

One Day, Two Conferences, Two Cities? No Problem!

ARI and CFAR Represented on National Women & Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day – March 10, 2012

A mere 150 miles was not about to keep UCSD's HIV programs from being well represented at both the 9th Annual San Diego Women's Conference on HIV/AIDS and the 2nd Annual Coachella Valley HIV Conference! We got our gear together, divided our materials and got ready for a great Saturday at two very significant events.

UCSD's AIDS Research Institute and Center For AIDS Research were proud to continue their legacy as the presenting sponsor for The San Diego Women's Conference on HIV/AIDS: "A Woman's Voice". Under the direction of Dr. Douglas Richman, UCSD's HIV/AIDS programs and services continue to foster gender sensitivity and efforts to support education and care for women impacted by HIV.

"We are proud to continue our sponsorship of 'A Woman's Voice,'" said Richman. "By supporting this nurturing and stigma-free environment, we believe that essential conversations can begin, strategies can be improved and the proportion of HIV-positive women who know their status and are in excellent care will be increased."

ARI/CFAR Administrative Director, Kimberly Schafer and CFAR International Core Manager, Bryna Block were front and center at this year's conference. "It was a wonderful day for all who attended," remarked Kim. "It was an educational, empowering and uplifting event."

Over the mountains and through the desert we go to the Coachella Valley HIV Conference: "Hope for the Future-Working Toward a Cure". Providers and clients in the desert region were in for some important and area-relevant data as UCSD's own Dr. María Zúñiga. The number of HIV cases within the border town and migrant worker populations was extremely sobering and affects both San Diego and the Coachella Valley. Dr. Zuniga's obvious passion for her research definitely won her some fans in the desert, and the AIDS Research Institute was proud to have her represent UCSD!

Look for the ARI to continue supporting community education initiatives for years to come—it's our mission and our passion!



Bryna Block, CFAR International Core Manager, at the 2012 San Diego Women's HIV Conference



Ian Morton & Dr. María Luisa Zúñiga (3rd and 4th from left) at the 2012 Coachella Valley HIV Conference

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**DON'T FORGET TO SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2012 SAN DIEGO HIV CLASSIC
OCTOBER 23, 2012 AT THE CROSBY AT RANCHO SANTA FE**
Registration will begin soon at WWW.SDHIVGOLF.ORG



Get Tested 9-1-1

Community partners come together to provide HIV testing in southeastern San Diego

As reports continue to show both the African American and Latino populations of the United States being disproportionately infected and affected by HIV/AIDS, the ARI joined with UCSD resources and community partners to make HIV testing available to these underserved populations. The "Get Tested 9-1-1" event was created by UAAMAC (United African American Ministerial Action Council) as a way to bring clients to a central location to receive HIV testing.

9-1-1

Couched in the southeastern district of San Diego, which contains a significantly high population of people of color, UAAMAC's mission is to assess and address the needs of this demographic. Two primary barriers to utilizing HIV testing resources are lack of transportation and stigma perpetuated by lack of community education and engagement. UCSD is leveraging its resources and personnel to help bridge these gaps through outreach, HIV testing resources, education and transportation coordination.

Members of the UCSD Black Staff Association took to the streets on Saturday, March 24th to distribute fliers in the neighborhoods around Memorial Park (9-1-1 transportation stop) and the shopping districts near 32nd and Commercial Street in the 92113 zip code. Additionally, testers from UCSD's Antiviral Research Center (AVRC) performed testing and handed out information regarding the ARI's HIV University education classes, the UC San Diego Health System provided lunches through Mama's Kitchen and the ARI partnered with Missiongathering to coordinate van transportation to and from the testing site.

Together, with additional testing resources from Family Health Centers, San Ysidro Health Centers and The County of San Diego Health and Human Services, and coordination from Planned Parenthood, over 100 individuals received an HIV test between the hours of 9am and 3pm. This event really proves the power of partnership!

CROI 2012

Some words from our attendees...

Did you know....

