
South Carolina HIV, STD and Viral Hepatitis Conference

October 26 & 27, 2022

**Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center
1101 Lincoln Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201**



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HIV, STD and
Viral Hepatitis
Conference**

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Wednesday, Oct 26

8:00-8:50am Registration/Breakfast/
Vaccinations

9:00-10:10am Welcome/Keynote

10:10-10:30am Break/Visit Exhibits/
Vaccinations

10:40-11:40am Concurrent Sessions

11:50am-12:50pm Concurrent Sessions

12:50pm Doors open for lunch

1:30-2:30pm Platform Presentations

2:40-3:40pm Concurrent Sessions

3:50-4:50pm Concurrent sessions

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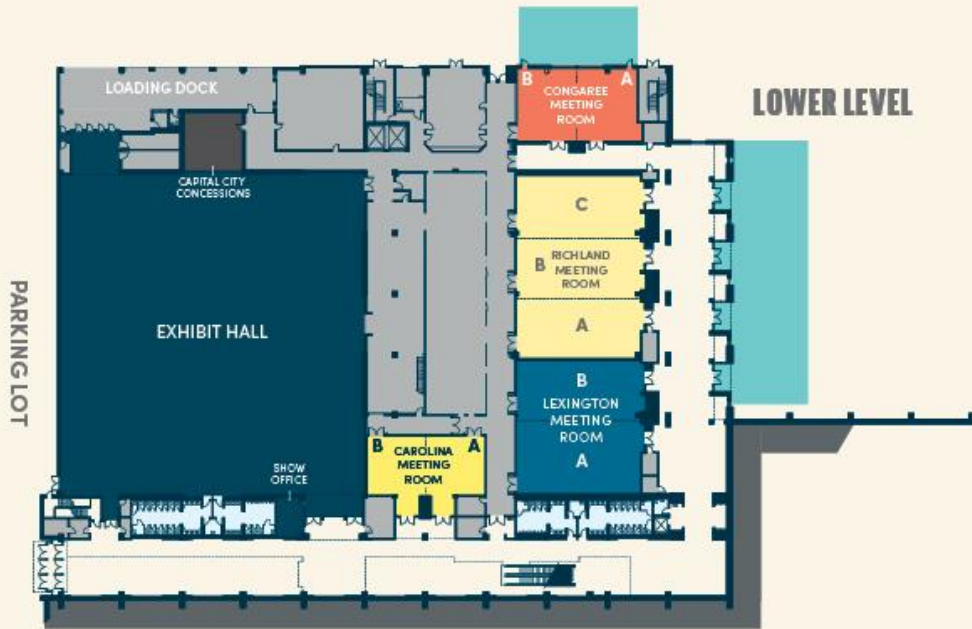
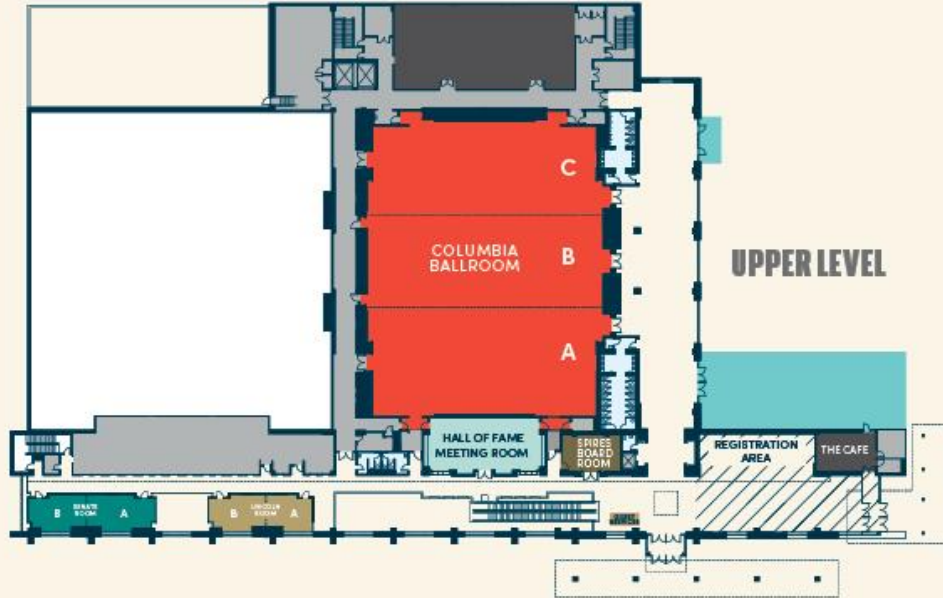
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Deadline: Sunday, November 6

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Vaccinations Available

Congaree B

COVID-19 & Boosters (Pfizer-BioNTech & Moderna)
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Plus! Rapid At-Home COVID Tests will be available

**Available each
day
10:00am-3:00pm**

*COVID & MPX will be offered both days. Influenza will be provided on Thursday only.

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Concurrent Rooms

Concurrent Session Rooms are UPSTAIRS and DOWNSTAIRS this year!

DOWNSTAIRS

Carolina A
Carolina B
Congaree A
Lexington A
Lexington B
Richland A/B/C – Exhibits/Breakfast

UPSTAIRS

Columbia A/B/C – Keynote speakers
Hall of Fame
Lincoln

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Quick Overview

Concurrent Sessions are DOWNSTAIRS and UPSTAIRS.

