Wherever they live, whatever their resources, people living with HIV/AIDS and comorbid conditions deserve high-quality care. We are working to ensure that they get this care.

For the past 25 years, the word “care” has always implied “comprehensive” for us. This is why our array of interventions is broad and cross-cutting, from credentialing clinicians to educating people living with HIV/AIDS. It is why our partners range from large multinational organizations such as the World Health Organization (WHO) to clinicians working in small towns and villages in every region of the world.

Our motto of “battling complacency, advancing commitment” reflects a global need to move with deliberate speed to confront the many challenges faced by people living with HIV/AIDS and their health care providers.

Imagine a world where people living with HIV/AIDS around the globe are served by health care professionals armed with cutting-edge clinical expertise. This is our vision.

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EDUCATION

Arming the Care Team

Global AIDS Learning and Evaluation Network

Launched in 2001, our GALEN Exam tests the knowledge of HIV-treating physicians across the continuum of care, treatment, and support. In 2013, we will partner with nursing associations to develop a similar international nursing credential in HIV medicine.

Continuing Medical Education

To ensure clinicians remain up-to-date with developments regarding the clinical management of HIV and its comorbidities, we sponsor continuing education (CE)-accredited conferences, online activities, and publications. We are also launching new programming in 2013, including myHIVclinic.org—a webportal aimed at educating clinicians about HIV comorbidities and healthy aging with HIV.

Journal of the International Association of Providers of AIDS Care

Our bi-monthly, peer-reviewed JIAPAC presents original research, literature reviews, case studies, and clinical perspectives from around the globe on the prevention and treatment of HIV disease and its comorbidities.

RESEARCH

Making Care Better

Multidisciplinary Care Team Initiative

The serious shortage of health care professionals and capacity on the African continent requires rethinking how medical professionals work together. MCTI is studying ways in which to strengthen the multidisciplinary care team approach to patient management through increasing clinical leadership roles for nurses as well as creating greater efficiencies in the provision of health services.

Campaign Against Substandard and Counterfeit Drugs

People living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA)—as well as malaria and tuberculosis—need access to safe, high-quality, life-saving medications. CASCD is an ongoing study to collect evidence and raise awareness about the proliferation of substandard medications in the developing world.

AIDS Treatment for Life International Survey

This multi-country, comparative survey of PLWHA from around the world provides invaluable insights into perceptions, attitudes, and challenges related to HIV/AIDS and its treatment. ATLIS findings help to highlight a range of issues, including the importance of strengthening the patient-provider relationship.

GUIDANCE

Supporting Clinicians

Improving Entry into and Retention in Care and Antiretroviral Adherence for Persons with HIV: Recommendations from an IAPAC Panel

Retention in and adherence to HIV treatment extends life expectancy, decreases opportunities for drug resistance, ensures PLWHA reap the full benefits HIV medications have to offer, and improves overall health outcomes. Published in 2012, these IAPAC guidelines serve two primary objectives:

1. Improve entry into and retention in care, and
2. Equip providers with practical strategies on how best to promote, enhance, and maintain adherence.

Optimizing the HIV Treatment Cascade: Recommendations from an IAPAC Panel

Poor patient engagement across the spectrum of HIV prevention, care, and treatment threatens progress in the fight against HIV/AIDS, including in countries such as the United States where, for example, less than 20% of PLWHA on HIV treatment are achieving its desired outcome—viral suppression. This new set of IAPAC guidelines will offer clinicians evidence-based strategies to optimize the continuum of HIV prevention, care, and treatment.

Addressing HIV/AIDS in Most At-Risk Populations

We created the Blueprint for the Delivery of Comprehensive Care to Gay Men and Other Men Who Have Sex with Men to facilitate training of clinicians and lay people. More recently, we created a Blueprint on the Sexual and Reproductive Health Care and HIV/STI Prevention Needs of Adolescent Girls and Young Women. In 2013, we are developing a Blueprint for the Provision of Comprehensive Care to Transgender People, and a Peer Education Manual for Sexual Health of HIV-Positive Youth.

ADVOCACY

Advocating the Right to Health

Health Human Rights Portal

We are dedicated to honoring—and educating—advocates through the delivery of education and training to ensure that access to HIV prevention, care, and treatment is regarded as a human right. Among the tools we will use in 2013 to advocate the right to health is a new webportal featuring a still timely lecture series by a pioneer in this area of work, the late Dr. Jonathan Mann.

SUPPORT

Empowering Patients

Peer Education Training

Through our In the Know initiative, we are sharing health information with PLWHA on a broad range of topics, from understanding lab work and treatment side effects to opportunistic infections and mental health. In addition, we are training peer educators and patient navigators to promote healthy living with HIV/AIDS within the context of primary care.