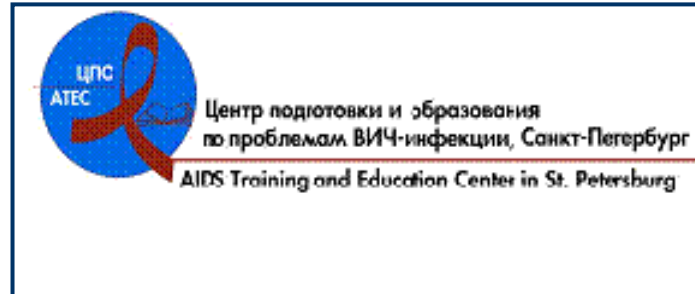


ATEC-St. Petersburg Launches ART Training Project

The AIDS Training and Education Center (ATEC) in St. Petersburg began conducting “training of trainers” courses on initiation of ART in adults and adolescents last November as part of a joint project of AIHA and the St. Petersburg Medical Academy of Postgraduate Studies.



Funded by the Russian Healthcare Foundation through the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria’s round-four grants, this project is designed to integrate HIV/AIDS curricula into graduate and postgraduate education programs in target regions throughout Russia.

Faculty at regional schools of medical education are being trained in basic ART, adult learning, and interactive teaching skills during phase one of the cascading project. Courses have already been conducted in Chelyabinsk, Ekaterinburg, Irkutsk, Perm, Ufa, and Ulyanovsk and more will be held in Barnaul, Kemerovo, Krasnodar, Rostov, Saratov, and Volgograd in the coming months. To date, 40 faculty were trained during the project’s first phase.

In turn, these master trainers have initiated scale-up of the project by training 165 infectious diseases specialists and other healthcare professionals.

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