

SOUTH CAROLINA HIV, STD, & VIRAL HEPATITIS CONFERENCE



South Carolina
HIV, STD and
Viral Hepatitis
Conference

The Conference planners are proud to present the 40th annual SC HIV, STD and Viral Hepatitis Conference! Conference planners have chosen a theme that emphasizes the success stories and achievements over the past 40 years in the areas of HIV, STD, and viral hepatitis prevention, care, and treatment in South Carolina.

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Wednesday, Oct 25

7:45-9:00am	Registration/Breakfast
9:00-10:15am	Welcome/Keynote
10:15-10:35am	Break/Exhibits/Network/Vaccinations
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2:50-3:50pm	Concurrent Sessions
4:00-5:00pm	Concurrent Sessions

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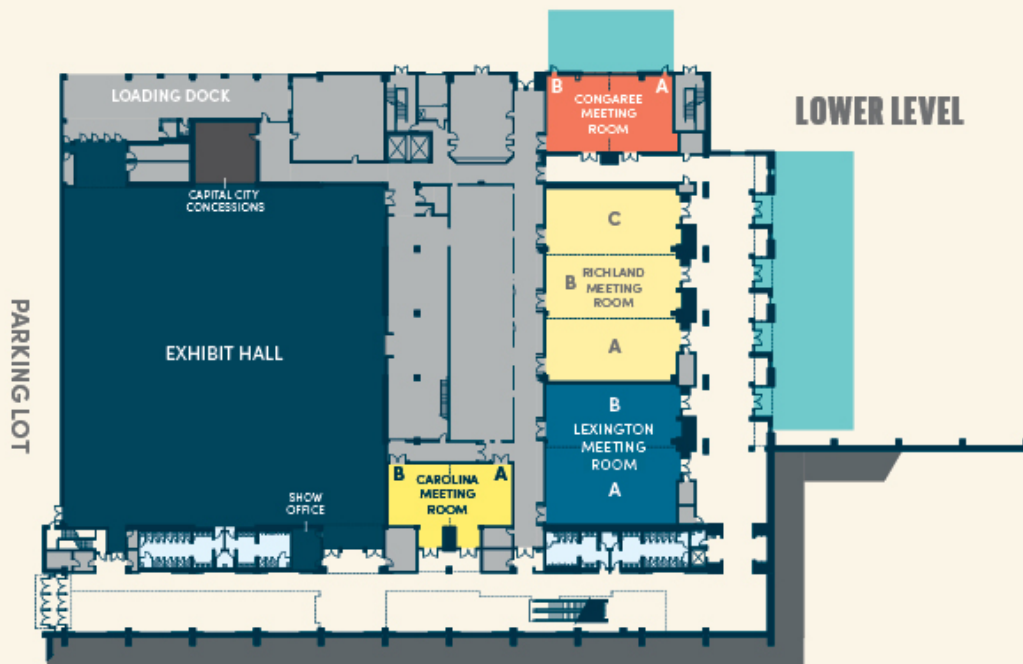
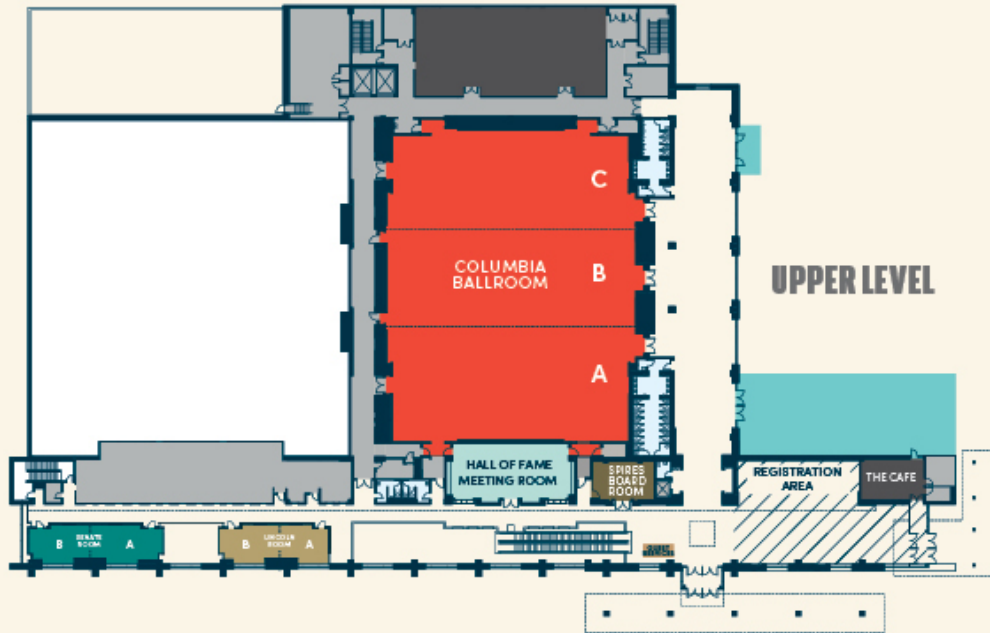
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Excellence in HIV, STD and Viral Hepatitis Services Award

