Ready, Set, Swing!

Second Annual San Diego
HIV Golf Classic is set

Save the date of Tuesday, October 23rd to “play for a purpose” at the Second Annual HIV Golf Classic, held at the stunning Crosby National Golf Club in Rancho Santa Fe. This amazing day is a fun and healthy way to support both the UCSD AIDS Research Institute and Christie’s Place, an AIDS service organization that cares for women, children and families infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.

A foursome can play for only $900 and single players can register for $250. Not a golfer? Join us for dinner and a no-host bar for only $85 per person.

Can’t attend but want to help? Contact Ian Morton at ARI about sponsorship and donation opportunities at imorton@ucsd.edu or 858-822-2321. Registration will begin in early May at www.sdhivgolf.org!

USCD on the Road

UCSD HIV Programs well represented at 2012 CROI Conference

The UCSD HIV team is hitting the road to Seattle, Washington for the 19th Annual Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections. Loads of data from the ARI researchers will be presented and we are proud to announce that UCSD’s own Dr. David Wyles has been invited to participate in the Hepatitis Symposium.

David L. Wyles, MD is an Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Department of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases at the University of California, San Diego. Dr. Wyles graduated from the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in 1998. He completed his Internal Medicine residency and Infectious Diseases fellowship at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. In 2005 he moved from the University of Colorado to UCSD.

Dr. Wyles' research interests include the laboratory evaluation of new antiviral therapies for Hepatitis C virus (HCV), drug resistance to HCV antivirals, and HCV viral fitness. Clinically Dr. Wyles is involved in trials of novel therapies for chronic HCV and the care of patients co-infected with HIV-1 and HCV.
The ARI is happy to report that we are taking the lead in bringing HIV/AIDS education to the community through our “HIV University” initiative! Currently, there are three classes offered as “curriculum pieces”: HIV 101, Pizza & the Basics (HIV 102) and Antivirals for Starters. In line with the National HIV/AIDS Strategy constructed by the US Government, the ARI has reached out to many agencies and stakeholders in the San Diego HIV Community and has confirmed partners in this collaborative effort. All classes are offered in English & Spanish.

Below are descriptions of our flagship classes:

**Antivirals for Starters:** Bi-monthly one hour presentation on HIV medications geared toward clients who are new to or restarting HIV therapy. This module is presented by an HIV trained UCSD Physician. Five classes will be offered in English and two in Spanish.

**HIV 101:** Monthly one hour HIV basics class for both newly diagnosed individuals and HIV negative individuals taught by an HIV Educator. This class alternates English and Spanish presentations. Historically, it reaches a mix of clients and HIV health & support workers who are newly employed in the field.

**Pizza & the Basics:** Quarterly three hour HIV class that utilizes three speakers: an HIV Educator, an HIV Certified pharmacist or physician and a person living with HIV. The 2012 class will be offered 3 times in English and once in Spanish. The topics discussed are:

- **HIV 102** – presentation expands upon HIV history, epidemiology, Prevention for Positives and HIV virus life cycle that is presented in the HIV 101 course
- **HIV Medications**- This presentation covers the classes, point of action and adherence challenges with HIV medications. Also addressed are interactions and lifestyle choices that affect therapy success.
- **Living with HIV** – This talk addresses the social and mental health challenges inherent to living with HIV. The speaker relates his or her own journey from diagnosis to treatment and how they faced and continue to face those challenges.

For information on any of these classes, please email sdhiveducation@gmail.com or call 858-255-1274 (1ARI)

HIV affects everyone
Come Together...

Announcing the First Annual HIV Summit for providers

In line with the ARI's mission to be a bridge builder between the many components of HIV service to client and providers, we are partnering with Lifehouse Health Services to provide the first San Diego HIV Summit. This round table discussion will allow HIV providers, coalitions, faith based groups, social organizations and Pharmaceutical/Pharmacy companies to collaborate on creating effective service packages for the HIV community.

The summit will take place on Thursday, May 3rd. We will discuss national HIV/AIDS Awareness Day events, HIV testing services and client directed education. It is a long overdue event and we look forward to this step toward uniting the HIV community in a profound and effective way.

Beyond Borders

Better HIV testing and treatment for Mozambique

The AIDS Research Institute and Center for AIDS Research (CFAR) take pride in our researchers' global vision and, through a generous donation from the James B. Pendleton Charitable Trust, are able to put their passion into action. ARI/CFAR investigators Drs. Robert Schooley, Constance Benson and Davey Smith are responsible for spearheading projects to increase the research capacity and tools in Maputo, Mozambique.

One of the newest pieces of equipment, purchased through the James B. Pendleton Charitable Trust grant, is the Abbott m2000 RT-PCR. This is vital for NAT (Nucleic Acid Testing), a type of HIV testing that allows for a shorter window period between HIV infection and the ability to detect the virus. As newly infected individuals are at the highest risk to transmit HIV, knowing their status earlier will give them the chance to greatly lessen the spread of the disease!

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The ARI Fund is a shared resource for all UCSD HIV/AIDS programs that kicks in where grant funding leaves off. While many grants provide funds that can seed and sustain programs for a given length of time, those monies are often allocated and do not allow for additional expenses that will be incurred. By choosing to donate to the ARI Fund, you give support and flexibility to the following programs:

**CFAR (Center for AIDS Research) at UCSD** – cutting edge research and development in laboratories at our member institutions (UCSD, The Scripps Research Institute, The Salk Institute and La Jolla Institute for Allergy & Immunology) and our ongoing research and training projects in developing countries around the world.

**The Owen Clinic** – Leading HIV clinic in San Diego County providing primary and HIV care with support of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Act.

**AVRC / HNRC (Antiviral Research Center/HIV Neurobehavioral Research Center)** – clinical trials and investigation for HIV infection, its complications and HIV-associated brain disorders.

**MCAP (Mother, Child & Adolescent Program)** – comprehensive care, psychosocial services & clinical trials for this vulnerable population.

**Lead The Way / Early Intervention Program** – aggressive “test and treat” programs to create HIV status awareness and normalize testing.

## A few ways to give…

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