnewsline.com>

*HIV NEWSLINE* provides physicians, other healthcare professionals, patients, and family with concise updates on recent advances in the treatment of HIV disease and opportunistic infections. The AIDS Program at San Francisco General Hospital sponsors this bimonthly publication.

## ***HIV Treatment ALERTS!***

<http://www.centerforaids.org/rita/alerts.htm>

*HIV Treatment ALERTS!* is a free newsletter from the Center for AIDS Hope and Remembrance Project. It is published twice a year and is intended for people living with AIDS and their caregivers. Available topics include pediatric HIV/AIDS care, treatment news/updates, and clinical trials information. The online *ALERTS!* page also features current reports on the latest treatment information that will not be printed until the next newsletter.

### ***HIVandHepatitis.com***

<http://www.hivandhepatitis.com>

*HIVandHepatitis.com* is sponsored by several pharmaceutical companies and is a weekly online publication that provides information about HIV/AIDS treatment, chronic hepatitis B and C, and co-infection with HIV/HCV and HIV/HBV.

### ***HIVplus***

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

*HIV Plus* is an archival journal collection of HIV research and treatment. The site is a part of [aidsinfonyc.org](http://aidsinfonyc.org). The last issue on the Web site is December-January 2001.

### ***The Hopkins HIV Report***

[http://www.hopkins-aids.edu/publications/report/report\\_toc.html](http://www.hopkins-aids.edu/publications/report/report_toc.html)

*The Hopkins HIV Report* is a bimonthly HIV/AIDS care newsletter for healthcare professionals, written by faculty of the Johns Hopkins University who practice in the Johns Hopkins AIDS Service. The newsletter is available in both HTML and PDF formats.

### ***IAPAC Monthly***

**Formerly the *Journal of the International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care***

<http://www.iapac.org/home.asp?pid=3739>

[http://www.iapac.org/about/j\\_articles.html](http://www.iapac.org/about/j_articles.html)

This monthly publication provides comprehensive coverage of international AIDS conferences, retrospective reports on the development of key AIDS drugs, current standards of practice on the management of HIV disease, and discussions of political, social, and ethical dimensions of HIV. It is published by the International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care (IAPAC) and is designed to educate physicians and healthcare professionals.

### ***Information Bulletin***

<http://www.atdn.org/trs/trs.html>

*Information Bulletin* is an archival collection first published in September 1998 by the AIDS Treatment Data Network for the purpose of providing brief, user-friendly, accurate, and advertisement-free information about HIV research, treatment, and care. The articles are useful to people living with HIV, clinicians, providers, and others. The latest issue is February 2003.

### ***Innovations***

<http://www.catie.ca/innovations.nsf>

The Community AIDS Treatment Information Exchange (CATIE) is a Canadian, community-based, nonprofit organization committed to improving the health and quality of life of all people living with HIV/AIDS. *Innovations* is CATIE's current awareness service for physicians. It consists of journal article citations and abstracts of the medical literature from the National Library of Medicine's MEDLINE/PubMed database.

## ***JOURNAL OF AIDS/HIV: A Journal of Current Therapy for AIDS and HIV***

[http://www.medical-library.org/j\\_aids.htm](http://www.medical-library.org/j_aids.htm)

The National Medical Society publishes this journal. It can be viewed on the Internet for a \$9.95/year subscription. The National Medical Society does not accept advertiser support.

## ***Journal of Immunity***

<http://www.KeepHope.net/phn.html>

This newsletter is published three times annually by the nonprofit corporation Keep Hope Alive, Ltd. The target audience includes individuals whose immune systems are compromised and people with AIDS, chronic fatigue, and cancer. The *Journal of Immunity* replaced *Positive Health News* (see separate entry).

## ***JournalScan***

<http://www.catie.ca/journalscan.nsf>

The Community AIDS Treatment Information Exchange (CATIE) is a Canadian, community-based, nonprofit organization committed to improving the health and quality of life of all people living with HIV/AIDS. *JournalScan* is CATIE's monthly listing of abstracts from key journal articles recently published in the medical literature. CATIE's treatment team selects the articles and provides this list to highlight new and intriguing findings in AIDS research. The list includes commentary written by CATIE Science and Medical Editor Sean Hosein.

## ***Moore News Quarterly***

<http://www.hopkins-aids.edu/publications/mnq/mnq.html>

This quarterly newsletter for patients is written and published by the faculty, staff, and patients of the Johns Hopkins AIDS Service.

## ***NATAP Reports***

<http://www.natap.org/newsletters.htm>

*NATAP Reports*, the monthly newsletter of the National AIDS Treatment Advocacy Project, provides up-to-date HIV/AIDS treatment and research information as well as HIV/AIDS conference reports.

## ***PI Perspective***

[http://www.projectinform.org/pub/pip\\_index.html](http://www.projectinform.org/pub/pip_index.html)

This journal is published several times each year by Project Inform, a national, nonprofit, community-based organization. It provides information about recent clinical trials and includes discussion on state-of-the-art AIDS treatment and research. It also reports on medical, governmental, and regulatory issues.

## ***Positive Health News***

<http://www.KeepHope.net/phn.html>

*Positive Health News*, published by Keep Hope Alive, Ltd., ended with the Spring 2002 issue and has now been replaced by the new *Journal of Immunity* (see separate entry).