Please note that detailed information including speaker names and session descriptions appear later in the brochure.

Wednesday, October 26

8:00am – 8:50am	Registration near the Escalator (Downstairs); Continental Breakfast in Richland A/B/C (Downstairs);						
9:00am - 10:10am	Keynote Addresses in Columbia A/B/C (Upstairs) <i>The Unveiling of Disparities: A Tale of Syndemics</i> Ada Stewart, MD, FAAFP						
10:10am - 10:30am	Break/Visit Exhibits in Richland A/B/C (Downstairs); Vaccinations in Congaree B						
ROOMS	Lexington A	Lexington B	Carolina A	Carolina B	Lincoln	Congaree A	Hall of Fame
10:40am - 11:40am	<i>PrEP Update 2022</i>	<i>Ending the Epidemic, with Rapid Start: From the Perspective of MCM</i>	<i>South Carolina's Data to Care Program: Targeting Re-engagement in Care Efficiently (TRICE)</i>	<i>Wifi Password "Wrap it Up": Promoting Sexual Health on College Campuses</i>	<i>HIV/STD Infection, Do You Really Know What's Going On- Part 1</i>	<i>No session scheduled</i>	<i>Breaking Barriers in Rural communities: Medical Mobile Care for Underserved Populations</i>
11:50am - 12:50pm	<i>Hepatitis C from a Primary Care Perspective</i>	<i>Sharing Doesn't Equal Caring: The Infectious Risk of the Opioid Epidemic</i>	<i>Engagement for Our Future</i>	<i>Trauma & HIV: A Complicated History</i>	<i>HIV/STD Infection, Do You Really Know What's Going On- Part 2</i>	<i>How to Achieve Resilience and Make Accessible our Programs to Agricultural Workers</i>	<i>People First Language & Eliminating Stigma: What's Words Gotta Do With It?</i>
12:50pm – 2:30pm	Luncheon in Columbia A/B/C (Upstairs) Keynote-Platform Presentation						

Wednesday, October 26

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2:40pm – 3:40pm	<i>Advancing your clinical practice: Gender Affirming Care</i>	<i>Removing the Gag: Successful Communication with Clients in the BDSM Community</i>	<i>Pulling Back the Curtain: Health & Equity, Serving Latinos Where They Are (English)</i>	<i>A stakeholder-driven approach to improving awareness of HIV PrEP at Voorhees College</i>	<i>STI Update</i>	<i>The Side Effect of HIV/HCV Screening</i>	<i>TransParency: We Are Not Invisible</i>
3:50pm – 4:50pm	<i>HIV Update 2022</i>	<i>Sexual Health for Transgender and Gender Diverse People</i>	<i>Pulling Back the Curtain: Health & Equity, Serving Latinos Where They Are (Spanish)</i>	<i>Therapeutic Journaling</i>	<i>Making a Difference: Impacting Participation of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in Clinical Trials</i>	<i>No session scheduled</i>	<i>Humanizing HUMAN Immunodeficiency Virus</i>

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CELL PHONES

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Thursday, October 27

8:00am – 8:50am	Registration near the Escalator (Downstairs); Continental Breakfast in Richland A/B/C (Downstairs);						
9:00am – 10:10am	Keynote Address in Columbia A/B/C (Upstairs) <i>Woven Together: End Injustice to End the HIV Epidemic</i> Dafina Ward, JD						
10:10am - 10:30am	Break/Visit Exhibits in Richland A/B/C (Downstairs); Vaccinations in Congaree B						
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10:40am – 11:40am	<i>Bold Boundaries: Building and Creating Boundaries and Safe-Brave Spaces for PLWH</i>	<i>HCV Treatment Update 2022</i>	<i>Leveraging pharmacy students as facilitators for home HIV testing through community partnerships</i>	<i>Trauma & HIV: A Complicated History</i>	<i>Latex and Lube: Incorporating LGBTQ+ Inclusivity in Healthcare Setting</i>	<i>People First Language & Eliminating Stigma: What's Words Gotta Do With It?</i>	<i>Unbreakable: A Trauma Informed Approach to Building Resilience</i>
11:50am – 12:50pm	<i>Creating Strategic Partnerships to End HIV Stigma</i>	<i>Aging with HIV and It's Impact on Mental Health</i>	<i>Embracing Data to Be resilient through the ReConnect Us: A Prison Initiative</i>	<i>Rapid Start ART for HIV: Barriers and Successful Programs</i>	<i>Humanizing HUMAN Immunodeficiency Virus</i>	<i>SC viral Hepatitis Plan 2022-2025: A Community Perspective</i>	<i>Tobacco Cessation for PLWH</i>
12:50pm – 2:30pm	Luncheon and Keynote Address in Columbia A/B/C (Upstairs) <i>From Surviving to THRIVING: The role of support for PLWH</i> Larry Walker						
2:30pm – 2:45pm	Closing Remarks						

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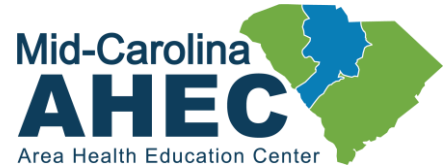
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Mid-Carolina Area Health Education Consortium (AHEC) provides a variety of continuing education credits for up to a total of 10 hours across the two-day conference. **Participation will be tracked and recorded at each session. Contact hours will only be awarded based on documented attendance.**



Daily Totals: **10/26** (Wednesday) = 6 hours; **10/27** (Thursday) = 4 hours

Counselors & Therapists: This program has been approved for up to 10 hours of continuing education by SC AHEC under its accreditation by the SC Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors, Marital and Family Therapists and Psycho-Educational Specialists.

