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## Partners Open Ethiopia's First Emergency Medicine Training Center at Black Lion Hospital

Twinning Center partners at Addis Ababa University (AAU) Faculty of Medicine and the University of Wisconsin at Madison (UW) celebrated the opening of Ethiopia's first Emergency Medicine Training Center at Black Lion Hospital on February 15.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony and a tour and demonstration of the new Training Center followed an emergency medicine symposium, which was attended by some 120 people, including AAU President Andreas Eshete.

"Emergency services, both pre-hospital and within a hospital setting, are practically non-existent in Ethiopia today," Minister of Health Dr. Tewodros Adhanom told symposium participants.

"This center — the first of its kind in our country — is an important step in the process of changing that," he said, noting, "I want to thank our partners for this pioneering center, which offers graduate-level training and continuing education, as well as courses for paramedics and other first-responders. Really, this is an important gift — perhaps it is the best gift — for Ethiopia."

With support from PEPFAR through CDC/Ethiopia, the partners established the Emergency Medicine Training Center at Black Lion Hospital

to equip practicing healthcare professionals, paramedics and other first-responders, and medical and health sciences students with the knowledge and hands-on skills they need to provide high quality care to patients suffering from injuries or acute conditions.

Referencing the earthquake that devastated Haiti on Jan. 12, CDC/Ethiopia Director Tom Kenyon told the audience, "We have only to look at the scenes of devastation from this catastrophe to understand the importance of a strong emergency medicine system. PEPFAR is trying to build the capacity of other health services as part of our HIV programs and we're very pleased that the Twinning Center is doing such unique work [within that framework]."

Kenyon went on to commend the leadership of the AAU/UW partnership for their efforts to save lives and improve the quality of care available to the people of Ethiopia. "Ripples quickly turn into waves and we hope to see a wave of improved emergency services in Addis Ababa and elsewhere in the country," he said.

Courses conducted at the state-of-the-art Training Center emphasize the acquisition of practical skills and are composed of learning modules accompanied by

computer presentations, slides, overheads, handouts, and a variety of didactic tools, as well as hands-on experience through the use of mannequins. The highly skilled instructors teach healthcare professionals and first-responders a broad range of emergency techniques including CPR, emergency obstetrics, intubation, disaster response, spinal immobilization, and triaging practices that can be performed at the accident site, en route to, and in the hospital setting.



AAU President Andreas Eshete and Ethiopian Minister of Health Tewodros Adhanom officially open the new Training Center.



AAU faculty and UW partners demonstrate a mannequin used for gaining hands-on practical skills in critical care techniques to the group, which included Tewodros Adhanom and CDC Ethiopia Director Tom Kenyon.

## New Partnership Supports Training of Mid-level Medical Professionals in South Africa

**The introduction of Clinical Associates, which represents a new cadre of mid-level workers, will serve to strengthen primary healthcare services in South Africa by bolstering the number of trained healthcare providers working at district hospitals and community health centers.**

The Twinning Center launched in February a new partnership that is focusing on building the capacity of faculty at Walter Sisulu University in South Africa to train students in its Clinical Associates Program.

With support from PEPFAR and CDC/South Africa, the Twinning Center has linked Walter Sisulu University in Eastern Cape Province with the University of Colorado-Denver.

Together, partners are working to strengthen Walter Sisulu's Clinical Associates Program to ensure students are effectively prepared to provide high quality medical care to people living in rural areas of the country — in particular individuals with HIV or AIDS who are in need of

ART and treatment for opportunistic infections.

Initiated by South Africa's National Department of Health in 2008, the 3-year Clinical Associates Program is designed to produce qualified professionals who have the ability to assess patients, make diagnoses, prescribe appropriate treatments, and undertake minor surgical procedures under the supervision of medical officers.

The University of Colorado-Denver's Child Health Associate/Physician Assistant Program at the Anschutz Medical Campus has long demonstrated a strong, sustained commitment to building global partnerships that advance healthcare service provision to patients, families, and communities.

"For UC-Denver, this partnership represents a wonderful opportunity to share our experience as one of the first physician assistant programs in the United States," says Dr. Anita Duhl Glicken, Associate Dean of Physician Assistant Studies and Director of the Child Health Associate/Physician Assistant Program at the University of Colorado-Denver.

"This is such an exciting opportunity for us to work with our partners in South Africa ... to learn from one another and turn existing challenges into new opportunities for growth," Duhl Glicken explains.

## Partners Develop Toolkit to Assist in the Implementation of Positive Prevention Programs

Twining Center partners at University of California-San Francisco School of Nursing — in close collaboration with their Mozambican counterparts at Esperanza-Beluluane Voluntary Counseling and Testing Center and Namaacha Health Center — have developed a comprehensive toolkit that provides information, training materials, and technical assistance for organizations looking to implement a Positive Prevention Program.