### ***Positive Living Newsletter***

<http://www.apla.org/apla/positive-living.html>

*Positive Living Newsletter* is published monthly by the AIDS Project Los Angeles' Publications Program. AIDS Project Los Angeles is a nonprofit, community-based organization that provides HIV/AIDS services and information.

### ***Positive Nation***

<http://www.positivenation.co.uk>

Published monthly in the United Kingdom (UK) by the UK Coalition of People Living with HIV and AIDS.

### ***The Positive Side***

<http://www.catie.ca/positive.nsf>

Published once or twice a year by The Community AIDS Treatment Information Exchange (CATIE) (see separate entry, *CATIE-News*). This newsletter takes a holistic approach to living with HIV and AIDS.

### ***Positively Aware***

[http://www.tpan.com/tpan\\_home.html](http://www.tpan.com/tpan_home.html)

The Test Positive Aware Network, based in Chicago, publishes this magazine for individuals with AIDS. It appears bimonthly.

### ***The PRN Notebook***

[http://www.prn.org/prn\\_nb\\_cntnt/current.htm](http://www.prn.org/prn_nb_cntnt/current.htm)

*The PRN Notebook* is a monthly publication of the Physicians' Research Network, Inc. (PRN). It contains written summaries of the presentations given at the monthly PRN educational meetings. The PRN Notebook is for physicians, health professionals, and researchers involved in the treatment and prevention of HIV disease.

### ***NPHRC Update***

<http://www.pedhivaids.org/newsletters>

The National Pediatric and Family HIV Resource Center (NPHRC) publishes this newsletter, targeted for healthcare providers, quarterly.

### ***RITA!***

<http://www.centerforaids.org/rita>

*Research Initiative/Treatment Action! (RITA!)* is a newsletter published twice a year by the Center for AIDS, which is based in Houston, Texas. *RITA!* is dedicated to reporting the latest information on HIV research and treatments, conference updates, and clinical interviews. The Center for AIDS is partially funded by a grant from the National Library of Medicine.

### ***RITA! Weekly Newsletter***

<http://www.centerforaids.org/rita/weekly.htm>

The ***RITA! Weekly Newsletter*** is a weekly source provided by the Center for AIDS and has been distributed to patients, physicians, nurses, healthcare professionals and service organizations for several years. The newsletter is available via e-mail and is sent once a week, every Monday.

### ***Survival News***

<http://www.thebody.com/asp/aspix.html>

This is a monthly newsletter written for the individual with AIDS. It is published by the AIDS Survival Project, a membership organization.

### ***TAGline***

<http://www.aidsinfonyc.org/tag/taglines/taglines.html>

The Treatment Action Group, a nonprofit organization, advocates for more research, public and private, to find a cure for AIDS. This is a monthly research and policy publication. It is also available in Spanish beginning with the January 2000 issue.

### ***Topics in HIV Medicine***

<http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu/InSite.jsp?page=md-04-01-02>

*Topics in HIV Medicine* is a publication of the International AIDS Society-USA, a nonprofit physician education organization. The publication is issued six times a year and is intended for physicians and other healthcare professionals who treat patients with HIV/AIDS. *Topics in Medicine* features treatment guidelines, conference summaries, and special review articles on the latest advances in the treatment of HIV/AIDS.

### ***Treatment Flash***

[http://www.sfaf.org/treatment/treatment\\_flash](http://www.sfaf.org/treatment/treatment_flash)

*Treatment Flash*, a monthly publication, provides information on a variety of topics relating to individuals living with HIV/AIDS. The San Francisco AIDS Foundation publishes this newsletter. Issues are available in Spanish.

### ***Treatment Review / Information Bulletin***

<http://www.atdn.org/trs/trs.html>

*Treatment Review* is an archival collection. Originally published six or more times a year by the AIDS Treatment Data Network, a not-for-profit, independent organization, *Treatment Review* includes descriptions of approved, alternative, and experimental treatments, as well as announcements of seminars and forums on treatments and clinical trials. The latest issue is Fall/Winter 2000.

### ***Treatment Update***

<http://www.catie.ca/tu.nsf>

The Community AIDS Treatment Information Exchange (CATIE) is a Canadian, community-based, nonprofit organization committed to improving the health and quality of life of all people living with HIV/AIDS. *Treatment Update* is CATIE's treatment digest on developments in HIV/AIDS research and treatment. It is published 10 times a year.

### ***The VA HIV/Hepatitis C News Service***

[http://vhaaidsinfo.cio.med.va.gov/news\\_service/TOC.htm](http://vhaaidsinfo.cio.med.va.gov/news_service/TOC.htm)

Formerly the *AIDS Information Newsletter*, *The VA HIV/Hepatitis C News Service* is published biweekly by the Veterans Health Administration. Archives of the *AIDS Information Newsletter* can be accessed at <http://vhaaidsinfo.cio.med.va.gov/aidsinfo/Newsletters/TOC.htm>.

### ***What's New?***

<http://www.projectinform.org/whatsnew>

*What's New* is a monthly publication of Project Inform. It includes current HIV treatment information, program activities, and updates on topics discussed on Project Inform's national hotline.