To recognize exemplary efforts in the field of HIV, STD and viral hepatitis prevention, clinical care and support services.

Outstanding Partner Award

To recognize exemplary efforts of partnerships with HIV, STD and viral hepatitis services.

Unsung Hero Community Recognition

To honor courageous and exemplary local SC efforts in the area of HIV, STD and viral hepatitis prevention, care, and treatment services.

Lifetime of Service Award

To recognize an individual who has dedicated at least 30 years of service in the field of HIV, STD and/or viral hepatitis prevention, clinical care and/or support services. This award will recognize an individual who has made a significant and lasting impact on South Carolina's programs and the state's residents.

Rising Star Award

To recognize exemplary efforts in the field of HIV, STD and viral hepatitis prevention, clinical care and support services.

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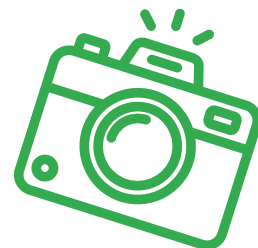
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Concurrent Rooms

Concurrent Session Rooms are UPSTAIRS and DOWNSTAIRS this year!

DOWNSTAIRS

Carolina A
Carolina B
Congaree A
Lexington A
Lexington B
Richland A/B/C – Exhibits/Breakfast

UPSTAIRS

Columbia A/B/C -- Keynote Speakers
Hall of Fame
Lincoln

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The SC HIV, STD and Viral Hepatitis conference committee is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all participants. Masks are not required but are recommended and will be available at the registration desk. There will be hand sanitizer available. If you are feeling unwell (cough, fever, shortness of breath), please don't attend.

Vaccinations Available

Congaree B

Wednesday, October 25: 10:00AM-2:45PM

Thursday, October 26: 10:00AM-2:00PM

-Influenza

Conference Evaluations & CEU Certificates

How do I complete the conference evaluation and obtain my CEU certificate*?

Evaluation

Deadline: Sunday, November 5

You will complete your evaluation online using a link that will be sent to the email address you provided on your conference registration form. If you did not provide an email address or your information has changed, please stop by the registration desk and update this information during the conference.

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Emailed out: Monday, November 20

Your certificate will be emailed to you after completion of evaluation by Monday, November 20. Please note that the number of CEUs on the certificate will only reflect the sessions that you attended.



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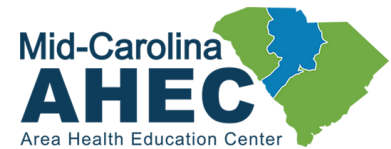
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Attendance participation will be documented via badge scanning prior to each session. Contact hours (CEU hours) will only be awarded based on documented attendance. Please have your name badge scanned before each session you attend.

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Daily Totals: 10/25 (Wednesday) = 6 hours; 10/26 (Thursday) = 4 hours

Counselors & Therapists: This program has been approved for up to 10 hours of continuing education by SC AHEC under its accreditation by the SC Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors, Marital and Family Therapists and Psycho-Educational Specialists.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



DAFINA WARD, J.D.