The content of the toolkit is based on two intervention studies conducted in the United States and was adapted by partners to local HIV risk factors and care options in Mozambique.

Partners piloted the training

curriculum and related resources in two rural sites in Maputo Province and updated the materials based on evaluations of feedback garnered from these initial trainings.

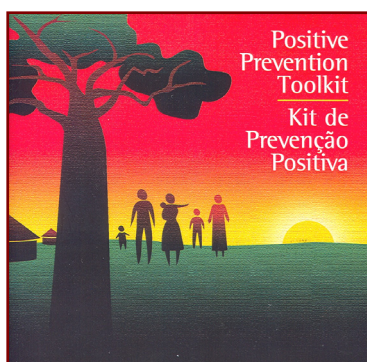
The curriculum is designed to train staff and volunteers about the care and prevention needs of people living with HIV in Mozambique. Specific topics covered include helping people living with HIV to disclose their status, negotiating steps to reduce risk of HIV infection, and prevention of transmission to partners and children.

The materials contained in the toolkit are based on the partnership's work developing and implementing two successful "Prevention with

Positives" programs in Maputo Province — a clinic-based intervention at Namaacha Health Center and a community-based intervention at Esperanza-Beluluane Voluntary Counseling and Testing Center. The goal of these programs is to prevent re-infection and co-infection of HIV among those already living with the virus, as well as among sero-discordant couples.

The partnership is supported by PEPFAR through CDC/Mozambique.

The toolkit, training manuals, and other positive prevention materials are available online at: [www.positiveprevention.ucsf.edu](http://www.positiveprevention.ucsf.edu).



## Zambia Partnership Representatives Gather in Lusaka for Strategic Planning Meeting

Members of the Twinning Center's four partnerships working in Zambia gathered in Lusaka Feb. 8-9 for a two-day learning and sharing experience designed to strengthen individual partnerships, identify key lessons learned in building institutional and human resource capacity to support the prevention, care, and treatment of HIV/AIDS, and encourage cross-partnership collaboration.

Following introductions and partnership presentations that highlighted accomplishments and current activities, participants conducted a brainstorming session and selected the following five subject areas to discuss further as a group:

- Palliative care, including training and mentorship of pharmacists, advocacy communications, and access to information via Learning Resource Centers (LRCs) and other means;
- LRC lessons learned, customization, case studies, evidence-based practice, and monitoring and evaluation;
- Institutionalization of training, pre-service, continuing education, professional societies;
- Awareness and advocacy for external and internal audiences; and
- Maternal and child health systems, including PMTCT.

Dr. Velepi Mtonga, Permanent Secretary of the Zambian Ministry of Health spoke to participants on the second day of the meeting, thanking them for their contributions to ongoing efforts to strengthen health system capacity in the country.

"The HIV/AIDS pandemic is one of the biggest challenges facing the development of Africa. Zambia — like other countries — is finding it difficult to sustain the huge human and financial costs of our current HIV burden," Dr. Mtonga said, explaining that an estimated 226 adults are newly infected with the virus each and every day.

"At current rates of infection, that number is expected to rise to 276 new adult infections per day by 2012," she continued.

"In our national strategic response, we aim to reduce the rate of new infections because each infection averted means one less person who will need antiretroviral treatment," Dr. Mtonga told the group, clarifying, "Today, that costs about \$6,000 per year for each person."

She then detailed key factors driving Zambia's HIV/AIDS epidemic, including multiple concurrent sexual partners, low or inconsistent condom use, low rates of male circumcision, mobility and migrant labor, and vertical transmission, noting that marginalized and vulnerable populations are at particular risk.

"Throughout the region, as in Zambia, it has been found that knowledge has not been enough to change behavior and risk perception is often inaccurate," Mtonga said.

The Permanent Secretary emphasized the need for programs to combine short, medium, and long-term responses, as well as to include strong leadership and full community engagement.

If the United Nations target

of reducing HIV infections by half by the year 2015 is met, Mtonga explained, the cumulative savings on treatment costs in Eastern and Southern Africa alone would amount to \$11 billion. "This makes prevention not only cost effective, but essential," she warranted, citing ZAMCOM's efforts to strengthen the skills of media professionals to more effectively report on HIV/AIDS issues and the success of the Hearts and Minds Campaign in battling stigma and fatigue among journalists, NGOs, activists, and the general public.

"The Zambian Government is delighted by initiatives such as the ones being supported by the United States through the American International Health Alliance. These programs build institutional and human resource capacity to support the prevention, care, and treatment of HIV/AIDS. We implore you — our foot soldiers and partners — to continue the good work that you are doing in the fight against AIDS," Mtonga concluded.



Pharmacist Liyoka Liyoka, of the University Teaching Hospital in Lusaka, makes a point during a discussion on palliative care led by PCAZ Program Manager Patricia Ulaya.