### ***Wise Words***

[http://www.projectinform.org/pub/ww\\_index.html](http://www.projectinform.org/pub/ww_index.html)

*Wise Words* is published three times a year by the Women's Information Service and Exchange (WISE) project, the Project Inform program emphasizing treatment information for women.

### ***Women Alive Newsletter***

<http://www.thebody.com/wa/waix.html>

Women Alive is a national, treatment-focused, nonprofit organization by and for women living with HIV/AIDS. *Women Alive Newsletter* is a quarterly treatment newsletter.

# Subject Index



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



# Subject Index

Information in this section is arranged alphabetically by subject and includes only Web sites. Please refer to the HIV/AIDS Treatment Web Sites section of this manual to find the Web site entries listed in alphabetical order by Web site name. Periodicals are not included in the Subject Index.

This is a selective subject index. Web sites were assigned subjects based on the quality and quantity of information on that subject.

The subject terms are bolded. The entry information under each subject term includes the name of the Web home page, which is also the main entry in this document, the name of the page that contains information on the subject topic, and the Web address of the page that contains information on the subject topic.

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**Treatment Guidelines**

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**Vaccines**

**Viral Load**

**Women**

## Adherence

- **AIDSmeds.com**  
Two Things You Should Know Before Starting Treatment (*click on link*)  
<http://www.aidsmeds.com/lessons/StartHere1.htm>
- **HIV InSite**  
Adherence & Compliance (*click on Medical, then Medicine & Science under “LINKS,” then Adherence & Compliance*)  
<http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu>
- **International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care**  
<http://www.iapac.org>

## Alternative Treatments

- **The Alternative Medicine Home Page**  
AIDS & HIV: Alternative Medicine Resources  
<http://www.pitt.edu/~cbw/hiv.html>
- **Bastyr University AIDS Research Center**  
<http://www.bastyr.edu/research/buarc>
- **The Body**  
Complementary, Alternative and Holistic Therapies  
<http://www.thebody.com/treat/altern.html>
- **Community AIDS Treatment Information Exchange**  
Complementary Therapies for People Living with HIV and AIDS  
[http://www.catie.ca/comp\\_e.nsf](http://www.catie.ca/comp_e.nsf)  
Herbal Therapies for People Living with HIV and AIDS  
[http://www.catie.ca/herb\\_e.nsf](http://www.catie.ca/herb_e.nsf)  
The Positive Side  
<http://www.catie.ca/positive.nsf>  
Publications  
<http://www.catie.ca/e/pubs>
- **Direct Access Alternative Information Resources**  
<http://www.daair.org>
- **HIV InSite**  
Alternative & Complementary Medicine (*click on Medical, then Medicine & Science under “LINKS,” then Alternative & Complementary Medicine*)  
<http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu>
- **National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine**  
<http://nccam.nih.gov>

## Ask the Expert

- **The Body**  
Ask the Experts  
<http://www.thebody.com/experts.shtml>
- **HIVandHepatitis.com**  
The Doctor is in  
<http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/doctor/main.html>  
Teleconferences  
[http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/hiv\\_telec.html](http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/hiv_telec.html)
- **Johns Hopkins AIDS Service**  
Expert Q&A  
<http://www.hopkins-aids.edu/ask.html>
- **Medscape™ HIV/AIDS**  
Exam Room  
<http://www.medscape.com/Home/Topics/AIDS/directories/dir-AIDS.ExamRoom.cfm>

## Assistance in Paying for Drugs

- **AIDS Treatment Data Network**  
The Access Project  
<http://www.atdn.org/access/index.html>
- **The Body**  
Benefits, Insurance, and Paying for Health Care  
<http://www.thebody.com/Forums/AIDS/Benefits>  
Financial Issues  
<http://www.thebody.com/financial.html>
- **Health Resources and Services Administration HIV/AIDS Bureau**  
Getting HIV/AIDS Care, Prescription Drugs and Other Information  
<http://www.hrsa.gov/> or <http://hab.hrsa.gov/>
- **HIV InSite**  
Treatment Access (*click on Medical, then Treatment Access under “TREATMENT RESOURCES”*)  
<http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu>
- **International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care**  
Drug Index, then click on Reimbursement/Drug Assistance  
<http://www.iapac.org/avtherapiesidx.html#reimburse>

## Clinical Trials

- **Adult AIDS Clinical Trials Group**  
<http://aactg.s-3.com>
- **AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service**  
Find a Clinical Trial (*click on link*)  
<http://actis.org>
- **AIDS Treatment Data Network**  
Clinical Trials  
<http://www.aidsinfonyc.org/network/trials.html>
- **AIDSMAP**  
Information Booklets  
<http://www.aidsmap.com/publications/infoseries/index.asp>
- **Canadian HIV Trials Network**  
<http://www.hivnet.ubc.ca/ctn.html>
- **CenterWatch Clinical Trials Listing Service**  
<http://www.centerwatch.com>
- **ClinicalTrials.gov**  
<http://clinicaltrials.gov>
- **Community AIDS Treatment Information Exchange**  
Clinical Trials  
[http://www.catie.ca/e/resnews/clinical\\_trialshtml](http://www.catie.ca/e/resnews/clinical_trialshtml)
- **Food and Drug Administration HIV and AIDS Activities**  
Clinical Trials and Product Development  
<http://www.fda.gov/oashi>
- **HIV InfoWeb**  
Clinical Trials  
<http://www.infoweb.org/top/trials/trials.html>
- **HIV InSite**  
Clinical Research & Trials (*click on Medical, then Medicine & Science, then Clinical Research & Trials*)  
<http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu>  
Clinical Research Groups (*click on Medical, then Clinical Research Groups under “CLINICAL TRIALS”*)  
<http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu>  
Trials Search Database (*click on Medical, then Trials Search Database under “CLINICAL TRIALS”*)  
<http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu>