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CONFERENCE INFORMATION

OUR MISSION

The mission of this interdisciplinary conference is to provide opportunities for professionals and community members to engage in dialogue and share past successes, best practices, common concerns, and hopes for the future. In response to the overlapping epidemics of HIV, STDs and Viral Hepatitis, it is essential to build on successful prevention, treatment and care strategies.

CONFERENCE GOALS

To facilitate an environment in which networking exchange fosters:

- learning about new developments in HIV, STD, and Viral Hepatitis prevention, care and treatment;
- discussing cutting-edge strategies and applications that are responsive to the needs of individuals and communities;
- discovering current and emerging policy issues and trends and their relationship to education, prevention and care;
- developing the skills needed to address the multidimensional factors that influence behavior and risk reduction efforts;
- exchanging personal and community resources for professional and lay caregivers;
- creating opportunities for involvement of communities impacted by HIV, STDs and Viral Hepatitis;
- highlighting strategies for movement along the HIV, STD and viral Hepatitis continua of care; and
- engaging in networking exchange with conference attendees and exhibitors.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

In the context of HIV, STD, and Viral Hepatitis, by the end of the conference, participants will be able to:

- describe risk behaviors, target populations and emerging trends in their community;
- identify effective high impact prevention interventions;
- identify and discuss associated co-morbidities;
- identify strategies to enhance comprehensive care including education, counseling, screening, as well as linkages to, retention in, and re-engagement in care and treatment;
- identify challenges to the integration of prevention, intervention, clinical services and resources that support them; and
- discuss effective advocacy and strategies for policy and other structural changes.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Ada D. Stewart, MD, FAAFP

Ada D. Stewart, MD, FAAFP, a family physician with Cooperative Health in Columbia, South Carolina, is the former Board Chair of the American Academy of Family Physicians and recent Past President. Stewart was the first African American Female President of the American Academy of Family Physicians. The AAFP represents 127,600 physicians and medical students nationwide. As AAFP board chair, Stewart advocates on behalf of family physicians and patients to inspire positive change in the U.S. health care system. Stewart has been a practicing family physician with Cooperative Health, formerly Eau Claire Cooperative Health Centers, since 2012 and currently serves as lead provider and HIV specialist. She has held many leadership positions on the local, state, and national levels. She has been a staunch advocate for marginalized populations, individuals living with HIV/AIDS and those of trans experience. Stewart is also a member of the American Academy of HIV Medicine, the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine, the National Medical Association, the American Medical Women's Association and many others. Born and reared in an underserved urban area of Cleveland, Ohio, Stewart has committed her career to ensuring uninsured and low-income families have access to high quality health care. She began her career as a National Health Service Corps scholar, caring for underserved patients in rural South Carolina. She continues to work with underserved communities in both rural and urban settings. She was recognized in 2017 for her dedicated service in hepatitis C treatment and prevention by the South Carolina HIV/AIDS Council. She was recognized in April 2018 by the South Carolina Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, with the Health Award in recognition of her contributions to the health of the community in Columbia. Stewart has been named to the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS where she continues to serve. In 2020, she was honored by the South Carolina House of Representatives and the South Carolina Senate for her contributions to the healthcare of State of South Carolina and for her leadership on a national level community. Stewart has been an advocate around the COVID Pandemic and vaccinations and been highlighted on National TV and numerous medical channels. In the aftermath of Sept. 11, 2001, Stewart enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves and has achieved the rank of Colonel. She is a preceptor for nurse practitioners, medical residents, and medical students, and has received numerous awards, including the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society 2012 Volunteer Clinical Faculty Award for her precepting at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine. She also conducts continuing education programs relating to HIV, health disparities, transgender care, hospice and palliative medicine and hepatitis C.

Dafina Ward, J.D.

Dafina Ward, J.D. is an attorney and non-profit strategist with nearly fifteen years of experience addressing HIV and health equity issues in the southern United States. Working in partnership with a range of advocates—from grassroots leaders to federal decision-makers—she is a trusted voice in regional and national spaces. Dafina currently serves as Executive Director of the Southern AIDS Coalition (SAC), an organization with a regional focus and national reach, with a mission to end the HIV and STI epidemics in the South. SAC utilizes community-centered policy advocacy, grantmaking, leadership development, and capacity building trainings to support transformation in the region. SAC created Southern HIV/AIDS Awareness Day [SHAAD] in 2019 to amplify the HIV crisis in the region. SHAAD is now a nationally recognized day adopted by hundreds of organizations and reaching thousands annually. Dafina shares her reflections on the intersections of race, gender, and health through writing, with work appearing in the Washington Post, Role Reboot, and The Body. She was recognized by POZ Magazine twice in 2021—as the July/August **POZ Hero** and as a member of the **2021 POZ 100** (the magazine's list of the 100 most influential Black HIV advocates in the nation). Dafina received her BA in Mass Media Arts from Clark Atlanta University (Atlanta, GA) and her Juris Doctor from Temple University's Beasley School of Law (Philadelphia, PA). She and her husband reside in Bluffton, South Carolina with their brilliant daughters.



