

MTN Annual Meeting Awards and Closing Remarks

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Overview

- Awards
- Key lessons from this meeting



MTN Awards and Recognition

- Nominations received from all network components
- Individual award selection based on efforts which have had broad impact on the scientific agenda, operational efficiency or protocol implementation



MTN Service Award

- Jeanne Marrazzo, VOICE Co-Chair
- Mike Chirenje, VOICE Chair
- Jeanna Piper, DAIDS
- Lisa Rossi, Pitt Core



MTN Innovation Award

- ASPIRE “SWAT team”
 - Lydia Soto-Torres
 - Donna Germuga
 - Melissa Kin



MTN Protocol Implementation Award

MTN-012 Protocol Team

- Ross Cranston, Protocol Chair
Pitt CRS
- Craig Hoesley, UAB CRS



MTN Achievement Award

Outstanding Retention Across Studies
Domestic Site

Bronx-Lebanon CRS: Jessica Justman
MTN-005



MTN Achievement Award

Outstanding Retention Across Studies:
Domestic Site

Pittsburgh CRS: Richard Beigi, MTN-008

Ross Cranston, MTN-007

Sharon Riddler, CRS leader



MTN Achievement Award

- Outstanding Retention: International Site

Kampala, Uganda

MUJU CRS

Clemensia Nakabiito, CRS Leader



MTN Thank-You Award

- To everyone who stayed home to work so that we could be here



Where We Have Been and Where We Are Going

We have accomplished a lot but have much to do

- Successful completion of MTN-007, 009, and 012 in the past year
- New protocols developed; 6 protocols open and 8 more in development or awaiting activation
- VOICE closeout underway
- We are leading the way in the evaluation of microbicides in pregnancy
- Rectal microbicide agenda moving forward in 017



Opportunities

- Sustained delivery of antiretrovirals:
ASPIRE study and the IPM collaboration
- Rich biomedical and behavioral data from VOICE which will shed light on inflammation, product use, and impact of route of drug delivery on efficacy
- New collaborations with HPTN through HPTN 069: laboratory support of PD substudy
- HVTN collaboration on VTN 095/MTN-022
- Expansion of the rectal microbicide research agenda to Thailand, Peru and South Africa, and a new domestic site in San Francisco



Our Challenges

- Dealing with the outcome of VOICE
 - Disappointment and surprise
 - Allegations and inferences

- Remember that what we do is research- we do it because we do not know the answers.

- Avoid fatigue/maintain support for the development of new prevention tools by our funders and in our research communities

- NIH budget is decreasing after accounting for inflation: how can we be more efficient and more collaborative?



In 2012.....

- The development of new prevention tools for use by women and MSM is more urgent than ever
 - ARV for prevention very effective
 - Circumcision long term protective benefit
- Women and men having receptive sex still have limited options for prevention
- Disappointment should not be interpreted as defeat
 - Sustained delivery
 - More potent molecules



Ambassador Dybul

17 years ago, we had no effective combination antiretroviral therapy...

10 years ago no one thought that ART was possible in Africa.....

How *wrong* the ‘experts’ were”

Some who went on to lead programs with huge treatment components, just 10 years ago said treatment couldn’t be done...

And that it was *wrong to do it.*”



Ambassador Dybul

“An effective microbicide would change the prevention landscape the way that ART changed treatment. Keep at it!”



Cape Town Regional Meeting

- Join us for our next regional meeting

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September 30- October 4, 2012

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