- **Johns Hopkins AIDS Service**  
Clinical Trials  
[http://hopkins-aids.edu/resources/trials/trials\\_toc.html](http://hopkins-aids.edu/resources/trials/trials_toc.html)
- **Medscape™ HIV/AIDS**  
Cochrane Abstracts (reviews of clinical trials)  
<http://hiv.medscape.com/Home/Topics/AIDS/directories/dir-AIDS.Library.html#cochrane>
- **National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases**  
Division of Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome  
<http://www.niaid.nih.gov/daids>
- **Pediatric AIDS Clinical Trials Group**  
<http://pactg.s-3.com>

## Conferences

- **AIDS 2004: XV International AIDS Conference**  
<http://www.aids2004.org>
- **The Body**  
The Body Covers the XV International AIDS Conference  
<http://www.thebody.com/confs/aids2004/aids2004.shtml>
- **HIV InSite**  
Conference Abstracts (*click on Medical, then Conference Abstracts under “MEDICAL LITERATURE”*)  
<http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu>
- **HIVandHepatitis.com**  
Internet Conference Reports  
[http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/hiv\\_int\\_con.html](http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/hiv_int_con.html)
- **International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care**  
Conferences  
<http://www.iapac.org/home.asp?pid=58>
- **Internet Conference Reports**  
[http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/int\\_conf\\_rpt.html](http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/int_conf_rpt.html)
- **Johns Hopkins AIDS Service**  
Conferences  
<http://www.hopkins-aids.edu/resources/calendar/calendar1.html>
- **Medscape™ HIV/AIDS**  
Conference Coverage  
<http://www.medscape.com/Home/Topics/AIDS/directories/dir-AIDS.ConfSummaries.html>  
Conference Schedules  
<http://www.medscape.com/Home/Topics/AIDS/directories/dir-AIDS.ConfSchedules.html>

- **The National AIDS Treatment Advocacy Project**  
Conference Reports (*click on link*)  
<http://www.natap.org>
- **National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases**  
Division of Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome  
Publications and Meeting Summaries  
<http://www.niaid.nih.gov/daids/meetingsum.htm>

## Continuing Education

- **hivcme.com**  
<http://www.hivcme.com>
- **Medscape® HIV/AIDS**  
<http://www.medscape.com/hiv-aidshome>

## Current News Updates

**NOTE:** See also the Periodicals section of this document, especially *The CDC HIV, STD, TB Prevention News Update*.

- **AIDS Education Global Information System**  
*HIV Daily Briefing*  
<http://www.aegis.org>  
News Services  
<http://www.aegis.com>
- **AIDScience**  
News Headlines  
<http://www.aidsscience.com/Headlines2.asp>  
Journal Headlines  
<http://www.aidsscience.com/Jheadlines2.asp>
- **AIDSMAP**  
News  
<http://www.aidsmap.com>
- **AIDSmeds.com**  
Treatment News  
<http://www.aidsmeds.com/news/TopStories.htm>
- **MEDLINEplus**  
AIDS  
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/aids.html>
- **Medscape® HIV/AIDS**  
Today's HIV/AIDS News  
<http://www.medscape.com/hiv-aidshome>

## Drug Information

**NOTE:** Many sites have information about HIV/AIDS drugs. These sites are good starting points.

- **AIDSinfo**  
Find Drug Information (*click on link*)  
<http://www.aidsinfo.nih.gov>
- **AIDS Education Global Information System**  
Key Topics: Treatment (*click on Key Topics, then Treatment*)  
<http://www.aegis.org>
- **AIDSMAP**  
The Wheel (Your Personal Pill Planner)  
<http://www.aidsmap.com/wheel/starthere.htm>
- **AIDSMeds.com**  
Drugs and Check My Meds  
<http://aidsmeds.com/cmm/DrugsNewContent.asp>
- **AIDS.ORG**  
Descriptions of Drugs and Treatments  
<http://www.aidsinfonyc.org/network/drugloss.html>
- **The Body**  
Treatment  
<http://www.thebody.com/treatment.html>
- **Food and Drug Administration HIV and AIDS Activities**  
Buying Medical Products Online  
<http://www.fda.gov/oc/buyonline>  
HIV/AIDS Therapeutics  
<http://www.fda.gov/oashi/aids/status.html>
- **HIV InSite**  
Antiretroviral Drug Database (*click on Medical, see link under “TREATMENT RESOURCES”*)  
<http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu>  
Drug Information (*click on Medical, then Medicine & Science under “LINKS,” then Drug Information*)  
<http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu>  
Knowledge Base (*click on button at top of page*)  
<http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu>
- **HIVandHepatitis.com**  
HIV Treatments  
[http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/hiv\\_and\\_aids/hiv\\_treat.html](http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/hiv_and_aids/hiv_treat.html)
- **Medscape™ HIV/AIDS**  
Drug-Drug Interactions and Medication Daily Scheduler  
<http://hiv.medscape.com/px/hivscheduler>