Larry Walker

Larry Walker, a Baltimore native, is an author, poet, and proud black gay man living with HIV. Larry's passion for community would land him working at various community-based and AIDS service organizations (ASO) before cofounding Transforming HIV Resentments into Victories Everlasting Support Services (THRIVE SS Inc) in 2015. Larry often states, "there is no pill to rebuild will" meaning that no biomedical intervention can reverse the damage done by stigma and hate and it is the community's responsibility to love, heal and fortify itself.

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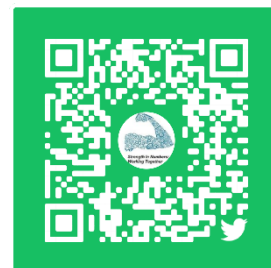


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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

MORNING

8:00am – 8:50am	Registration Continental Breakfast/Visit Exhibits	Near Escalator (Downstairs) Richland A/B/C (Downstairs)
9:00am – 10:10am	Welcome and Keynote Address <i>The Unveiling of Disparities: A Tale of Syndemics</i> Ada Stewart, MD, FAAFP	Columbia A/B/C (Upstairs)
10:10am – 10:30am	Break/Visit Exhibits/Network Vaccinations (10:00am-3:00pm)	Richland A/B/C (Downstairs) Congaree B

10:40am – 11:40am

Concurrent Sessions (Upstairs & Downstairs)

1. PrEP Update 2022

Lexington A

Kamla Sanasi-Bhola, MD

The aim of this presentation is to update attendees on the progress of PrEP in South Carolina, engagement of special populations and the future direction of PrEP.

2. Ending the Epidemic with Rapid Start: From the Perspective of MCM

Lexington B

Gary Pugh, MSW and Felicia Matheney, BS in Criminal Justice

This session will use a lecture to provide an overview of Rapid Start Initiative to ending the HIV epidemic. The presenters will provide an overview of one organization's process of the Rapid Start Initiative. Presenters will use an interactive lecture to discuss the processes of Case Management in Rapid Start from the point of linkage to care through client's full engagement in care. Presenters will further discuss reengagement in care, using Specialized Case Management as a model for persons who have fallen out of care. Presenters will discuss how Rapid Start Initiative will assist in ending the HIV epidemic.

3. Wifi Password "Wrap it Up": Promoting Sexual Health on College Campuses

Carolina B

Sarah Kershner, PhD

Background: Over half (60%) of four-year universities in the US have a campus health center and almost three-quarters (73%) of students attend a school with a campus health center. Students attending schools with sexual health services are more likely to use condoms and less likely to experience unintended pregnancies. This study evaluated an innovative virtual media literacy education sexual health promotion program administered among students from four universities in the southeastern United States. Each university used a variety of recruitment and retention methods that can be replicated on other campuses. Results indicated significant changes in intention to visit a healthcare provider for sexual health services, intention to use condoms and birth control, and awareness of Long Acting Reversible Contraceptives. Conclusions: Future research should explore how to extend program impacts and use an experimental study design to assess between group differences.

4. HIV/STD Infection, Do You Really Know What's Going On- Part 1

Lincoln

Maurice Adair, PA

Patients who understand HIV/STD infection and the disease process take steps to address their illness to live a healthier life. This updated workshop is designed to engage the audience in understanding how HIV interacts with CD4 cells and during the “quiet period,” how the war between HIV Viral Load and the immune system creates chronic inflammation and may be already harming multiple organs in the body. Common opportunistic infections affecting people living with HIV/AIDS in South Carolina will be discussed along with a detailed discussion on transmission of HIV/STD and HCV infections. This workshop will address sexual and injection drug use strategies using risk/harm reduction techniques, including PrEP and PEP to reduce acquiring and/or transmitting HIV. This workshop will enlighten and motivate individuals with HIV to link and stay or reengage into care, and provide information to individuals not infected with HIV/STD and Viral Hepatitis methods to stay negative.

5. South Carolina's Data to Care Program: Targeting Re-engagement in Care Efficiently (TRICE)

Carolina A

Tina Skinner, MBA, BSN, RN, CIC

The Data to care program is a public health strategy that uses HIV surveillance data and other data to support the HIV care continuum by identifying persons living with HIV who are in need of HIV medical services. The purpose of the program is to re-engage clients that are not in care back into care as soon as possible. This presentation will: 1. Describe the Data to Care process. 2. Give South Carolina Specific data on persons not in care as well as linkage successes. 3. Describe the enhanced activities the Data to Care program is working on to improve care for individuals in South Carolina.

6. Breaking Barriers in Rural Communities: Medical Mobile Care for Underserved Populations

Hall of Fame

Isaiah McCall, BA, MS

Annually, about 2.3 million people become newly infected with HIV. A key step in receiving treatment for HIV and reducing further transmission of the virus is receiving HIV testing and counselling, but in counties where HIV is prevalent, such as many parts of rural communities, access to these services can be limited by resources or because people fear stigmatization and discrimination. One option to improve HIV testing and counselling coverage is to provide this service to individuals in a community setting. Also, MMUs used to re-engage and retain people living with HIV (PLWH) who are out of care are greatly needed. While mobile clinics can be used effectively for HIV testing and linkage, evidence guiding their use in providing HIV care domestically has been limited. To guide the development of a mobile HIV clinic model as a strategy to re-engage and retain PLWH who are out of care.

