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IAPAC to develop HIV treatment adherence guidelines

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WASHINGTON, DC (December 1, 2010) – The International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care (IAPAC) today announced the formation of a Committee co-chaired by Drs. Jean B. Nachega (Johns Hopkins University/Stellenbosch University) and Melanie Thompson (Atlanta AIDS Research Consortium) that will develop guidelines entitled, “Improving HIV Treatment Adherence and Outcomes in Specialized HIV and Primary Care Settings.” Coordination of this Committee’s work will be supported by a grant awarded by the Office of AIDS Research (OAR) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

The guidelines’ two primary objectives are to: 1) promote and enhance antiretroviral therapy adherence via evidence-based interventions/recommendations; and 2) contribute to the development of a toolkit(s) which will equip healthcare providers (HCPs) – clinicians and allied HCPs – with practical tools to help their patients better adhere to antiretroviral therapy. The guidelines will be presented at the 6th International Conference on HIV Treatment and Prevention Adherence, May 22-24, 2011, in Miami.

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The International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care (IAPAC) represents more than 13,000 physicians and allied health care professionals in over 100 countries. Its mission is to improve the quality of prevention, care, treatment, and support services provided to men, women, and children living with HIV/AIDS.