

ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

Research Organizations

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

Other Acronyms

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