11:50am – 12:50pm

Concurrent Sessions (Upstairs & Downstairs)

1. Hepatitis C from a Primary Care Perspective

Lexington A

Ada Stewart, MD

This session will discuss treatment of Hepatitis C from the perspective of a primary care physician. The session will review screening and treatment of hepatitis C. There will also be discussion of the challenges of treatment hepatitis C and COVID.

2. Engagement for Our Future

Carolina A

Janice Dozier, BASW, Donovan Singleton

The future and how we conduct business concerning HIV and its transmission is in the hands of our college age youth. Our successors in the field of social worker and other health related fields are right in our local higher institutes for learning. It is necessary that we provide our up and coming leaders with the facts through engagement, substance

misuse, and social determinants of health. How the college age students conduct themselves throughout their studies, is the foundation for how others may perceive them in the career field. My presentation will focus on tips and facts that I have utilized to engage with the students through evidenced based interventions.

3. Trauma & HIV: A Complicated History

Carolina B

Dr. Sayward Harrison, Dr. Monique Brown, Mariajose Paton, Sara Miller, Nada Goodrum, PhD

Trauma exposure is common among people living with HIV (PLHIV), with multiple studies showing that PLHIV experience higher rates of sexual abuse, physical abuse, and other traumas than the general population. Some individuals who are exposed to traumatic events develop mental health disorders, most notably post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), as well as experience a variety of other adverse outcomes. This session—led by a health psychologist and an epidemiologist—will explore the intersections of trauma and HIV, including direct and indirect ways that trauma may affect HIV outcomes (e.g., care engagement, ART adherence). The session will also review recent surveillance data on trauma exposure and trauma-related mental health outcomes among PLHIV. By the end of the session, attendees will understand what trauma is, how it impacts physical and mental health, how to identify symptoms of trauma exposure, and how to link PLHIV with trauma histories to appropriate resources.

4. Sharing Doesn't Equal Caring: The Infectious Risk of the Opioid Epidemic

Lexington B

Lauren Linder Wier, PharmD

People who inject drugs are at an increased risk to be infected with HIV and viral hepatitis. Per the CDC, 10% of all new HIV infections occur in people who inject drugs. South Carolina is not immune to outbreaks of blood borne pathogens from injection drug use, with the Pee Dee region of our state being the most vulnerable, per a 2019 DHEC report. This program will review South Carolina's infectious vulnerability secondary to injection drug use and current evidence and strategies to mitigate the infectious disease burden from the opioid epidemic.

5. HIV/STD Infection, Do You Really Know What's Going On-Part 2

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Maurice Adair, PA

Patients who understand HIV/STD infection and the disease process take steps to address their illness to live a healthier life. This updated workshop is designed to engage the audience in understanding how HIV interacts with CD4 cells and during the "quiet period," how the war between HIV Viral Load and the immune system creates chronic inflammation and may be already harming multiple organs in the body. Common opportunistic infections affecting people living with HIV/AIDS in South Carolina will be discussed along with a detailed discussion on transmission of HIV/STD and HCV infections. This workshop will address sexual and injection drug use strategies using risk/harm reduction techniques, including PrEP and PEP to reduce acquiring and/or transmitting HIV. This workshop will enlighten and motivate individuals with HIV to link and stay or reengage into care, and provide information to individuals not infected with HIV/STD and Viral Hepatitis methods to stay negative.

6. People First Language & Eliminating Stigma: What's Words Gotta Do With It?

Hall of Fame

Lane Brafford and Veronica Brisco

Use of people first language is a best practice in engaging and retaining people in HIV prevention and care services. Focusing on language use is a first step in addressing stigma, social exclusion, and discrimination against people living with HIV. This interactive presentation utilizes activities and examples to explain the differences in stigmatizing and empowering language. We will explore the history of language in relation to HIV and the use of empowering, people first language, when talking or writing about self and others. Recommended for direct service providers, frontline staff, medical providers, trainers/educators, media spokespeople, and people living with HIV.

7. *How to Achieve Resilience and Make Accessible our Programs to Agricultural Workers*

Congaree A

Rachelle Walker and Mari Valentin

Beaufort Jasper Hampton Comprehensive Health Services, Inc. works to provide services for the Agricultural Worker population of Beaufort, Jasper, and Hampton counties which includes Hispanic and Haitian-creole populations. Our night clinic serves H-2A workers and their families by providing medical and dental services. The clinic services begin at six PM until the last patient is served that night.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

