

MTN Scholars Program

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Overview

- Rationale for MTN Scholars Program
 - MTN is committed to developing research capacity
 - Young investigators are key to MTN mission
- MTN has opportunity to train the next generation of young investigators to
 - Generate questions & develop analysis plans
- First year of MTN Scholars Program in 2012
 - Will refine our approach in future years

Selection Process - 2012

- Solicited requests for nominations for young investigators from VOICE site PIs
- Nominees submit a study concept with application
- Reviewed by Connie Celum & Jeanne Marrazzo
- 6 participants funded to attend 2 week Principles of HIV & STI Research in Seattle, July 2012

Principles of STI & HIV Research

Course, July 2012

- 2 week course with didactics on pathogenesis, epidemiology, biostatistics, ethics, research design, current topics in HIV & STIs, publication process
- Approximately half of ≈ 120 participants are international



Current status

- 6 MTN Scholars are developing study concepts for analysis
- Paired with senior investigator & biostatistician to develop detailed analysis plan
- Goal is moving from concepts you'll hear about today to analysis, presentation & publication



2012 MTN Scholars & Proposed Topics

- Jane Matambo, CIDRZ, Lusaka
 - Intravaginal practices in women in HPTN 035
- Carolyne Akello, MUHJU, Kampala
 - Predictors of pregnancy among VOICE ppts, Kampala
- Nyaradzo Mgodzi, Univ of Zimbabwe
 - High risk HPV types in women screened for ASPIRE
- Sarita Naidoo, MRC Durban
 - Hormonal contraception & HIV risk, HPTN 035/ 055, KZN
- Krishnaveni Reddy, WHRI
 - Drug resistance & X4 viruses in HIV+ in Hillbrow, SA
- Arendevi Pather, MRC Durban
 - Hormonal Contraception & STI risk, HPTN 035