Dafina Ward, J.D. is an attorney and non-profit strategist with nearly fifteen years of experience addressing HIV and health equity issues in the southern United States. Working in partnership with a range of advocates—from grassroots leaders to federal decision-makers—she is a trusted voice in regional and national spaces. Dafina currently serves as Executive Director of the Southern AIDS Coalition (SAC), an organization with a regional focus and national reach, with a mission to end the HIV and STI epidemics in the South. SAC utilizes community-centered policy advocacy, grantmaking, leadership development, and capacity building trainings to support transformation in the region. SCA created Southern HIV/AIDS Awareness Day [SHAAD] in 2019 to amplify the HIV crisis in the region. SHAAD is now a nationally recognized day adopted by hundreds of organizations and reaching thousands annually. Dafina shares her reflections on the intersections of race, gender, and health through writing, with work appearing in the Washington Post, Role Reboot, and The Body. She was recognized by POZ Magazine twice in 2021—as the July/August POZ Hero and as a member of the 2021 POZ 100 (the magazine’s list of the 100 most influential Black HIV advocates in the nation). Dafina received her BA in Mass Media Arts from Clark Atlanta University (Atlanta, GA) and her Juris Doctor from Temple University’s Beasley School of Law (Philadelphia, PA). She and her husband reside in Bluffton, South Carolina with their brilliant daughters.

ADAM THOMPSON, MPH, CPF

Mr. Adam Thompson holds an undergraduate degree in theology from Georgetown University and a master’s degree in public health from the Jefferson College of Population Health. Mr. Thompson is the former Director of the South Jersey AIDS Education and Training Center and currently works as a health systems carpenter and practice facilitator supporting clinics, communities, and health systems throughout the United States to transform practices and improve patient and community outcomes. As a person with HIV himself, Mr. Thompson brings both professional expertise and lived experience to his work championing the rights of all persons in the United States to have access to equitable high quality care.



DEONDRE B. MOORE

Deondre B. Moore is a GLAAD Award winning human rights activist who has spent the last eight years of his life dedicating his time and resources to educating people and raising awareness all over the world regarding HIV and Civil Rights issues. Deondre began his work in public health and advocacy after receiving an HIV positive diagnosis in 2014 at the age of 19 on campus as freshman at Sam Houston State University. Since his diagnosis, he has taken the education he has received and shared it with community members and peers across the globe. Deondre’s years of experience serving on various national Community Advisory Boards, as a Community Mobilizer in Texas, and experience as a pharmaceutical community engagement expert has provided him with the necessary skill sets to serve on his role with Prevention Access Campaign(U=U) as the Director of U.S. Partnerships & Community Engagement from 2020-2023. Deondre’s lived experience has helped strengthen PAC’s meaningful engagement with national partners and communities to bring about awareness and resources consistent with PAC’s values. In 2019 Deondre was called upon by the United States Consulate General to Milan, Italy to tour the northern part of the country and educate the citizens in various cities on the importance HIV treatment, access, and prevention. Deondre has been named PLUS Magazine’s 2022 Person of the Year & featured as one of POZ magazine’s 100 influential advocates of 2021. Deondre is now the owner of a new restaurant and bar located in Southeast Texas called “The Park on Calder” which has quickly grown to be a staple in the community. Deondre continues to engage with various communities and organizations throughout the U.S. and around the world with emphasis on Black and Brown communities and other communities of color in order to provide resources, build meaningful partnerships, and to ensure that entities & organizations that he is connected to are expanding and operating at their full potential to continue changing the trajectory of and the way we look at HIV & prevention around the world.

Wednesday, October 25 Morning

7:45AM-9:00AM	Registration Continental Breakfast/Visit Exhibits	Near Escalator (Downstairs) Richland A/B/C (Downstairs)
9:00AM-10:15AM	Welcome and Keynote Address <i>Woven Together: End Injustice to End the HIV Epidemic</i> <i>Dafina Ward, J.D.</i>	Columbia A/B/C (Upstairs)
10:15AM-10:35AM	Break/Visit Exhibits/Network Vaccinations (10:00AM-2:45PM)	Richland A/B/C (Downstairs) Congaree B (Downstairs)

10:45AM – 11:45AM

Concurrent Sessions (Upstairs & Downstairs)

1. ***Strategies for Safe Infant Feeding Practices Among Persons with HIV***

Carolina B

Gweneth Lazenby, MD, MSCR

As of January 2023, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services guidelines for the prevention of perinatal HIV transmission recommends that persons with HIV who are good candidates may choose to breast feed. The purpose of this presentation is to describe the existing evidence for how persons with HIV can safely breast feed their infants and to describe potential strategies for preventing HIV transmission through breast milk.