UCSD Center for AIDS Research (CFAR) members had greater than 60 abstracts and posters at the 2012 CROI Conference?

Over 4,000 leading researchers and clinicians from around the world convened in Seattle, Washington from March 5 -8, 2012, for the 19th Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (CROI). CROI is a scientifically focused meeting of the world's leading researchers working to understand, prevent, and treat HIV/AIDS and its complications. The goal of CROI is to provide a forum for translating laboratory and clinical research into progress against the AIDS epidemic.

The ARI HIV programs & projects are historically well represented at CROI and this year was no exception. "This year at CROI, the hot topic seemed to be neutralizing antibody," remarked Dr. Davey Smith, "with a lot of promising research that could potentially yield a preventative vaccine in my lifetime. UCSD's own researchers set the bar high with presentations ranging on topics from how gut bacteria and herpes virus infection influence immune system recovery to the development of lower cost methods to measure viral loads."

HIV and Hepatitis C co-infection is also an important issue with new oral Hep C protease inhibitors Incivek™ (telepravir) and Victrelis™ (boceprevir) released in 2011.

"Undoubtedly the hepatitis-related highlights of the 19th CROI were the much anticipated presentations of interim 12 week SVR (systemic vascular resistance) data for telaprevir and boceprevir in co-infected subjects." said Dr. David Wyles. "In both trials the addition of a protease inhibitor increased response rates by about 30% and seem to perform very similarly to what we have seen in those with HCV infection alone. Of course these were small trials performed in subjects on a limited number of HIV regimens; data from phase III trials is eagerly awaited. Perhaps the largest uncertainty is how to deal with the drug-drug interaction data for boceprevir with HIV protease inhibitors in light of the promising phase 2b results combining these drugs. "

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Great Western Travel deals in “guilt free” vacations!

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We got some insight from Anne-Marie Williams, Travel Clubs Southern CA director. “Our mission is to bridge our need and desire to go on vacations with our strong desire to help support worthy charitable organizations. We want you to go on vacations, recharge your life, strengthen your families and make a difference by supporting your charity. We do this by providing a donation in your name for every trip booked through GW Travel Club.”

Just taking a look through the GW Travel Club website can point you to trips and packages that will be a perfect fit for solo travel, family vacation or a romantic getaway. With reviews, travel suggestions and breakdowns, and a very easy to use and informative website, you are sure to find yourself inspired to treat yourself to the vacation you deserve. Knowing that your trip will also help fund a nonprofit group or agency just makes the trip that much sweeter!

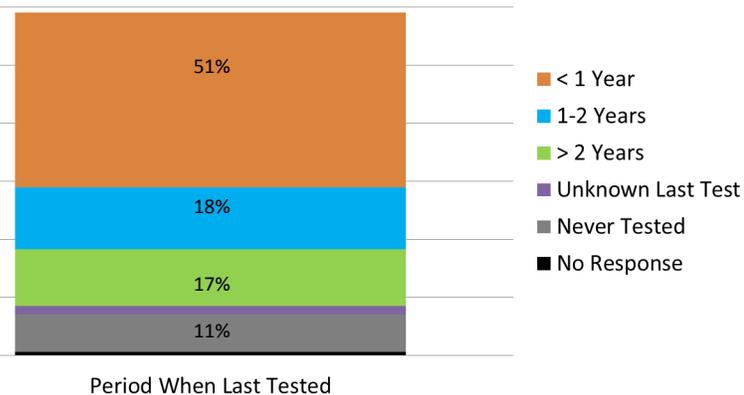
For more information, check out the site at <http://www.gwtravelandcruise.com/category/partners/uc-san-diego-aids-research-institute/> or contact Anne-Marie directly at 888-406-6030 ext. 809 or annemarie.gwtravelandcruise@gmail.com.