- **National HIV/AIDS Clinicians' Consultation Center**  
HIV Drug Interaction Management  
[http://www.ucsf.edu/hivcntr/pharmacy/Clinical\\_Resources/Drug\\_Intxn\\_Web.pdf](http://www.ucsf.edu/hivcntr/pharmacy/Clinical_Resources/Drug_Intxn_Web.pdf)  
HIV Pharmacist Central  
<http://www.ucsf.edu/hivcntr/pharmacy>
- **International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care**  
Antiretroviral Therapies  
<http://www.iapac.org/avtherapiesidx.html#specific>  
Drug Index  
<http://www.iapac.org/drugindex.html>
- **National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases**  
Division of Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome  
Database for Anti-HIV Compounds  
<http://www.niaid.nih.gov/daids/dtpdb/default.htm>
- **Physicians' Research Network, Inc.**  
<http://www.prn.org>
- **Project Inform**  
Dealing with Drug Side Effects  
<http://www.projectinform.org/fs/sideeffects.html>  
Drug Interactions  
<http://www.projectinform.org/fs/drugin.html>  
Standard Dosing Schedule for Anti-HIV Drugs  
<http://www.projectinform.org/fs/dosingchart.html>

## E-mail Lists

- **HIV InfoWeb**  
E-mail Lists  
<http://www.infoweb.org/top/elists/elists.html>

## Fact Sheets

- **AIDS Treatment Data Network**  
Simple Facts Sheets  
<http://www.atdn.org/sf.html>
- **AIDSMAP**  
Treatments (click on Treatment for HIV)  
<http://aidsmap.com>
- **Community AIDS Treatment Information Exchange**  
Publications  
<http://www.catie.ca/e/pubs>

- **HIVInSite**  
Patient Fact Sheets (*click on Medical, see link under “ANTIRETROVIRAL MANAGEMENT”*)  
<http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu>
- **New Mexico AIDS InfoNet**  
AIDS Fact Sheets  
<http://www.aidsinfonyet.org/topics.php>
- **Project Inform**  
Index of Publications by Subject Area  
<http://www.projectinform.org/indexS.html>

## Fitness

- **The Body**  
Exercise and HIV  
<http://www.thebody.com/dietnut/exercise.html>
- **Gay Men’s Health Crisis**  
Exercise and HIV  
<http://www.gmhc.org/health/nutrition/factsheets/exercise.html>

## Fraud

- **The Florida AIDS Health Fraud Task Force**  
<http://www.tcrs211.org/hiv/fraud.htm>
- **Food and Drug Administration HIV and AIDS Activities**  
FDA/State AIDS Health Fraud Task Forces: Evaluating Medical Therapies  
<http://www.fda.gov/oashi/aids/eval.html>
- **Quake Watch**  
<http://www.quackwatch.org/>

## Healthcare Providers (Web sites for clinicians)

- **Adult AIDS Clinical Trials Group**  
<http://aactg.s-3.com>
- **Health Resources and Services Administration HIV/AIDS Bureau**  
AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETCs) Program  
<http://www.hrsa.gov/hab/educating.htm>  
Education and Training  
<http://hab.hrsa.gov/educating.htm>  
A Guide to the Clinical Care of Women with HIV  
<http://www.hab.hrsa.gov/womencare.htm>

- **HIV InSite**  
<http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu>
- **hivcme.com**  
<http://www.hivcme.com>
- **HIVDENT**  
<http://www.hivdent.org>
- **International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care**  
<http://www.iapac.org/>
- **Johns Hopkins AIDS Service**  
<http://www.hopkins-aids.edu>
- **Journal of the American Medical Association HIV/AIDS Resource Center**  
<http://www.jama.ama-assn.org>
- **Medem Medical Library**  
[http://www.medem.com/MedLB/medlib\\_entry.cfm](http://www.medem.com/MedLB/medlib_entry.cfm)
- **Medscape® HIV/AIDS**  
<http://www.medscape.com/hiv-aidshome>
- **National HIV/AIDS Clinicians' Consultation Center**  
<http://www.ucsf.edu/hivcntr>
- **National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Division of Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome**  
<http://www.niaid.nih.gov/daids>
- **Physicians' Research Network, Inc.**  
<http://www.prn.org>
- **The University of North Carolina AIDS Research and Treatment Unit**  
<http://www.med.unc.edu/medicine/hivaidsc>

## Hepatitis

- **The Body**  
Hepatitis and HIV Co-Infection  
<http://www.thebody.com/Forums/AIDS/Hepatitis>
- **HIV InSite**  
Hepatitis (*click on Medical, then Medicine & Science, then Hepatitis*)  
<http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu>
- **HIVandHepatitis.com**  
<http://www.hivandhepatitis.com>