2. ***Unpacking the Compassion Fatigue “I’m Tired” - Part 1***

Hall of Fame

Shawnee Ward, PhD, SW

Compassion fatigue (CF) among healthcare professionals working with patients living with Human Immunodeficiency (HIV) and Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is an important topic to consider because of its possible threat to healthcare providers' professional and personal lives. While compassion fatigue is not a new phenomenon, it has received considerable attention within other healthcare populations, causing professionals to examine the condition closely. There has been limited research found on compassion fatigue and HIV/AIDS healthcare professionals, specifically sharing their perceptions and experiences with this condition which identified a literature gap and a basis for additional research. Research studying findings will be discussed.

The theory of human caring, ecological theory, and CF theory will serve as theoretical frameworks to examine the importance of complex human behaviors as it relates to service delivery to HIV+ clients. Understanding CF, its symptoms and exploring self-compassion, self-care, and resilience as a service provider will be examined.

3. ***All-Hands on Deck - RAI’s Toolkit to EHE with Community Involvement***

Lexington A

Michael Hager, MPH, MA

Every HIV-priority initiative has made an effort to “meaningfully engage the HIV community” but these efforts consistently fail to achieve the intended goal of robust, consistent, and substantial public involvement. At best, involvement comes in the form of rubber stamps and the system throws up its arms to say “it’s impossible to engage people due their lack of interest, readiness, and knowledge.” RAI has crafted a toolkit with six key activity areas that address limitations, including Storytelling Services, Public/Private Partnership Services, Patient Reported Measures Services, Assessment Services, Evidence-Based Co-Design Consulting, and HIV Community Competencies. Our goal is to end extractive processes, stop moral injury, and maximize public input in service planning. Key results from pilot projects in NJ, TX, and NY using the toolkit will be shared and used as a way to tease out the potential for toolkits’ use in audience’s home settings.

4. *A Look Ahead: Investigational HIV/STI Prevention and Treatment Medication Therapies*

Congaree A

Kenric Ware, PharmD

Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)/Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) therapies continue to evolve, providing options tailored to consumers' needs. As healthcare strives to continue innovating, investigational medications consistently populate drug manufacturers' pipelines, creating what to expect down the road. Investigational medications typically aim to fill an identifiable gap in care that would presumably improve the quality of life of their consumers. Knowledge of how investigational medications promise to enhance options available to consumers to prevent acquisition and transmission of HIV/STIs could help to ensure optimal health outcomes. As newly introduced medications to the market have a tendency to be costly, having an understanding of the value that they assert to generate in comparison to what is already available is essential. The purpose of this presentation is to highlight HIV/STI investigational medications and to detail the benefits that these products should provide upon receiving Food and Drug Administration approval.

5. *Using Syringe Services to Improve HCV/HIV Mobile Testing*

Lincoln

Kris Stepp, CPSS

Infectious disease, bacterial infection, and opioid overdose from IV drug use are on the rise in South Carolina. Drugs like fentanyl and xylazine are increasing the need for urgent measures now more than ever. This presentation will explain and demonstrate an effective intervention for engaging this demographic to improve linkage to care and other health outcomes. The presenter has had a positive experience with HCV and HIV testing through the partnership with a local syringe services program and will educate participants on how to replicate this unique model.

6. *SWOT'ing Sexual Health Education Stigma*

Carolina A

Gloria Estrada, MPH, CCHW, Elizabeth McLendon, Zoie Miller, Brittney Scott

The community at large and the regional partners of the South Carolina Sexual Health Awareness, (STI) Prevention, and Education Initiative (SHAPE) are key stakeholders in sexual health education throughout the state, yet they are rarely present when presentations or discussions are held about sexual health education. In this session we will discuss the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) analysis conducted by the SHAPE leaders of the four SC regions and the Latinx Workgroup Adviser. The goal is to seek input on how to implement better community sexual health education efforts throughout the state. The community and our partners' voices and presence are integral to improving the delivery of relevant and appropriate sexual health education to promote safer populations and improve sexual behaviors. Let's all bring your innovative ideas, successes, and challenges! Together, we will build a vision of how we can overcome barriers to people's reluctance to even listen to sexual health education.

