



the CTN  
CIHR Canadian  
HIV Trials Network

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## *Research for treatments, preventions and a cure*

Established in 1990 by the Canadian government as a cornerstone in its Federal Initiative to Address HIV/AIDS in Canada, the CIHR Canadian HIV Trials Network (CTN) is an innovative partnership of clinical investigators, physicians, nurses, people living with HIV/AIDS, pharmaceutical manufacturers and others that facilitates HIV clinical trials of the highest scientific and ethical standards.

- Four Core Research Teams: Clinical Management Science, Co-Infections and Concurrent Diseases, Prevention and Vulnerable Populations, and Vaccines and Immunotherapies
- Four committees that oversee actions in research, protocol reviews, community, and data and safety monitoring
- 35 satellite sites across Canada each with trained investigators, clinical nurses and support staff

### STATISTICS

- Reviewed more than 260 trials
- Implemented 116 trials of HIV therapies and vaccines involving 8,000+ volunteers
- Funded 93 CTN Postdoctoral Fellowships

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

For the past 20 years, CTN researchers have been part of scientific breakthroughs in advancing care.

- The establishment of the CTN's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program (1992) and Community Advisory Committee (1993) are strongholds of the Network and defining examples of the CTN's engagement with community and commitment to training new leaders in HIV/AIDS research
- Trials led by Dr. Julio Montaner of Vancouver and other Network investigators were among the first to demonstrate the efficacy of protease inhibitors in combination with two or three other anti-HIV drugs, ushering in the age of highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART)
- Since the advent of HAART in 1996, Network researchers began conducting trials to improve treatment strategies and address associated side effects

## SERVICES

The CTN provides services to its investigators in study planning, study implementation and communications. Some of these services include: