Our Atlanta community consistently wonder what it really means to be involved in a Clinical Trial? On Thursday July 25th the Hope and Ponce Community Engagement Teams invited community members to do just that at our “Walk-the-Walk: Clinical Trials Speed Dating” event. During this fun and relaxing atmosphere we used a speed-dating format to demystify and engage invited guests to “Walk” the path of a new research participant by “dating” members of the Emory-CDC Clinical Trials Unit: Principal Investigator, Study Coordinator, Study Nurse, Health Educator/Recruiter, Research Pharmacist Data Manager.

After mingling and a brief introduction, timed clinical trial “dates” begin and allowed guests to “Walk-the-Walk” of a Clinical Trials Research Participant, learning what it truly means to participate in a clinical trial. Each guest had a prescription pad that they used to indicate if they had questions or would like to learn more about the various aspects of clinical research introduced.

A brief video presentation from a previous research participant and highlights from the various networks the CTU works with at our sites: HVTN, HPTN and ACTG was displayed for all. The feedback, was that this was a great event and one that other CRSSs within the CTU may want to use to help educate potential participants about the importance of Clinical Trials participation.
Community engagement is the Cornerstone of recruitment and retention for our trials: On Friday July 19, 2019 the recruitment staff of both the Ponce and Hope CRS hosted an appreciation brunch to honor the Community Recruitment staff at 10 local Atlanta Community Based Organizations that over the years have been instrumental in the recruitment and retention efforts of several studies being conducted by both CRS’s. The day included an a hearty brunch, words from our Co-Pi Dr. Jeffrey Lennox and entertainment provided by Ms. Niesha Dupree, who is the founder of Stars of the Century an Atlanta icon and her troupe is one of the longest-running drag shows in the city.

Honorees
CTU Co-PI Dr. Jeffrey Lennox and HPTN PI—Dr. Colleen Kelley

Ponce and Hope CRS Recruitment and Retention Staff with HOPE CRS Leader—Dr. Sri Edupuganti

Ms. Niesha Dupree
What’s happening across the seas?

Silom Community Clinic CRS– Welcomes Dr. Joe Woodring

The SCC CRS pleased to introduce everyone to their newest Investigator for the SCC CRS, Dr. Joe Woodring. In the words of CRS Leader Dr. Eileen Dunne, “We are glad to have him a part of the team and as you can see with his background, I’m sure he will make great contributions to the CTU going forward, especially in the area of combination prevention research and Hepatitis prevention research. He will be the PI of the Zoliflodacin clinical trial at our site, and I think he will be a great fit as SiOR of upcoming network clinical trials at SCC CRS”.

Dr. Joseph (Joe) Woodring is the new Chief of the Behavioral and Clinical Research Section, in the HIV/STD Research Program (DHAP CDC Thailand). He was most recently seconded by CDC’s Global Immunization Division to the World Health Organization’s Regional Office for the Western Pacific. Since 2015, he has developed regional and country hepatitis B control targets and policies for 37 countries and 1.8 billion people in this region. In this role, he helped develop the framework for triple elimination of mother-to-child transmission (EMTCT) of HIV, hepatitis B and syphilis in the Western Pacific and Asia-Pacific 2018-2030. This framework uses existing HIV and syphilis EMTCT programs to coordinate hepatitis B interventions.

Kisumu– CTU Dedication of Renovated Lab and Adolescent Clinic

During the July site visit to the CRS, the PI’s were able to participate in the building dedications of the renovated KEMRI and CDC Chemical Research Lab and the Adolescent Clinic. Renovations were made possible by funds from the Emory-CDC Clinical Trial Unit.
De La Salle Health Science Institute– New Member

The DLSHSI site welcomed a new member to their team. Sean Arthur was born on August 5th to Mariecef Tonquin, Finance Assistant for the DLSHSI site. Mom and baby are doing well.

HIV Cure Research: An Overview of ACTG’s Cure-related Research and the Socio-behavioral Aspects of Cure-related Research

Webinar Description:

Please join the Behavioral Science Working Group (BSWG) for the third and final part of HANC’s Cure Research Webinar Series. Part One provided an overview of the state of HIV cure-related science. Part Two discussed community perspectives of HIV cure-related research. In Part Three, we will discuss the cure-related research being conducted by the AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG) and the socio-behavioral aspects of cure-related research. Dr. Rajesh Gandhi will provide an overview of ACTG’s ongoing and upcoming cure-related research while Dr. Karine Dubé will address the social and behavioral issues in cure-related research. Please join the BSWG, Dr. Gandhi, and Dr. Dubé for an exciting webinar. Register below!

The recordings for Part One and Part Two can be found on the HANC website. or click here to register

Details
Date: Thu, Oct 31, 2019
Time:
11:00 AM PDT
Duration: 1 hour

Presenter: Dr. Rajesh Gandhi
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