

HIV/AIDS Training Courses Available at ATEC-St. Petersburg

Initiation of Pediatric ART
 Pediatric ART On-site Mentoring
 Advanced Pediatric ART and Management of Opportunistic Infections
 Initiation of Adult ART
 Adult ART On-site Mentoring
 Advanced Adult ART and Management of Opportunistic Infections
 Initiation of ART in Correctional Settings
 Adult ART On-site Mentoring in Correctional Settings
 Advanced ART and Management of Opportunistic Infections in Correctional Settings
 ART for IDUs Undergoing Substitution Therapy
 Train-the-Trainer Course: Adult ART
 ART During Pregnancy
 Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV (PMTCT): General Knowledge
 PMTCT: Pediatric Issues
 PMTCT: HIV Testing and Counseling
 PMTCT: Obstetrics and Gynecology
 PMTCT for Decision-makers
 HIV/AIDS Nursing
 Palliative Care in HIV and AIDS
 Improving the Quality of Laboratory Diagnostics in HIV/AIDS and Monitoring of ART
 Management of HIV-TB Co-infection
 HIV/AIDS Clinic Administration

Detailed course descriptions can be downloaded at www.aidsknowledgehub.org



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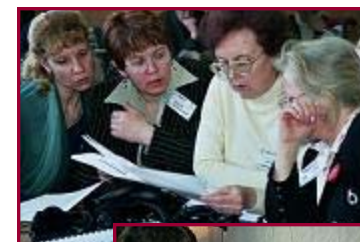
ATEC-affiliated Clinical Training Sites

- St. Petersburg AIDS Control Center
- Botkin Hospital (Infectious Disease Hospital No. 30)
- Republican Infectious Disease Hospital at Ust-Izhora



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**Providing Clinical Training
 and Capacity Building to
 Combat HIV and AIDS
 in the Russian Federation**

AIDS Training and Education Center

St. Petersburg, Russia

The AIDS Training and Education Center (ATEC) in St. Petersburg was established by the **St. Petersburg Medical Academy of Post Graduate Studies (MAPS)**, the **Republican Infectious Disease Hospital at Ust-Izhora**, and the **American International Health Alliance (AIHA)** in 2006 to assist Russia's efforts to scale up HIV and AIDS-related services. This project is made possible with support from the US Agency for International Development (USAID), the World Health Organization (WHO), and other international donors and strategic partners.

ATEC-St. Petersburg's main objective is to strengthen Russia's organizational and human resource capacity to provide comprehensive, high-quality treatment and care to people living with HIV or AIDS by:

- Developing expertise among health and allied professionals;
- Building training capacity; and
- Massing a body of evidence-based information resources on HIV/AIDS care, treatment, and support.

ATEC-St. Petersburg has formed strategic linkages with various institutions that serve as training sites for specific topic areas. While most general knowledge-based courses are taught at MAPS, hands-on clinical courses are conducted at these strategic partner sites, which include:

St. Petersburg AIDS Center

Basic and advanced adult ART, palliative care

Botkin Hospital (Infectious Disease Hospital No. 30)

ART for injecting drug users, HIV-TB co-infection

Through ATEC-St. Petersburg, AIHA and MAPS are working to integrate evidence-based HIV and AIDS curricula



Mentoring plays a key role in the successful acquisition of clinical skills.

into Russia's graduate and postgraduate education programs thanks to a grant from the Russian Healthcare Foundation and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

ATEC-St. Petersburg is affiliated with the **Regional Knowledge Hub for the Care and Treat-**

ment of HIV/AIDS in Eurasia, a capacity building project of WHO managed by AIHA. Established in 2004, the Regional Knowledge Hub serves as a crucial capacity-building mechanism for meeting WHO targets for providing universal access to HIV/AIDS-related prevention, treatment, and support services in designated priority countries in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, including: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, and Ukraine. ATEC-St. Petersburg works in close collaboration with the Regional Knowledge Hub, both benefiting from and contributing to capacity building efforts in other countries spanning Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

AIHA's HIV/AIDS Programs in Russia

AIHA is a nonprofit organization based in Washington, DC. AIHA has more than 14 years of experience implementing health-related capacity building partnerships and programs in the Russian Federation and other nations in Eurasia.

In 2004, with funding from USAID/Russia, AIHA established four partnerships tasked with creating targeted HIV/AIDS-related care and treatment programs in the high-burden Russian oblasts of Orenburg, Samara, and Saratov, as well as the city of St. Petersburg. The programs developed as a result of these partnership embrace a wide range of psycho-social services and clinical interventions—including highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART), treatment for the prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) of HIV, and community-based palliative care, counseling and support networks—in an effort to provide comprehensive care to people living with HIV or AIDS and their families. Many of these programs now serve as replicable models of care for the entire Russian Federation.

In support of the **2005 Bratislava Initiatives**—in which presidents Bush and Putin called for greater joint efforts to counter the global threat of HIV/AIDS by identifying, training, and deploying healthcare professionals and raising public awareness—AIHA is working closely with MAPS and other strategic partners to:

- Bolster Russian postgraduate AIDS programs;
- Develop HIV/AIDS training and assistance programs targeting third-party countries; and
- Create a social support program focusing on vulnerable youth and families.

AIHA's partnerships and programs are supported by USAID, the government agency responsible for designing and delivering US development assistance around the globe. Since 1992, USAID has assisted nations in Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia as they worked to transition to democratic governance and market economies. USAID's programmatic goals in the region are to promote systemic change in key areas including health and social services by providing technical expertise and training opportunities, as well as a modest measure of material support to better facilitate more rapid and successful economic and political transition.

St. Petersburg Medical Academy of Postgraduate Studies

MAPS is a scientific, educational, and clinical organization with multiple medical and social functions. MAPS encompasses six faculties along with various associated departments, labs, and a 450-bed hospital. Fully licensed and accredited, MAPS trains some 30,000 specialists from Russia, Africa, Asia, the US, and other countries in Eurasia at the postgraduate level. MAPS engages in a wide range of medical education activities and acts as a scientific and methodological center for the training, retraining, professional qualification, and certification of medical specialists. In addition to standard clinical specialties, MAPS also offers courses on a host of other related topics, including healthcare financing and medical informatics.



Lectures and interactive coursework are complemented by hands-on clinical experience at treatment facilities.



US First Lady Laura Bush visits with children receiving care at the Republican Infectious Disease Hospital at Ust-Izhora in July 2006.