- **The National AIDS Treatment Advocacy Project**  
Hepatitis (*click on link*)  
<http://www.natap.org>  
Radio Shows (*click on link*)  
<http://www.natap.org>
- **Physicians' Research Network, Inc.**  
PRN's Clinical Care Algorithm for Chronic HBV Infection (*click on link under "Provider Resources"*)  
<http://www.prn.org>
- **Veterans Affairs National Hepatitis C Program**  
<http://www.hepatitis.va.gov/>

## Hotlines

- **AIDSinfo**  
Live help with questions about HIV/AIDS treatment research, clinical trials, and treatment guidelines  
<http://www.aidsinfo.nih.gov>
- **AIDS.ORG**  
Hotlines  
<http://aids.org/info/basics/hotlines.html>
- **HIV InSite**  
Hotlines (*click on Medical, then Advice, then Hotlines*)  
<http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu>
- **National HIV/AIDS Clinicians' Consultation Center**  
PEpline  
<http://www.ucsf.edu/hivcntr/services.html#pepline>  
Warmline: The National HIV Telephone Consultation Service  
<http://www.ucsf.edu/hivcntr/services.html#warmline>
- **National Minority AIDS Council**  
Help for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS  
<http://www.nmac.org/access.asp>
- **Project Inform**  
National HIV/AIDS Treatment Hotline  
<http://www.ProjectInform.org/org/hotline.html>

## Journal Articles/Abstracts

- **AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts**  
HIV Index  
[http://www.aac.org/HIV\\_Index/hivhealth\\_index.htm](http://www.aac.org/HIV_Index/hivhealth_index.htm)
- **HIV InfoWeb**  
Publications  
<http://www.infoweb.org/top/publications/subscriptions.html>
- **HIV InSite**  
Medical Literature Databases  
<http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu/InSite.jsp?page=li-04-34>  
Medical Newsletters for a General Audience  
<http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu/InSite.jsp?page=li-04-37>
- **Journal of the American Medical Association HIV/AIDS Resource Center**  
Library  
<http://www.ama-assn.org/special/hiv/library/library.htm>
- **Medem Medical Library**  
Medical Journals/Professional Resources (*click on HIV/AIDS under “Diseases and Conditions,” then Medical Journals/Professional Resources*)  
[http://www.medem.com/MedLB/medlib\\_entry.cfm](http://www.medem.com/MedLB/medlib_entry.cfm)
- **Medscape™ HIV/AIDS**  
Journal Room  
<http://www.medscape.com/Home/Topics/AIDS/directories/dir-AIDS.JournalRoom.html>
- **San Francisco AIDS Foundation**  
More than 150 HIV treatment articles arranged by topic  
[http://www.sfaf.org/treatment/treatment\\_topics.html](http://www.sfaf.org/treatment/treatment_topics.html)
- **PubMed** (*click on Limits, then “Subsets” pull-down menu, then AIDS*)  
<http://PubMed.gov>

## Medicaid

- **AIDS Treatment Data Network**  
Medicaid HIV Project  
<http://www.aidsinfonyc.org/medicaid.html>
- **The Body**  
Medicare/Medicaid and Health Insurance Policy  
[http://www.thebody.com/govt/medicare\\_arc.html](http://www.thebody.com/govt/medicare_arc.html)
- **Health Resources and Services Administration HIV/AIDS Bureau**  
Medicaid CARE Act Contacts  
<ftp://ftp.hrsa.gov/hab/STATEC%7E1.pdf>

## Mental Health

- **The Body**  
Depression, Anxiety and Mental Health  
<http://www.thebody.com/mental.html>  
Mental Health and HIV  
<http://www.thebody.com/Forums/AIDS/Mental>
- **Center for Mental Health Research on AIDS**  
<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/oa>

## Monitoring Progress

- **AIDSmeds.com**  
Graph My Labs  
<http://www.aidsmeds.com/graphs>
- **Direct Access Alternative Information Resources**  
<http://www.daaair.org>

## Nutrition

- **AIDS Nutrition Services Agencies**  
<http://www.aidsnutrition.org>
- **AIDSMAP**  
Information Booklets  
<http://www.aidsmap.com/publications/infoseries/index.asp>
- **The Body**  
Diet and Nutrition  
<http://www.thebody.com/dietnut.html>  
Wasting, Diet, Nutrition and Exercise  
<http://www.thebody.com/Forums/AIDS/Wasting>
- **Community AIDS Treatment Information Exchange**  
Nutrition for People Living with HIV and AIDS  
<http://www.catie.ca/ng.nsf>  
Publications  
<http://www.catie.ca/e/pubs>
- **Food and Nutrition Information Center – AIDS/HIV**  
<http://www.nal.usda.gov/fnic/etext/000062.html#aids>
- **Food and Drug Administration HIV and AIDS Activities**  
FDA/State AIDS Health Fraud Task Forces, Evaluating Medical Therapies  
<http://www.fda.gov/oashi/aids/eval.html>

- **HIV/AIDS Dietetic Practice Group**  
<http://www.hivaidspdpg.org>
- **International Bibliographic Information on Dietary Supplements**  
<http://www.nal.usda.gov/fnic/IBIDS>
- **Community AIDS Treatment Information Exchange**  
HIV and Nutrition by Chester Myers  
<http://www.catie.ca/myers.nsf>

## Oral Health

- **The Body**  
Oral Health and HIV  
<http://www.thebody.com/Forums/AIDS/Oral>
- **HIVDENT**  
<http://www.hivdent.org>

