

HIV/AIDS Training Courses Available at the Regional Knowledge Hub

- Initiation of Pediatric ART
- Pediatric ART On-site Mentoring
- Advanced Pediatric ART and Management of Opportunistic Infections
- Introduction to HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment
- Introduction to HIV Care for Adults
- 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
- Training-of-Trainers Course: Adult ART
- Training-of-Trainers Course: Introduction to HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment
- 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
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Providing Clinical Training, Technical Assistance, and Capacity Building to Combat HIV and AIDS in Eastern Europe and Central Asia

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Kyiv, Ukraine

The Regional Knowledge Hub for the Care and Treatment of HIV/AIDS in Eurasia was established in 2004 by the **Ministry of Health of Ukraine**, the **Ukrainian National Medical Academy of Postgraduate Education (NMAPE)**, the **Ukrainian National AIDS Center**, and the **American International Health Alliance (AIHA)**.

Designed to assist countries in Eastern Europe and Central Asia as they work to provide comprehensive HIV/AIDS-related prevention, treatment, and support services, the Regional Knowledge Hub is helping to build human resource capacity thanks to the support of World Health Organization (WHO), German Society for Technical Cooperation (GTZ), the International HIV/AIDS Alliance, and other donor organizations.

Capacity Building through Collaboration

Working with key national, regional, and international stakeholders, the Regional Knowledge Hub and its affiliated clinical centers strengthen the ability of countries in Eastern Europe and Central Asia to provide comprehensive, high-quality treatment and care to people living with HIV or AIDS (PLWHA) by:

- Developing expertise among health and allied professionals through regional training opportunities;
- Providing direct technical assistance as needed;
- Establishing linkages among people and institutions involved in the provision of HIV/AIDS prevention, care, treatment, and support; and
- Adapting, developing, and disseminating the latest evidence-based guidance for professionals working in HIV and AIDS care based on national and international standards.

The Regional Knowledge Hub's programs draw on the strengths and expertise of a broad range of



Lectures and interactive classroom work are complemented by hands-on sessions at clinical sites.

national and international organizations dedicated to improving care and treatment for PLWHA. While most general knowledge-based courses are taught at NMAPE, hands-on clinical sessions are conducted at strategic partner sites, including:

- **Lavra AIDS Clinic, Institute of Epidemiology and Infectious Diseases**
- **Kyiv City Children's Hospital No. 1, Department of Infectious Diseases**
- **Southern Ukraine AIDS Education Center**

A number of international organizations contribute to the Knowledge Hub's capacity-building efforts, serving as a



Onsite mentoring plays a key role in the successful acquisition of critical clinical skills.

key resource for training curricula, materials, and faculty when such expertise is not sufficiently available in the region. AIDS Foundation East West, AIDS Healthcare Foundation, the All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS, the Association of Public Health Laboratories, the

Association of Nurses in AIDS Care, the William J. Clinton Foundation, Connect plus e.V., the International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care, I-TECH, Medecins Sans Frontieres, Medical Advocates for Social Justice, Open Society Institute's International Palliative Care Initiative and Harm Reduction Development Program, UNAIDS, UNICEF, University of California-San Francisco, University of Washington-Seattle, USAID, and WHO all contribute to the Knowledge Hub's work.

The Regional Knowledge Hub also collaborates with the **St. Petersburg, AIDS Training and Education Center (ATEC)** in Russia. Established in 2006 by the St. Petersburg Medical Academy of Postgraduate Studies, the Republican Infectious Disease Hospital at Ust-Izhora, and AIHA, ATEC-St. Petersburg is helping to integrate evidence-based HIV and AIDS curricula 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.

Working closely with policymakers in target countries, Knowledge Hub experts design and execute a training program in keeping with national strategies and supportable by both national and international funds.

Training Focuses on Clinical Skills

The Regional Knowledge Hub has adopted a comprehensive and sustainable approach to training healthcare and allied professionals in HIV/AIDS treatment and support. Curricula are constantly evolving based on the latest recommendations developed by WHO, national experts, and leading international agencies, as well as the most up-to-date evidence-based research and guidelines issued by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Because HIV is a complicated disease, treatment is continually evolving as we learn more about it. With this in mind, courses offered by the Regional Knowledge Hub are frequently updated to reflect the latest best practices, arm healthcare professionals with critical clinical skills, and provide extended opportunities for learning. All training takes place in small groups to better facilitate an open dialogue between instructors and participants.

Courses emphasize the "care team" approach, so physicians, nurses, and social workers receive introductory training and mentoring in multi-disciplinary collaboration to build common understanding of HIV and the complementary roles each member of the team must play to help ensure patient access to comprehensive, integrated care and treatment. To this end, Knowledge Hub courses also provide training for ob/gyns, psychologists, policymakers, lab technicians, clinic administrators, and clinicians specializing in tuberculosis, substance abuse, and other fields, as well as PLWHA and volunteers working with AIDS service organizations.

The Regional Knowledge Hub has developed a quality

control system for each training course. Pre- and post-course surveys and daily assessment tests, combined with onsite mentoring and evaluation of changes in clinical practice, are used to fine-tune curricula and help identify future training needs.



The Regional Knowledge Hub is dedicated to improving treatment, care, and support services available to people living with HIV and AIDS in Eastern Europe and Central Asia.