Vanderbilt Meharry CFAR
Clinical Discovery Core
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Introduction

- Review overall goals / current structure of the Clinical Discovery Core (CDC)
- Discuss establishment of “Targeted Research Cohorts”
- Status of Meharry Project Teams
  - More grant-seeding teams
- International Clinical Trials Unit at GHESKIO (Port-au-Prince)
  - Start of Global HIV Research/Core
- Community Forums
Clinical Discovery Core: Goals

• To increase translational and multidisciplinary AIDS research at Vanderbilt and Meharry
• To develop a program in AIDS outcomes and health services research, to include racial and gender disparities
• To strengthen and expand database and specimen archiving
• To expand international AIDS research partnerships with resource-limited countries
• To enhance communication among investigators, providers, and the community
  • Community forums, Video-conferencing
Clinical Discovery Core: Structure

Figure 2: Organizational Structure of the Clinical Discoveries Core (CDC). This chart provides a conceptual framework for understanding CDC structure and function. Descriptions of component and relationships are provided in the remainder of the Core description.
CFAR Cohorts (Planned)

CCC Cohort (N > 2,000)
- Untreated/LTNP
- Oxidant Stress
- NeuroAIDS
- First Anti-HIV Rx
# Meharry Project Teams

## Public Health
- William Washington
- Robert Levine
- Nasar Ahmed
- Angel Rivera Torres

## Neurobehavioral
- Frederick Ernst
- Erlete Ascencio
- Ashar Ata
- Bojuan Zhao
- Gary Duncan
- Jin-Mann Lin
- Pradnuma Singh
- Wan Q. Zhao
- Calum Avison
- David Haas
- Lois Wagner
- Ken Wallston

## Oral-Dental
- Hua Xie
- Paulette Tempro
- Daphne Young

## International
- Vladimir Berthaud
- Awadh Binhazim
- Christine Minja-Trupin
- Tebitha Kajese
# New, Focused Working Groups

**NeuroAIDS**
- Frederick Ernst
- Calum Avison
- David Haas
- Erlete Ascencao
- Janice Duncan
- Joe Berger

**Genetics and HIV**
- Jeff Canter
- Todd Hulgan
- Marylyn Ritchie
- Asha Kallianpur
- David Haas
- Richard D’Aquila

- Specific, targeted objectives
- Timeframe to meet objectives
- Frequent, productive meetings
- Goals may vary
  - Collect pilot data
  - Develop PPG application
International Clinical Trials Unit in Haiti

- Helping GHESKIO staff prepare for ACTG studies
  - Site establishment
  - Standard operating procedures
  - Data management
  - Pharmacy
  - Good Clinical Practices
- Plan “mentoring” relationship with network application
- Collaboration on CIPRA project - (Haas)
- Elizabeth Glaser project (Kalams)
- Collaboration on PEPFAR Project (D’Aquila)
Global HIV Research Core

- To be started from seeds already sown in CDC
- Sten Vermund to describe further

Enhancing Communication

- Community Forums to continue
- Videoconferencing
  - ART Management Conference at CCC
  - New capacity in AA – 2205B MCN
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