## Organization Directories

- **DIRLINE**  
<http://dirline.nlm.nih.gov>
- **National Minority AIDS Council**  
Help for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS  
<http://www.nmac.org/access.asp>

## Pediatric

- **AIDSmeds.com**  
Treatment Issues for Women and Children (*click on link*)  
<http://www.aidsmeds.com/lessons/StartHere1.htm>
- **The Body**  
Pediatric Treatment Issues  
<http://www.thebody.com/treat/children.html>  
Treatment Issues for Pregnancy and Newborns  
<http://www.thebody.com/treat/pregnancy.html>
- **Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation**  
<http://www.pedaids.org>
- **National Pediatric AIDS Network**  
<http://www.npan.org>

- **Pediatric AIDS Clinical Trials Group**  
<http://pactg.s-3.com>
- **Pediatric and Adolescent HIV**  
<http://www.hivcme.com/adolframe.htm>

## Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP)

- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Divisions of HIV/AIDS Prevention Treatment**  
<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/treatment.htm>
- **National HIV/AIDS Clinicians' Consultation Center**  
<http://www.ucsf.edu/hivcntr>

## Resistance

- **AIDSMAP**  
Information Booklets  
<http://www.aidsmap.com/publications/infoseries/index.asp>
- **AIDSmeds.com**  
Two Things You Should Know Before Starting Treatment (*click on link*)  
<http://www.aidsmeds.com/lessons/StartHere1.htm>
- **The Body**  
Drug Resistance  
<http://www.thebody.com/Forums/AIDS/Resistance>
- **National HIV/AIDS Clinicians' Consultation Center**  
Articles  
<http://www.ucsf.edu/hivcntr/library>  
Resistance Cases  
<http://www.ucsf.edu/hivcntr/resources/resistancecases>
- **Project Inform**  
Drug Resistance  
<http://www.projectinform.org/fs/GenoPheno.html>

## Side Effects

- **AIDSmeds.com**  
Dealing with Side Effects (*click on link*)  
<http://www.aidsmeds.com/lessons/StartHere1.htm>
- **The Body**  
Management of Side Effects of HIV Treatment  
<http://www.thebody.com/Forums/AIDS/SideEffects>  
Side Effects, Opportunistic Infections, and Co-Infections  
<http://www.thebody.com/treat/oipage.html>
- **MedWatch**  
<http://www.fda.gov/medwatch>
- **Project Inform**  
Dealing with Drug Side Effects  
<http://www.projectinform.org/fs/sideeffects.html>  
Drug Side Effects Chart  
<http://www.projectinform.org/fs/sideeffectschart.html>
- **The Special Nutritionals Adverse Event Monitoring System**  
<http://vm.csfan.fda.gov/~dms/aems.html>

## Social Security

- **The Body**  
Financial Issues  
<http://www.thebody.com/financial.html>  
Social Security  
<http://www.thebody.com/financial/ss.html>
- **Social Security Administration**  
Disability Programs  
<http://www.ssa.gov/odhome/odhome.htm>  
A Guide to Social Security and SSI Disability Benefits for People with HIV Infection  
<http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/10020.html>

## Spanish (resources available in Spanish)

- **AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts, Inc.**  
[http://www.aac.org/sitemap\\_SP.htm](http://www.aac.org/sitemap_SP.htm)
- **AIDSinfo**  
<http://www.aidsinfo.nih.gov/espanol/>
- **AIDS Education Global Information System** (*click on **Espanol** button—bottom right of page*)  
<http://www.aegis.org>

- **AIDS Treatment Data Network**  
informacion en espanol  
<http://www.atdn.org/lared/index.html>
- **The Body**  
General Treatment Strategies  
<http://www.thebody.com/Forums/AIDS/SpanishTreatment>  
Tratamientos  
<http://www.thebody.com/Forums/AIDS/SpanishTreatment>
- **HIV InSite**  
Patient Fact Sheets (*click on Medical, then Patient Fact Sheets under “ANITRETROVIRAL MANAGEMENT”*)  
<http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu>
- **Johns Hopkins AIDS Service**  
<http://www.vivacazuza.org.br/forum.htm>
- **MEDLINEplus**  
AIDS Health Topic  
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/aids.html>
- **National Minority AIDS Council**  
Publications  
<http://www.nmac.org>
- **National Prevention Information Network**  
Resources by Topic, Hispanics/Latinos  
<http://www.cdcnpi.org/scripts/population/latino.asp>
- **New Mexico AIDS InfoNet**  
<http://aidsinfont.org/infored.html>
- **Project Inform**  
<http://www.projectinform.org/spanish/index.html>

## Traveling with HIV

- **AIDS Education Global Information System**  
Traveling with HIV  
<http://www.aegis.com/topics/travel.html>
- **HIV InSite**  
Travel Health (*click on Medical, then Medicine & Science, then Travel Health*)  
<http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu>