7. *Resiliency, Engagement, Accessibility for Comorbid HIV/PTSD: REACH initiative for Trauma-Informed Care*

Lexington B

Angela Moreland, PhD, Cristina Lopez, PhD, Nada Goodrum, PhD

The presentation includes 3 projects under the REACH initiative to help improve engagement of people living with HIV (PLWH) with evidence based mental health treatment. The first project describes a pilot study that implemented a universal screening for trauma/PTSD symptoms and substance use (SU) at a local Ryan White clinic and examined feasibility of delivering the self-administered screening protocol. Qualitative feedback revealed themes related to beliefs about SU and PTSD, attitudes toward screening, comfort in discussion of SU and PTSD, and referral and treatment considerations. The second project is an overview of an NIH-funded study that delivers evidence based PTSD treatment to PLWH as an avenue for increasing HIV care outcomes. The PTSD intervention is tailored for PLWH with strategies to reduce internalized stigma. The third project describes a trans/cross-disciplinary strategy for aligning mental health professionals with HIV care teams to address overarching goals for patient care.

11:55AM – 12:55PM

Concurrent Sessions (Upstairs & Downstairs)

1. *Adverse Childhood Events and Trauma-informed Care for PLWH*

Carolina B

Karly Dutra, MD

Adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) include direct (abuse, neglect) and indirect (parental mental illness, substance use, conflict, death of a parent) events that can occur before age 17. These negatively influence health outcomes throughout an individual's life among the general population. Among persons living with HIV (PLWH), ACEs have been shown to correlate with poor HIV-related outcomes including increased health risk behaviors and substance use, poor appointment adherence, and lack of virologic suppression. The prevalence of clinically significant ACEs is twice as high among PLWH with a significant proportion of people also experiencing post-traumatic stress disorder. Trauma-informed care is a framework of empowerment, safety, and healing among persons previously exposed to traumatic events. Among PLWH, trauma-informed care involves addressing trauma with the goal of improving HIV-related outcomes. Access to trauma-informed care needs to be improved for PLWH and more studies are needed to measure its impact in this setting.

2. *Unpacking Compassion Fatigue “I’m Tired” - Part 2*

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3. *The wHole Story*

Lexington A

Maurice Adair, BA, PA

For many people, queer folks, gay men, women, trans individuals, butts are an important part of their sex lives, but many people don't get the information, education and resources they need to help keep their butts healthy. 23% of people surveyed in San Francisco reported they wanted or needed to talk to a healthcare provider about a problem related to their butt, but didn't. No matter who you are or how much you know, it's hard to talk about butts and harder to find answers to the questions you might be too embarrassed to ask. We at least should start the conversation! This workshop addresses some approaches to patient's discussion about anorectal health, common anorectal complaints, rectal STI screenings and some ways providers and patients can begin dialogue about anorectal health. When was the last time you had a conversation with your healthcare provider about your butt?

4. *History of HIV-AIDS in South Carolina Before and Beyond*

Congaree A

Robert Ball, MD

This session will discuss the history of HIV-AIDS in South Carolina and where we are today.

5. *SC Viral Hepatitis Strategic Plan: A Community Driven Approach*

Carolina A

Tina Skinner

Viral Hepatitis refers to inflammatory liver disease that is caused by viral infections. There are different types of hepatitis. The Viral Hepatitis Elimination Plan focuses on increasing hepatitis awareness and recommended vaccinations. The plan also aims to increase access to harm reduction services, substance use treatment and peer navigation and utilize a treatment as prevention approach. The importance of my work is to help eliminate barriers and by increasing awareness of hepatitis. Also, to help improve everyone's understanding of viral hepatitis transmission and risk factors and to decrease social stigma.

6. *Creating Strategic Partnerships to End HIV Stigma*

Lincoln

Dafina Ward, J.D.

This session will identify steps to developing and sustaining meaningful partnerships with the goal of eradicating HIV-related stigma. It will also assist the participant with the skills to identify barriers and opportunities in their own experiences and spaces related to effective relationship building.