AFTERNOON

12:50pm – 2:30pm	Luncheon	Columbia A/B/C (Upstairs)
	Keynote – Platform Presentation	
1:30pm to 1:42pm	<i>Implementing HIV/HCV Screening in the Midlands Emergency Department</i>	
	Jess Knapp, David Hudon, Mirinda Ann Gormley, Heather Brown, Philip Moschella	
1:42pm to 1:54pm	<i>Bridging the gap for HCV Treatment in Rural South Carolina: The CP HCV iLink Study</i>	
	Mirinda Gormley, Wesley Wampler, Susan Cordero-Romero, Phillip Moschella, Moonseong Heo, Prerana Roth, Luke Estes, Scott Gosnell, Anson Hawkins, Keri Queen	
1:54pm to 2:06pm	<i>HER Health: Exploring Opportunities to Improve the Quality of Health for Pregnant Women Living with HIV in South Carolina</i>	
	Courtney Brightharp, Kimberly McClellan, Latoya Jackson	
2:06pm to 2:18pm	<i>Missed Opportunities for Diagnosis of Human Immunodeficiency Virus in the Emergency Department Using Non-Risk Based Testing Strategy</i>	
	Sarah Guess, Mirinda Ann Gormley, Phillip Moschella, Prerana Roth, Alain Litwin	
2:18pm to 2:30pm	<i>Implementation of a TelePrEP program in Partnership with State and Local Health Departments in South Carolina</i>	
	Dr. Marty Player, Nicole Cooper, Darin King, Vanessa Diaz	

2:40pm – 3:40pm

Concurrent Sessions (Upstairs & Downstairs)

1. *Advancing your clinical practice: Gender Affirming Care*

Lexington A

Kamla Sanasi-Bhola, MD

In SC, 37% of transgender people experience discrimination in the health care setting. We plan to discuss transformation of clinical practice so as to allow for engagement and retention of Transgender and gender non confirming clients. This engagement is crucial as we march towards Ending the Epidemic(s) - HIV, STI, SUD and Hepatitis.

2. *The Side Effect of HIV/HCV Screening*

Congaree A

Patrice Robinson MSW and Erika Bracey, AAS

The overall purpose of this presentation is to bring awareness of our FOCUS initiative and the importance of HIV/HCV screenings, making it a standard of care vs an option. It is very important to screen all patients as a preventive care

instead of focusing on a particular demographic. We will present our findings and talk about the importance of having clinicians to support initiative and having all staff support. Having clinicians screen all patients instead of patients that fits a particular profile when it comes to sexual health or drug addiction, will bring awareness to all and help end this infectious disease epidemic. Statistics tells us that African American are leading in the epidemic of living with HIV/AIDS, however, anyone who is sexually active and/or sharing needles can become infected with HIV and/or HCV.

3. Removing the Gag: Successful Communication with Clients in the BDSM Community Lexington B

Morgan Varn

Bondage and discipline, Domination and submission, Sadism and Masochism (BDSM), is the erotic practice of negotiating, manipulating, and forming relationships based on consent and the balance of power. Previously seen as a “perverse” form of sex-play, BDSM has become an increasingly prevalent topic in the media and in personal sex lives. Recent research illustrates the need to learn to communicate skillfully to BDSM practitioners in the community. This includes learning the terminology, understanding the frameworks and practices, and recognizing the spectrum of relationships in the BDSM community. These considerations in clinical practice, as well as the emphasis in this community on open communication, safety, and sex-positive rhetoric is an ideal instrument for education and clinical support for safe sex practices. This session combines the previous BDSM 101 session with actual questions from members of the BDSM community and how to competently answer them in your practice.

4. A stakeholder-driven approach to improving awareness of HIV PrEP at Voorhees College Carolina B

Taja Scott, PharmD Candidate and Kenric Ware, PharmD

HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) is a proven and effective HIV prevention strategy. Despite its effectiveness, awareness among young adults (age 18-29) remains suboptimal. Approaches to improve young adults’ awareness of PrEP informed chiefly by their ingenuities might aid in designing consumer-centered messaging. The Legacy Project, housed within the Office of HIV/AIDS Network Coordination, developed an online training curriculum to primarily educate young adults on HIV prevention – Be the Generation to End the AIDS Epidemic (BTG). However, for such resources to maximally impact intended populations, stakeholder involvement is required to tailor interventions to specific needs. Highlighting the BTG curriculum, human-centered design (HCD) consultation groups took place at Voorhees College in Denmark, SC to customize strategies to increase PrEP awareness. Drawing upon the HCD consultation group experience, this interactive workshop will highlight how student feedback can bolster the creation of locally informed initiatives to disseminate HIV prevention information on college campuses.

5. STI Update Lincoln

Candice McNeil, MD

This session will discuss the latest in STI treatment and review current guidelines.

6. TransParency: We Are Not Invisible Hall of Fame

Eboni Sims, CPSS

Transgender is an umbrella term for a diverse group of people - such as trans women (MTF) and trans men (FTM), genderqueer individuals, and many others - whose gender identity or expression differs from societal expectations of how they should look, act or identify based on the sex assigned at birth. Transgender and other gender minority people are often the targets of discrimination and harassment that can lead to negative health outcomes. Transgender people face numerous health disparities, stigma, discrimination and lack of access to quality care. This session will focus on many aspects of the healthcare needs of transgender individuals to include guidelines for gender affirming care of transgender and gender non binary people, the effects of trauma, transgender health and HIV. The session will also

focus on the softer side of care provision and will include strategies of creating a safe and welcoming space within various environments.

7. *Pulling Back the Curtain: Health & Equity, Serving Latinos Where They Are (English)* **Carolina A**

Carlos Harris, Bruce Wright, Gloria Estrada, MPH, Mari Valentin, BA, MLA

This is a round table first-hand discussion with presenters who will provide insights into the lives of Latinx people living with HIV as they navigate the health system while aging. The presenters will discuss their personal experiences as part of the LGBTQA community, same-sex marriage, health equity, and social support services. The discussion will focus on how to improve communication, outreach, prevention, and care and treatment services to this special population from a first-person point of view.

