MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The 2004 Workshop on Disparities in the HIV Epidemic

November 18-19
Loews Vanderbilt Plaza
Nashville, Tennessee

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The Workshop is intended to encourage research collaborations and information exchange among clinical and basic researchers from diverse disciplines.

Information, Preliminary Agenda, Abstract Submissions, and Registration at:
www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/DisparitiesWorkshop/

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Abstracts of previously unpublished, new research findings are sought. Oral presentations and posters will be selected from submissions by peer reviewers. Sessions will include invited overview talks and oral presentations of new research.

Travel grants may be available for selected, accepted abstract presenters, including trainees (students, residents, fellows).

Please see website for further information.

Sessions and confirmed invited speakers (partial list) include:

Disparities in HIV Epidemiology / Prevention
Adaora Adimora, MD — University of North Carolina
Maureen Miller, PhD — Columbia University
Carlos Del Rio, MD — Emory

Disparities in Hepatitis C Virus Treatment Responses
Andrew J. Muir, MD — Duke University
Kenneth Sherman, MD — University of Cincinnati

The Parthenon stands as the centerpiece of Centennial Park, Nashville’s premier urban park. The re-creation of the 42-foot statue Athena is the focus of the Parthenon just as it was in ancient Greece. The building and the Athena statue are both full-scale replicas of the Athenian originals and were originally built for Tennessee’s 1897 Centennial Exposition.
Disparities in Outcomes of HIV Infection / Antiretroviral Therapy
William Cunningham, MD, MPH — University of California Los Angeles
Scott Wegner, MD — Walter Reed

HIV-associated Nephropathy
Paul Klotman, MD — Mt. Sinai
Lynda Szezch, MD — Duke University
Mary Klotman, MD — Mt. Sinai

Disparities in Access to HIV Care and Research
Valerie Stone, MD — Massachusetts General Hospital
Kimberly Smith, MD — Rush Medical College
David Bangsberg, MD — University of California San Francisco
Victoria Cargill, MD — NIH OAR

HIV and Genomics
Warner Greene, PhD — University of California San Francisco

Research questions of interest include:
• Why is HIV infection in the U.S. more prevalent among African-Americans?
  • How do differences in social networks contribute to this disparity?
• Are outcomes of HIV infection or antiretroviral therapy worse among African-Americans, and why?
  • What are the biological mechanisms that underly the disparities in HIV-associated nephropathy, and in responses to hepatitis C virus treatment?
• Will research into genomic predictors of how drugs and HIV infections are handled by the body contribute to understanding these issues without taking away from the central importance of environmental factors?

Other Scientific Committee Members (in addition to speakers listed):
Christopher Aiken, Vanderbilt
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