7. *BDSM 101: Feathers and Ice and Everything Nice - Demystifying BDSM*

Lexington B

Morgan Varn

Bondage and discipline, Domination and submission, Sadism and Masochism (BDSM), is the erotic practice of negotiating, manipulating, and forming relationships based on consent and the balance of power. Previously seen as a "perverse" form of sex-play, BDSM has become an increasingly prevalent topic in the media and in personal sex lives. Recent research illustrates the need to learn to communicate skillfully to BDSM practitioners in the community. This includes learning the terminology, understanding the frameworks and practices, and recognizing the spectrum of relationships in the BDSM community. These considerations in clinical practice, as well as the emphasis in this community on open communication, safety, and sex-positive rhetoric is an ideal instrument for education and clinical support for safe sex practices.

Wednesday, October 25 Afternoon

12:55PM-2:40PM	Luncheon	Columbia A/B/C (Upstairs)
1:30PM	Keynote- Platform Presentations	
1:30PM-1:42PM	Barriers and facilitators of COVID-19 vaccination uptake among people living with HIV in South Carolina Camryn Garrett and Shan Qiao	
1:42PM-1:54PM	Fast Track: Capturing the Community Shannon Shields, HIVPCP and Grace Ashu, MS	
1:54PM-2:06PM	Childhood Sexual Trauma and Antiretroviral Therapy Adherence among Older Adults Living with HIV in South Carolina: A Mixed Methods Approach Monique Brown, PhD, MPH, FGSA	
2:06PM-2:40PM	Award Presentations	

2:50PM-3:50PM

Concurrent Sessions (Upstairs & Downstairs)

1. **PrEP Update 2023**

Lexington A

Kamla Sanasi-Bhola, MD

The aim of this presentation is to update attendees on the progress of PrEP in south Carolina , engagement of special populations and the future direction of PrEP.

2. **HIV and Black Mental Health at the Intersection**

Lexington B

Corey Ingram, LMSW

This presentation addresses HIV and Mental Health care within the black community. The impact of both on a client's adherence to medication, and overall care is vital. The suggested strategies and techniques that can be used within the organizational approaches to address mental health and contribute to dismantling systems of oppression.

3. **My Sista's Keeper: A New HERizon**

Hall of Fame

Denise Smith, Evelyn Scott

My Sista's Keeper: A New HERizon is an intervention project focused on the needs and efforts to eliminate HIV-related health inequities and address the social determinants associated with healthcare for women living with HIV or those vulnerable to exposure to HIV in South Carolina
Focusing on women aging with HIV, long-term survivors, and newly diagnosed. Addressing the needs of women, trans women, and those who identify as women and transgender women in urban communities aging with HIV, and long-term survivors, particularly among racial and ethnic minorities and the LGBTQ+ population. Provide navigation to access critical wraparound care through referral care and support services intended to improve the health outcomes of women aging with HIV. Expand prevention efforts for women aging with HIV, intensifying access to the intersection of primary health care and HIV care, mental health, and substance abuse services.

4. **No Session Scheduled**

Congaree A

5. **The CP HCV iLink Program: Barriers and Successes to Hepatitis C Treatment**

Carolina A

Susan Cordero Romero, BS

The Community Paramedic (CP) HCV iLink program reduces treatment access barriers through physician guided telehealth visits facilitated by community paramedics. We discuss facilitators and barriers for program implementation to help other organizations employ similar models. Interviews were conducted with primary program members. Each answered a series of open-ended questions concerning barriers and facilitators to program implementation. Patients completed an 8-question survey on program satisfaction. Thematic analyses and descriptive statistics were used to describe quantitative and qualitative responses. 15 individuals have been cured thus far for HCV. Patients report satisfaction with the program. Program barriers pertained to internet access, medication approval and coverage, and patient communication. Equipment and staff flexibility helped overcome these obstacles. The CP HCV iLink program has successfully connected individuals with healthcare access barriers to HCV treatment. Participant satisfaction is high, and barriers to program implementation are easily overcome with equipment and staff flexibility.

6. **HIV 101 in a Nutshell**

Carolina B

Danielle Knutson, PhD

To help participants analyze basic information, core messages, values, and practices related to HIV/AIDS prevention education while instilling a caring and supportive attitude toward people living with HIV/AIDS. This will be an interactive session and participants will use their phones to play games during the session.