**Treatment** (primarily for patients - see Health Care Providers for sites for clinicians)

**NOTE:** All resources in this guide contain treatment information. These sites are good starting points.

- **AIDSinfo**  
<http://www.aidsinfo.nih.gov>
- **AIDS Education Global Information System**  
Key Topics: Treatment (*click on Key Topics, then Treatment*)  
<http://www.aegis.org>
- **AIDS Treatment Data Network**  
<http://www.atdn.org>
- **AIDSmeds.com**  
<http://www.aidsmeds.com>
- **American Foundation for AIDS Research**  
HIV/AIDS Treatment Directory  
<http://www.amfar.org/td>
- **The Body**  
Simplifying Treatment Schedules  
<http://www.thebody.com/Forums/AIDS/Simplification>  
Treatment  
<http://www.thebody.com/treatment.html>
- **National HIV/AIDS Clinicians' Consultation Center**  
Treatment of AIDS and HIV-Related Conditions: 2001  
[http://www.ucsf.edu/hiventr/assets/PDF\\_Files/Update2001.pdf](http://www.ucsf.edu/hiventr/assets/PDF_Files/Update2001.pdf)

## Treatment Guidelines

- **AIDSmeds.com**  
Lessons  
<http://www.aidsmeds.com/lessons/StartHere1.htm>
- **HIV InSite**  
Treatment Guidelines (*click on Medical, see link under "TREATMENT RESOURCES"*)  
<http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu>
- **AIDSinfo**  
Treatment Guidelines (**NOTE:** This is the best Web site to find the most current and archived treatment guidelines released by federal agencies.)  
<http://www.aidsinfo.nih.gov>
- **Journal of the American Medical Association HIV/AIDS Resources Center**  
Treatment Guidelines  
<http://www.jama.ama-assn.org/special/hiv/treatmnt/treatmnt.htm>

- **Medscape® HIV/AIDS**  
Practice Guidelines  
<http://www.medscape.com/Home/Topics/AIDS/directories/dir-AIDS.PracticeGuide.html>
- **National HIV/AIDS Clinicians' Consultation Center**  
Guidelines  
<http://www.ucsf.edu/hivcntr/resources/guidelines/index.html>

## Tutorials/Manuals

- **How to Find Reliable HIV/AIDS Treatment Information on the Internet**  
<http://www.orau.gov/MEO/meo/courses-TREAT.htm>
- **National Library of Medicine**  
PubMed Tutorial (*click on Features Bar on the left, then click on the Limits tab at the top of the page to learn how to search the AIDS subset*)  
[http://www.nlm.nih.gov/bsd/pubmed\\_tutorial/m1001.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/bsd/pubmed_tutorial/m1001.html)  
<http://www.sap.org.ar/medline/tutorial> (Spanish version)

## Vaccines

- **AIDSinfo**  
Find Vaccine Information  
<http://aidsinfo.nih.gov>
- **AIDS.ORG**  
HIV/AIDS Vaccines Information  
<http://www.aids.org/Vaccines.html>
- **HIVandHepatitis.com**  
HIV Vaccines  
[http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/hiv\\_vacc.html](http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/hiv_vacc.html)
- **National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Division of Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome**  
HIV Vaccines  
<http://www.niaid.nih.gov/daids/vaccine>

## Viral Load

- **AIDSMAP**  
Information Booklets  
<http://www.aidsmap.com/publications/infoseries/index.asp>
- **AIDSmeds.com**  
The Blood Tests You'll Need (*click on link*)  
<http://www.aidsmeds.com/lessons/StartHere1.htm>

- **The Body**  
Understanding Your Labs  
<http://www.thebody.com/Forums/AIDS/Labs>  
Viral Load Testing  
<http://www.thebody.com/vltest.html>
- **Project Inform**  
Interpreting Viral Load: The Mellors Chart  
<http://www.projectinform.org/fs/mellors.html>
- **Food and Drug Administration HIV and AIDS Activities**  
Testing Information  
<http://www.fda.gov/oashi/aids/test.html>
- **HIVandHepatitis.com**  
Tests  
[http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/hiv\\_tests.html](http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/hiv_tests.html)

## Women

- **AIDSmeds.com**  
Treatment Issues for Women and Children (*click on link*)  
<http://www.aidsmeds.com/lessons/StartHere1.htm>
- **The Body**  
Treatment Issues for Pregnancy and Newborns  
<http://www.thebody.com/treat/pregnancy.html>  
Women and HIV  
<http://www.thebody.com/Forums/AIDS/Women>  
Women-Specific Treatment Issues  
<http://www.thebody.com/treat/women.html>
- **Health Resources and Services Administration HIV/AIDS Bureau**  
A Guide to the Clinical Care of Women with HIV  
<http://www.hab.hrsa.gov/publications/womencare.htm>
- **hivcme.com**  
Women and HIV  
<http://www.hivcme.com/womenframe.htm>
- **Medem Medical Library**  
Women and HIV Infection (*click on HIV/AIDS under “Diseases and Conditions,” then Women and HIV Infection*)  
[http://www.medem.com/MedLB/medlib\\_entry.cfm](http://www.medem.com/MedLB/medlib_entry.cfm)
- **MEDLINEplus**  
AIDS and Pregnancy  
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/aidsandpregnancy.html>

- **The National AIDS Treatment Advocacy Project**  
Women and HIV (*click on link*)  
<http://www.natap.org>
- **Project Inform**  
Women's Information  
[http://www.projectinform.org/pub/ww\\_index.html](http://www.projectinform.org/pub/ww_index.html)