



the CTN
 CIHR Canadian
 HIV Trials Network

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COVID-19 Clinical Trial and Research Support

About us.

For more than three decades, the CIHR Canadian HIV Trials Network (CTN) has played a central role in driving Canada’s HIV research efforts. We now find ourselves in the midst of another global health crisis as the impact of COVID-19 grows. There are still many questions about this disease and what it means for people living with HIV, how it could impact our most vulnerable populations, and how to improve health outcomes for people around the world. At the CTN, we are ready to help find the answers.

Who are we?

Established in 1990 and funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the CTN is a Canada-wide partnership of researchers, people living with HIV and their caregivers, governments, health advocates, and the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry.

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We are proud to be a conduit for the rapid implementation of national co-ordinated COVID-19 trials. Our team of experts are mobilized to help you turn a good idea into great research.



What do we do?

The CTN National Centre, located at St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver, B.C., provides research support services by efficiently centralizing administrative, methodological, and research management, including communications and knowledge translation.

The CTN has a history of providing support services for both national and international clinical research cooperative groups. Examples include:

- Strategies for Management of Antiretroviral Therapy (SMART Trial) sponsored by the Division of AIDS of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) and initiated by the Terry Beirn Community

Programs for Clinical Research on the Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (CPCRA).

- Valacyclovir In Delaying Antiretroviral Treatment Entry (VALIDATE Trial) funded by CIHR and supported by the CTN, the trial included sites in Canada, Brazil, Argentina, and the United Kingdom.

- Randomized Trial to Prevent Vascular Events in HIV (REPRIEVE) funded by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute and the NIAID, and internationally coordinated by the AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG).

How can the CTN help?



OPEN ACCESS TOOLS

To help researchers understand and plan all activities required for a study as early as possible, we provide an online research toolbox with downloadable documents to support clinical trials. **Click here to view.**

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INCREASING REACH

Access to Canadian sites within the CTN's Network, this includes all of the large academic teaching hospitals in Canada.

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PROTOCOL DEVELOPMENT

The CTN provides resources for creating clinical research protocols that comply with regulatory requirements.

Click here to download a template you can use today.

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How can the CTN help?

DATA SAFETY AND MONITORING

Our Data Safety and Monitoring Committee (DSMC) is available to monitor the conduct and progress of clinical trials to determine any modifications or make recommendations. The DSMC may also:

- Evaluate accumulating study data for treatment benefit or harm
- Recommend protocol changes
- Review and approve clinical trial design and methods
- Alert clinical trial leaders regarding emerging procedural or ethical issues
- Monitor enrolment to ensure that clinical trials proceed in a timely fashion

SCIENTIFIC REVIEW

Our Scientific Review Committee (SRC) provides peer review regarding the scientific validity, feasibility, and clinical relevance of a study, as well as guidance regarding:

- Methodological standards for investigators and study participants
- Evaluation of the scientific merit of experimental prevention and management interventional studies
- The design of clinical research and trial protocols to ensure that studies are developed using validated methodology

TRAINING STAFF

The CTN provides training to Canadian investigators and site personnel to meet NIH and Health Canada requirements. Through Good Clinical Practice (GCP) and Ethics training modules, the CTN can help you keep up-to-date with educational and regulatory requirements for clinical research.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES AND SUPPORT

The CTN also provides access to additional National Centre personnel who have expertise in:

- Statistics and methodology
- Data management
- Communications
- Health economics
- Trial monitoring and auditing

HOW TO REACH US

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