7. **Modern Day Segregation: Bridging the Gaps for Youth in HIV Prevention**

Lincoln

Joana Lagunes Arauz, Mariajose Paton, MA, Anahyra Fernandez

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4:00PM-5:00PM

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1. **HIV Update 2023**

Hall of Fame

Sharon Weissman, MD

This session will focus on the review of the guideline updates for HIV as well as new key research findings for 2023.

2. **Spirituality as Evidence Based Practice: Integrating Spirituality into Mental Health Treatment**

Lincoln

Brandyn Sewers, LMSW

Over the years, mental health treatment has shifted towards the use of a holistic approach include aspects of the mind, body, and spirit. Studies have shown that most individuals living with HIV identify spirituality as an important factor in their life. Despite these considerations, topics of spirituality and spiritual practices continue to remain taboo within mental health treatment. This session will explore the impacts of spirituality on treatment, methods of integrating spirituality in the assessment and treatment processes and ethical considerations when using spiritually sensitive approaches.

3. **Peer Edutainment: Enlightened, Engaged, Encouraged, Empowered-Peer Support Networking Gains Sustainability**

Lexington A

Tonye Torrence

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4. No Session Scheduled

Congaree A

5. Hepatitis C in Corrections

Carolina A

Melanie Davis, MT (ASCP), CCHP, LaStacee Curry, MHA, MPH

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6. Removing the Gag: Successful Communication with Clients in the BDSM Community

Lexington B

Morgan Varn

Bondage and discipline, Domination and submission, Sadism and Masochism (BDSM), is the erotic practice of negotiating, manipulating, and forming relationships based on consent and the balance of power. Previously seen as a "perverse" form of sex-play, BDSM has become an increasingly prevalent topic in the media and in personal sex lives. Due to the stigma attached to this community, providers demonstrate an inability to care for and teach clients/patients on safety practices for this community. This session combines a brief overview of the previous BDSM 101 session with examples of societal stigmas from those outside of the community and qualitative feedback from these participants after education on BDSM, as well as their self-reported reduced stigmas.

7. No Session Scheduled

Carolina B

Thursday, October 26 Morning

7:45AM-9:00AM	Registration Continental Breakfast/Visit Exhibits	Near Escalator (Downstairs) Richland A/B/C (Downstairs)
9:10AM-10:10AM	Welcome and Keynote Address Yo(u)=Yo(u) <i>Deondre Moore</i>	Columbia A/B/C (Upstairs)
10:15AM-10:35AM	Break/Visit Exhibits/Network Vaccinations (10:00AM-2:00PM)	Richland A/B/C (Downstairs) Congaree B (Downstairs)

10:45AM – 11:45AM

Concurrent Sessions (Upstairs & Downstairs)

1. **HCV Treatment Update 2023**

Lexington A

Divya Ahuja, MD

This presentation will cover Hepatitis testing recommendations and updated treatment guidelines.

2. **The Life of an HIV Screening Program in the Emergency Department**

Carolina B

Gregory Hall, MD, MHA, Norma Lynn Higgins, MSW, LISW-CP

The first two key strategies in the Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S. are to diagnose all individuals with HIV as early as possible after infection and to treat people with HIV rapidly and effectively to reach sustained viral suppression (Hiv.gov) Since 2009, MUSC has been screening patients in the emergency department. Screening patients in the ED is a cost-effective way to help diagnose individuals with HIV. Combining the screening with a social worker to assist individuals with follow-up care can also help get patients into care and treatment rapidly. MUSC has screened over 50,000 patients in the ED for HIV linking hundreds to care. The combined efforts of the providers in the emergency department and social work in the infectious disease clinic helps address two key strategies in the effort to end the epidemic.

3. **Peer Edutainment: Enlightened, Engaged, Encouraged, Empowered-Peer Support Networking Gains Sustainability**

Hall of Fame

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4. **Primary Care Updates for HIV Providers**

Congaree A

Stephanie Kirk, PharmD

As patients living with HIV continue to have their HIV well controlled, our focus as clinicians needs to be helping these patients live their longest, best, most healthy lives! Although most HIV clinicians have training in internal medicine, we sometimes lose that knowledge and need an update to be sure we're giving our patients the best care.

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6. **Improving Health Service Delivery with Implementation Science**

Lincoln

Adam Thompson, MPH, CPF

This session will define implementation science and compare it to quality improvement. It will discuss implementation research logic model. It will also define implementation determinants, strategies, mechanisms, and outcomes.