*This session will be recorded by a media representative.

3:50pm – 4:50pm

Concurrent Sessions (Upstairs & Downstairs)

1. *HIV Update 2022* **Lexington A**

Sharon Weissman, MD

This session will focus on the review of the guideline updates for HIV as well as new key research findings for 2022.

2. *Therapeutic Journaling* **Carolina B**

Sandra Johnson, MSW

The benefits of meditative journaling are wide-ranging and life enhancing. Not only does it improve psychological wellbeing, but physical health, too. Research shows that regular meditative journaling decreases depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder and other mental health issues while improving cognitive skills and the ability to better cope with challenging situations.

3. *Humanizing HUMAN Immunodeficiency Virus* **Hall of Fame**

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5. *Sexual Health for Transgender and Gender Diverse People* **Lexington B**

Olivia Van Gerwen, MD

This session will review best practice guidance to practitioners and clinicians in caring for members of the transgender community. It will review common sexual health issues faced by transgender people, evidence and practical guidance on HIV and STI prevention.

6. Making a Difference: Impacting Participation of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in Clinical Trials

Lincoln

Sam Quintero

This session will cover the basics of clinical trials, including their purpose and goals. The purpose of this presentation is to further understand the importance of overcoming potential barriers to participation in clinical trials in racial and ethnic minority populations and to learn what your clients could expect as a participant in a clinical trial.

7. Pulling Back the Curtain: Health & Equity, Serving Latinos Where They Are (Spanish)

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

MORNING

8:00am – 8:50am	Registration Continental Breakfast/Visit Exhibits	Near Escalator (Downstairs) Richland A/B/C (Downstairs)
9:00am – 10:10am	Welcome and Keynote Address <i>Woven Together: End Injustice to End the HIV Epidemic</i> Dafina Ward, JD	Columbia A/B/C (Upstairs)
10:10am – 10:30am	Break/Visit Exhibits/Network Vaccinations (10:00am-3:00pm)	Richland A/B/C (Downstairs) Congaree B

10:40am – 11:40am

Concurrent Sessions (Upstairs & Downstairs)

1. HCV Treatment Update 2022

Lexington B

Divya Ahhuja, MD

This presentation will cover Hepatitis testing recommendations and the updated treatment guidelines.

2. Unbreakable: A Trauma Informed Approach to Building Resilience

Hall of Fame

Carmen Hampton Julious, LISW-CP & AP

This session will review the 3 types of trauma, causes of trauma, and the three E's of trauma. The purpose of this session is to increase the understanding of the impact of trauma, maladaptive coping with trauma and the aftermath of trauma. A learning objective of this session is to understand and gain skill in the Six Key Principles of a Trauma-

Informed Approach. Attendees will increase their understanding of a participant's role in a trauma informed service providing organization.

3. *Bold Boundaries: Building and Creating Boundaries and Safe-Brave Spaces for PLWH* **Lexington A**

Larry Walker

During this session the attendees will further understand the benefits of creating boundaries, know how to identify potential boundary breaches, and know how to create safe and brave spaces.

4. *Leveraging pharmacy students as facilitators for home HIV testing through Community Partnerships* **Carolina A**

Mariam Agbe, PharmD Candidate and Kenric Ware, PharmD

Detection of HIV is key to initiating timely medical interventions to halt its transmission. While HIV testing commonly takes place in healthcare facilities, some people prefer to test at home. Home-based HIV testing allows people to learn their HIV status in a setting that they may find more comfortable. As numerous individuals are living with HIV and do not know it, greater access to at-home HIV testing may help to increase awareness of HIV statuses. Community-based organizations and academic institutions are ideal entities to collaborate on approaches to enhance visibility of home HIV testing and coordinate receipt of home HIV tests. This presentation will depict how pharmacy students partnered with a community-based organization to arrange for delivery of home-based HIV tests to interested residents. Attendees of this interactive session are encouraged to suggest strategies for improvement to the home-HIV test distribution process.

5. *Latex and Lube: Incorporating LGBTQ+ Inclusivity in Healthcare Setting* **Lincoln**

Sarah Kershner, PhD and Tracey George, DNP, APRN-BC, CNE

Healthcare providers must be knowledgeable of current definitions and terms, acknowledge internal biases, and learn skills to creating a safe and affirming environment for LGBTQ+ patients and families. Activities that increase the knowledge, comfort, and competence about working with LGBTQ+ patients have been found to be effective strategies among healthcare providers. Content presented will include current definitions, terms, and constructs in the LGBTQ+ population, an activity to assess and acknowledge internal biases, strategies for providing an affirming environment in a healthcare setting, review of current trends in health disparities and barriers that exist for sexual minority populations, and how to integrate strategies in the healthcare setting to increase LGBTQ+ inclusivity. Information presented in this session aims to increase knowledge, comfort, and motivation to use terms and strategies shown to increase LGBTQ+ inclusivity in the healthcare setting.

6. *People First Language & Eliminating Stigma: What's Words Gotta Do With It?* **Congaree A**

Lane Brafford and Veronica Brisco

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7. *Trauma & HIV: A Complicated History* **Carolina B**

Sayward Harrison, PhD, Dr. Monique Brown, Mariajose Paton, Sarah Miller, Nada Goodrum, PhD

Trauma exposure is common among people living with HIV (PLHIV), with multiple studies showing that PLHIV experience higher rates of sexual abuse, physical abuse, and other traumas than the general population. Some individuals who are exposed to traumatic events develop mental health disorders, most notably post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), as well as experience a variety of other adverse outcomes. This session—led by a health psychologist and an epidemiologist—will explore the intersections of trauma and HIV, including direct and indirect ways that trauma may affect HIV outcomes (e.g., care engagement, ART adherence). The session will also review recent surveillance data on trauma exposure and trauma-related mental health outcomes among PLHIV. By the end of the session, attendees will understand what trauma is, how it impacts physical and mental health, how to identify symptoms of trauma exposure, and how to link PLHIV with trauma histories to appropriate resources

11:50am – 12:50pm

Concurrent Sessions (Upstairs & Downstairs)

1. Rapid Start ART for HIV: Barriers and Successful Programs

Carolina B

Ramis Mark Moore, PA-C, CAN and Maximillion Wilson, PhD

Rapid Start ART, or Test and Treat, for newly diagnosed HIV infection is the ultimate goal for all HIV providers. We will review the importance, suspected and real barriers that prevent full implementation of Rapid Start and will provide real-life examples of how we have successfully overcome these barriers to provide successful Rapid Start ART in multiple clinics and states with a wide range of demographics and payor sources.

2. Aging with HIV and Its Impact on Mental Health

Lexington B

Mark Sellars, MSW

People living with HIV are at a higher risk for mental health disorders. The stress associated with living with a serious illness or condition, such as HIV, can affect a person's mental health. People living with HIV are vulnerable to developing altered mental status (AMS) for myriad reasons, including the effects of HIV itself, the accompanying immune dysfunction, associated systemic illness, comorbid psychiatric disorders, and complicated medication regimens. HIV can have adverse effects on the brain, making older adults with HIV more susceptible to negative mental health outcomes such as depression, dementia, and Alzheimer's disease. Though the effect of ART on mental health is unclear, some research suggests that antiretroviral therapy may increase the risk of Alzheimer's disease, depression, and other psychiatric side effects. Unfortunately, mental health needs of people with HIV and Aging are often not addressed by physicians who primarily focus on the physical effects caused by HIV and ART use, despite research indicating that depression can exacerbate immune system dysfunction.

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4. Tobacco Cessation for PLWH

Hall of Fame

Stephanie Kirk PharmD

Smoking and tobacco use prevalence is 2-4 times higher in patients with HIV when compared to the general population. This presentation will aim to empower providers and clinic staff with increased confidence in helping patients with tobacco cessation in order to reduce CV risks, including a discussion surrounding combustible products

(i.e. cigarettes) and non-combustible products (i.e. e-cigarettes).

5. SC Viral Hepatitis Plan 2022-2025: A Community Perspective

Congaree A

Michelle Moody and Darius Jones

This presentation will outline the process of developing the SC Viral Hepatitis Elimination Strategic Plan. The plan is a key product of the Viral Hepatitis Committee (VHC), which consists of stakeholders from the public health, medical, substance use disorder and personally impacted communities. The plan is divided into five pillars (advocacy, policy, data, prevention and screening, and treatment) with goals, strategies and activities aimed at the elimination of Hepatitis A, B, and C. The resulting plan will incorporate national goals of reducing transmission, mortality and disparities; and reflect the current work being done statewide and the future priorities of the community. At the end of the presentation, participants will have the opportunity to provide recommendations and comments to the plan's goals, strategies, and activities to eliminate viral hepatitis in South Carolina.

6. Embracing Data to Be resilient through the ReConnect Us: A Prison Initiative

Carolina A

Lashanda Williams PhD, MBA, CCHP, Birddie Felkel, MSN, RN and Monetha Gaskins, MPH, CHES, CPM

Linking formerly incarcerated persons living with HIV (iPWH) to care is critical for achieving and maintaining viral suppression. This presentation describes how data were used to develop, implement and improve ReConnect Us: A Prison Initiative – a federally-funded demonstration project to support continuity of care among incarcerated persons with HIV re-entering the community. Implemented through a collaborative partnership between the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, the South Carolina Department of Corrections, and the University of South Carolina School of Medicine, the project emphasizes post-release HIV care engagement, adherence to treatment, and viral suppression maintenance. This presentation will describe the process for data collection, monitoring, and reporting to improve the quality of care for participants. Data sharing and reporting provided an opportunity for partners to collaborate in supporting clients. ReConnect Us developed and implemented multiple processes to improve and ensure continuity of care for iPWH and program implementation.

7. Creating Strategic Partnerships to End HIV Stigma

Lexington A

Dafina Ward, JD

This session will identify steps to developing and sustaining meaningful partnerships with the goal of eradicating HIV-related stigma. By the end of the session, the participants will be able to identify barriers and opportunities in your own experiences and spaces related to effective relationship building.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

CLOSING

12:50pm – 2:45pm	Luncheon, Keynote Address and Closing Remarks <i>From Surviving to THRIVING: The role of support for PLWH</i> Larry Walker	Columbia A/B/C (Upstairs)
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Thank you all for another great conference!



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