

Facing the Challenges

of HIV/AIDS and Substance Abuse Research

Connecting Research with Real People

October 11-12, 2006
Scarritt-Bennett Center
Nashville, TN 37212

DESCRIPTION

The hosts present a highly interactive two day colloquium to address current ethical challenges and controversies in developing and maintaining government, academic, clinical and community-based organization partnerships for addressing HIV/AIDS and substance abuse treatment and research. Using a seminar and case-based format, speakers and audience members will together confront some of the ethical questions and regulatory issues that arise in the contemporary conduct of clinical research and treatment of HIV/AIDS and substance abuse.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- IRB (Institutional Review Board) Members and Staff
- Physicians, Nurses and Clinicians involved in Research and Treatment
- Government Regulators and Compliance Investigators
- Research Administrators
- Mental Health Professionals
- Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors
- Staff and Volunteers of Community- and Faith-Based Organizations
- Care Providers of Community Outreach Health Services
- Patient and Human Subjects Advocates
- Bioethicists

OBJECTIVES

1. Identify ethical challenges in developing and maintaining partnerships among government, academic, clinical, and community-based

- organizations working on various aspects of HIV/AIDS and substance abuse,
2. Identify ethical complexities facing a collaborative effort to address the issues in HIV/AIDS and Substance Abuse research and treatment,
 3. Recognize regulatory and practical issues in the inclusion of minorities and underserved populations in HIV/AIDS and Substance Abuse research.

NEEDS

This conference will provide an opportunity for representatives from various government regulatory agencies, clinicians involved in both treatment and research, clinical support services, research administrators and members of community- and faith-based care and outreach organizations to meet in a common forum to identify and discuss ethical challenges and concerns arising during the development of working partnerships. It will provide government regulators, compliance officers and researchers with the opportunity to listen to and learn from the various community stakeholders affected by research, policy, and funding patterns in dealing with HIV/AIDS and Substance Abuse as well as allow discussion and exchange on the nature and objectives of federal policy towards impacted communities.

HOST ORGANIZATIONS

- The Program in Clinical and Research Ethics at Meharry Medical College
- Metro Public Health Department
- Nashville CARES
- TN AIDS Education and Training Center
- Street Works
- The Meharry Wellness Center
- Meharry Center for Health Disparities Research in HIV
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