

## ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

### Research Organizations

<b>AACTG</b>	Adult AIDS Clinical Trials Group (DAIDS)	<b>NCI</b>	National Cancer Institute (NIH)
<b>ACT-UP</b>	AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power	<b>NCVDG</b>	National Cooperative Vaccine Development Group (DAIDS)
<b>AIDSInfo</b>	AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service ( <a href="http://www.aidsinfo.nih.gov">http://www.aidsinfo.nih.gov</a> )	<b>NIAID</b>	National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIH)
<b>AmFAR</b>	American Foundation for AIDS Research	<b>NICHD</b>	National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NIH)
<b>AVAC</b>	AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition	<b>NIH</b>	National Institutes of Health (NIH)
<b>AVEG</b>	AIDS Vaccine Evaluation Group	<b>OAR</b>	Office of AIDS Research (NIH)
<b>AVRC</b>	AIDS Vaccine Research Committee (also known as Baltimore Committee)	<b>OC</b>	Office of Communications (NIAID)
<b>CDC</b>	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	<b>OAR</b>	Office of AIDS Research (NIH)
<b>CHAVI</b>	Center for HIV/AIDS Vaccine Immunology	<b>OHRP</b>	Office of Human Research Protection (DHHS)
<b>CPCRA</b>	The Terry Bein Community Programs for Clinical Research on AIDS (DAIDS)	<b>OARAC</b>	Office of AIDS Research Advisory Committee
<b>DAIDS</b>	Division of AIDS (NIAID)	<b>PAB</b>	Pharmaceutical Affairs Branch
<b>DHHS</b>	Department of Health and Human Services (or HHS)	<b>PACTG</b>	Pediatric AIDS Clinical Trials Group (DAIDS)
<b>DSMB</b>	Data and Safety Monitoring Board (NIH)	<b>PAVE</b>	Partners for AIDS Vaccine Evaluation (see HPTN)
<b>EUROVAC</b>	European Vaccine Effort Against HIV/AIDS	<b>PTN</b>	
<b>FDA</b>	Food and Drug Administration	<b>RAB</b>	Regulatory Affairs Branch (DAIDS)
<b>FHCRC</b>	Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center	<b>RCC</b>	Regulatory Compliance Center (DAIDS)
<b>FHI</b>	Family Health International	<b>SAAVI</b>	South African AIDS Vaccine Initiative
<b>HANC</b>	HIV/AIDS Network Coordination	<b>SCHARP</b>	Statistical Center for HIV/AIDS Research and Prevention
<b>HIVNET</b>	HIV Network for Prevention Trials – United States (Closed October 1999)	<b>SDMC</b>	Statistical and Data Management Center
<b>HPTN</b>	HIV Prevention Trials Network	<b>SmaRT</b>	Site Management Resource Team (DAIDS)
<b>HPTU</b>	HIV Prevention Trials Unit	<b>UNAIDS</b>	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
<b>HVTN</b>	HIV Vaccine Trials Network	<b>USAID</b>	United States Agency for International Development
<b>HVTU</b>	HIV Vaccine Trials Unit	<b>USMHRP</b>	U.S. Military HIV Research Project
<b>IAMI</b>	International AIDS Vaccine Initiative	<b>VPRP</b>	Vaccine and Prevention Research Program (DAIDS)
<b>ICASO</b>	International Council of AIDS Service Organizations	<b>VRC</b>	Dale and Betty Bumpers Vaccine Research Center (NIAID/NIH)
<b>IHV</b>	Institute of Human Virology	<b>VTN</b>	(see HVTN)
<b>MACS</b>	Multicenter AIDS Cohort Studies	<b>WHO</b>	World Health Organization
<b>MRC</b>	Medical Research Council	<b>WIHS</b>	Women's Interagency HIV Study (DAIDS)
		<b>WITS</b>	Women and Infants Transmission Study (DAIDS)
		<b>WRAIR</b>	Walter Reed Army Institute of Research

**Other Acronyms**

<b>AE</b>	Adverse Experience or Event	<b>MO</b>	Medical Officer
<b>AIDS</b>	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome	<b>MOP</b>	Manual of Operations
<b>ART</b>	Antiretroviral Therapy	<b>mRNA</b>	Messenger RNA
<b>CAB</b>	Community Advisory Board	<b>PBMC</b>	Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cells
<b>CBC</b>	Complete Blood Cell Count	<b>PCP</b>	Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia
<b>CBO</b>	Community-Based Organization	<b>PCR</b>	Polymerase Chain Reaction
<b>CCG</b>	Community Constituency Group (AACTG & PACTG)	<b>PI</b>	Principal Investigator
<b>CD4</b>	Helper T-cells	<b>PLWA</b>	Person Living With AIDS
<b>CD8</b>	Suppressor/Killer T-cells	<b>PRT</b>	Primary Review Team
<b>CFR</b>	Code of Federal Regulations	<b>PSRC</b>	Prevention Sciences Review Committee
<b>CRF</b>	Case Report Form	<b>PDC</b>	Protocol Development Coordinator
<b>CSW</b>	Commercial Sex Worker	<b>PWA</b>	Person With AIDS
<b>CTA</b>	Clinical Trials Agreement	<b>PWG</b>	Protocol Working Group
<b>CTL</b>	Cytotoxic T Lymphocyte	<b>QA</b>	Quality Assurance
<b>CTP</b>	Clinical Trials Physician	<b>QC</b>	Quality Control
<b>dsDNA</b>	Double-Stranded DNA	<b>QOL</b>	Quality of Life
<b>DNA</b>	Desoxynucleic Acid	<b>RBC</b>	Red Blood Cell
<b>ELISA</b>	Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (test)	<b>RCT</b>	Randomized Control Trial
<b>ELISpot</b>	Enzyme-Linked Immunospot (assay)	<b>RNA</b>	Ribonucleic Acid
<b>FY</b>	Fiscal Year	<b>SAE</b>	Serious Adverse Experience/Event
<b>GCAB</b>	Global Community Advisory Board	<b>SAG</b>	Science Administration Group
<b>GCP</b>	Good Clinical Practice	<b>SC</b>	Subcutaneously
<b>GMP</b>	Good Manufacturing Practice	<b>SCHARP</b>	Statistical Center for HIV AIDS Research and Prevention
<b>GLP</b>	Good Laboratory Practice	<b>SDMC</b>	Statistical and Data Management Center (SCHARP)
<b>HAART</b>	Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy	<b>SEG</b>	Special Emphasis Group (Laboratory)
<b>HBV</b>	Hepatitis B Virus	<b>SHIV</b>	Simian-Human Immunodeficiency Virus
<b>HIV</b>	Human Immunodeficiency Virus	<b>SIV</b>	Simian Immunodeficiency Virus
<b>HLA</b>	Human Leucocyte Antigen	<b>SOP</b>	Standard Operating Procedure
<b>IDU</b>	Injecting Drug User	<b>SSC</b>	Scientific Steering Committee (HVTN)
<b>IFN</b>	Interferon	<b>STD</b>	Sexually Transmitted Disease
<b>IG</b>	Immunoglobulin	<b>STI</b>	Sexually Transmitted Infection
<b>IL</b>	Interleukin	<b>tRNA</b>	Transfer Ribonucleic Acid
<b>IM</b>	Intramuscular	<b>WBC</b>	White Blood Cell
<b>IND</b>	Investigational New Drug		
<b>IRB</b>	Institutional Review Board		
<b>MHC</b>	Major Histocompatibility Complex		
<b>mL</b>	Milliliter		