Lead the Way Update

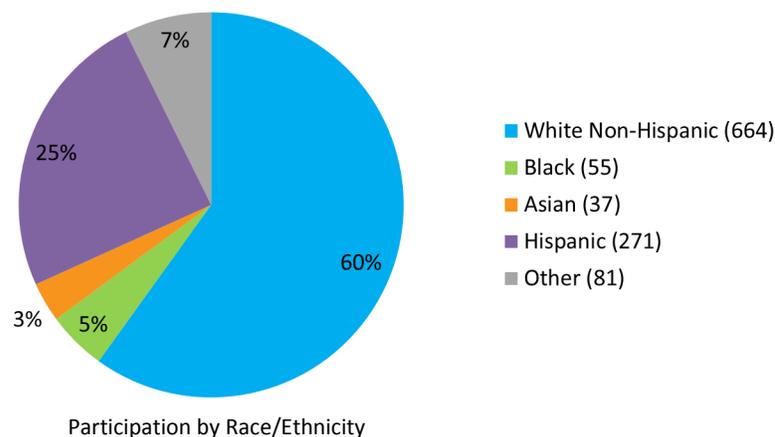


AVRC & Lead the Way are showing significant “first time” testers

Following up on our May 2011 introduction of the “Lead the Way” HIV testing campaign, we are proud to report that this initiative is reaching infrequent testers and communities of color. Infrequent testers, those individuals who have either tested more than on year prior or never at all, make up 49% of people getting tested through Lead the Way. (Figure 1).



Additionally, by ensuring that the Latino demographic was more than adequately addressed through promotion and staffing, Lead the Way has made great strides in reaching this community (Figure 2). While HIV testing trends show that the Latino population is historically under-represented, Lead the Way has been able to bring the actual percentage of Latinos tested (25%) in line with the San Diego County Latino population percentage of 28%.*



Both the AVRC and Lead the Way program are continuing to expand their outreach to connect with demographics that are not effectively reached with HIV education and testing opportunities. If you have ideas for venues in the 92103 or 92104 zip codes, we encourage you to contact Joshua Romero at 619-471-3884 or email jpromero@ucsd.edu.

*Population percentage from SANDAG (San Diego Association of Governments) and the 2005 U.S. Census

2nd Quarter HIV University Classes

April 10 from 6pm-8pm: VIH 101 (Spanish) at The Center

3090 Centre Street, SD, CA 92103 / RSVP: 619-786-3132 or pasossaludablesd@gmail.com

May 5 from 9am-1pm: Pizza & The Basics (HIV 102—English) at Missiongathering

3090 Polk Avenue, SD, CA 92104 / RSVP: 858-255-1274 or sdhiveducation@gmail.com

May 23 from 4:30-6pm: Antivirals for Starters (English) at AVRC

220 Dickinson Street, SD, CA 92103/ RSVP: Terry at 619-543-3064

June 20 from 4:30-6pm: Antivirals for Starters (Spanish) at AVRC

220 Dickinson Street, SD, CA 92103/ RSVP: Terry at 619-543-3064

June 28 from 6pm-8pm: HIV 101 (English) at Being Alive

4070 Centre Street, SD, CA 92103/ RSVP: 858-255-1274 or sdhiveducation@gmail.com



A few ways to give...

The UC San Diego AIDS Research Institute is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. We depend on community support to purchase equipment and supplies for our labs and patient care areas. Below are some easy and fun ways to support the ARI:



<http://www.cars4causes.net/charity-car-donation-aids-research-institute-of-ucsd>

This organization collects your car or boat and submits 70% of the sale to the charity of your choice.



<http://www.gwtravelandcruise.com/category/partners/uc-san-diego-aids-research-institute/>

Book your trip using Great Western Travel and 20 –30% of the trip price is given to charity.



<http://www.ralphs.com>

Designate ARI (organization #80479) as a recipient of donations garnered when you use your Ralph's Card .

Since 2004, the Sempra Energy Employee Giving Network has given over \$5000 to the UC San Diego AIDS Research Institute! Does your employer have a compassionate giving program? Have them contact us at ari@ucsd.edu!

Any questions about these donation opportunities can be directed to Ian Morton at imorton@ucsd.edu or 858-822-2321



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