7. **BDSM 101: Feathers and Ice and Everything Nice - Demystifying BDSM**

Lexington B

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11:55AM – 12:55PM

Concurrent Sessions (Upstairs & Downstairs)

1. **STD Update**

Lexington B

Candice McNeil, MD

This session will review the epidemiology of congenital syphilis (CS) and the impact of vital conditions on health outcomes. Clinical information about the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of syphilis and specific actions reproductive health care providers can take to prevent CS will be highlighted.

2. **Strategies for Recognizing, Preventing, and Treating Burnout**

Lexington A

Sandra Johnson, LMSW

According to BioMed Central Public Health, approximately 77% of HIV/AIDS healthcare workers experience burnout. This condition forces many from the HIV/AIDS field altogether. This interactive presentation focuses on how to recognize the most common signs of burnout, how to prevent them from occurring, and if they do, how to effectively treat them.

3. **SWOT'ing Sexual Health Education Stigma**

Carolina A

Gloria Estrada, MPH, CCHW, Elizabeth McLendon, Zoie Miller, Brittney Scott

The community at large and the regional partners of the South Carolina Sexual Health Awareness, (STI) Prevention, and Education Initiative (SHAPE) are key stakeholders in sexual health education throughout the state, yet they are rarely present when presentations or discussions are held about sexual health education. In this session we will discuss the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) analysis conducted by the SHAPE leaders of the four SC regions and the Latinx Workgroup Adviser.

The goal is to seek input on how to implement better community sexual health education efforts throughout the state. The community and our partners' voices and presence are integral to improving the delivery of relevant and appropriate sexual health education to promote safer populations and improve sexual behaviors. Let's all bring your innovative ideas, successes, and challenges! Together, we will build a vision of how we can overcome barriers to people's reluctance to even listen to sexual health education.

4. *The Future is Here: Novel ART use within clinical practice*

Congaree A

Caroline Derrick, PharmD

This session will elaborate on long-acting injectable ART within current practice as well as pending clinical trials and how these therapies fit into the current treatment algorithm for those living with HIV. It will review the currently available LA-ART, discuss the pipeline for LA-ART, and describe use of LA-ART through a patient case.

5. *Using Syringe Services to Improve HCV/HIV Mobile Testing*

Carolina B

Kris Stepp, CPSS

Infectious disease, bacterial infection, and opioid overdose from IV drug use are on the rise in South Carolina. Drugs like fentanyl and xylazine are increasing the need for urgent measures now more than ever. This presentation will explain and demonstrate an effective intervention for engaging this demographic to improve linkage to care and other health outcomes. The presenter has had a positive experience with HCV and HIV testing through the partnership with a local syringe services program and will educate participants on how to replicate this unique model.

6. *No Session Scheduled*

Lincoln

7. *Resiliency, Engagement, Accessibility for Comorbid HIV/PTSD: REACH initiative for Trauma-Informed Care*

Hall of Fame

Angela Moreland, PhD, Cristina Lopez, PhD, Nada Goodrum, PhD

The presentation includes 3 projects under the REACH initiative to help improve engagement of people living with HIV (PLWH) with evidence based mental health treatment. The first project describes a pilot study that implemented a universal screening for trauma/PTSD symptoms and substance use (SU) at a local Ryan White clinic and examined feasibility of delivering the self-administered screening protocol. Qualitative feedback revealed themes related to beliefs about SU and PTSD, attitudes toward screening, comfort in discussion of SU and PTSD, and referral and treatment considerations. The second project is an overview of an NIH-funded study that delivers evidence based PTSD treatment to PLWH as an avenue for increasing HIV care outcomes. The PTSD intervention is tailored for PLWH with strategies to reduce internalized stigma. The third project describes a trans/cross-disciplinary strategy for aligning mental health professionals with HIV care teams to address overarching goals for patient care.

Thursday, October 26 Closing

12:55PM-2:40PM

Luncheon/Keynote/
Closing Remarks

Columbia A/B/C (Upstairs)

1:30PM-2:30PM

Keynote Address
Storycatching for Improvement
Adam Thompson, MPH, CPF

2:40PM-3:00PM

Closing Remarks



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