Dr. Velepi Mtonga, Permanent Secretary, Zambian Ministry of Health, shares county strategies and progress with participants during the meeting.



Partners gather for a photo at the conclusion of the meeting, which was conducted at the ZAMCOM campus in Lusaka.



## AIHA Conducts Strategic Planning Meeting for its Partnerships in Ethiopia



Dr. Medhin Zewdu, Chief of Staff and Director General of the Office of the Minister of Health of Ethiopia, tells participants that their efforts to strengthen health system capacity “show just how much can be accomplished through genuine partnership.”



Yahalem Tamiru, HCT Advisor, Health Promotion and Disease Prevention General Directorate, Ethiopian Ministry of Health, shares demographic information and discusses the Ministry’s counseling and testing efforts.



Dr. Omar Abdulwadud discusses his VHC assignment, which is focused on promoting evidence-based clinical practices in Ethiopia.

Twinning Center partners and volunteers working in Ethiopia gathered for a two-day meeting in Addis Ababa Feb. 12-13 to share information on the activities of individual partnerships, encourage cross-partnership collaboration, and identify best practices in building institutional and human resource capacity to support the prevention, care, and treatment of HIV/AIDS.

Specific meeting objectives included sharing common achievements and challenges for effective twinning, as well as key resources and models, and identifying specific short and long-term strategies for collaboration among partners.

The conference opened with welcoming remarks by AIHA Acting Country Director for Ethiopia Kidest Hailu and AIHA Executive Director James P. Smith. AIHA Senior Program Associate Laura Laskofski then provided an overview of Twinning Center activities and discussed current priority issues for PEPFAR II, CDC, and the Ethiopian Ministry of Health.

Representing the Ministry, Dr. Medhin Zewdu, Chief of Staff and Director General of the Office of the Minister of Health, welcomed meeting participants and thanked them for the many important contributions to improving health system capacity made by the Twinning Center, its partners, and volunteers.

Dr. Zewdu then went on to detail the health sector reform efforts currently under way in Ethiopia, stressing important role the Ministry’s strong alliance with the Twinning Center and its partnerships plays in helping the country achieve its goals.

“To date, the Twinning Center has successfully engaged

40 professionals from the Diaspora to serve in over 30 different sites, including various departments at the Ministry and in health institutions around the country,” Dr. Zewdu told meeting participants.

“The seven institutional partnerships have worked to strengthen human and organizational capacities ... and show just how much can be accomplished through genuine partnership,” she continued.

Representatives from each partnership outlined their activities, key accomplishments, lessons learned, and upcoming activities. VHC volunteers and a Russian lab mentor placed through AIHA’s Strategic Health Partnership Initiative, which is funded by USAID/Moscow, also shared information about their respective activities.

Participants then engaged in a facilitated dialogue to come up with areas that are ripe for potential coordination. Research and Internal Review Board (IRB) guidelines; bio-medical engineering capacity strengthening; and cross-partnership collaboration emerged from this discussion.

Other topics discussed in greater detail by participants were:

- Learning Resource Centers and use of evidence-based practice;
- How to improve lines of communication among partners;
- Improved strategies for promoting partnership programs;
- Faculty and staff retention and motivation; and
- Continuous quality improvement and monitoring and evaluation.

Each of these topics was actively discussed by partners and specific recommendations and action items were jointly developed.

The meeting provided a venue for sharing information and ideas, providing participants with a clear picture of what other partners are doing to strengthen Ethiopia’s healthcare capacity.

In the end, the success of the Twinning Center’s partnerships is dependent on how the professionals and institutions involved work with one another. When partners and volunteers are excited and energized by the contributions they can make and what they can learn from each other, successful outcomes are more readily attained.

All those present at the meeting demonstrated an impressive commitment and willingness to develop joint strategies for expanding existing programs and launching new ones in the coming months.

## Ethiopian Partners Conduct Symposium on Best Practices in Psycho-Social Care for PLWHIV

Twinning Center partners at the Addis Ababa University (AAU) School of Social Work; the Jane Addams College of Social Work at the University of Illinois-Chicago; and the Tanzania Institute of Social Work in Dar es Salaam hosted the first "Best Practices Symposium on Psycho-social Care for People Infected with or Affected by HIV/AIDS" at the Hilton Addis Ababa Hotel on March 6.

AAU School of Social Work Dean, Dr. Abye Tasse, welcomed 75 alumni, faculty, and partners who attended the event. Providing background on the school, which reopened five years ago after being closed for some 20 years, Dr. Tasse shared information about current programs and activities.

Following opening remarks made by Dean Tasse, Dr. Nathan Linsk, representing the University of Illinois-Chicago, and Dr. Theresa Kaijage, representing the Tanzania Institute of Social Work, the following nine technical presentations were made:

- Two Good Practices on Prevention of HIV among Children and Adolescents (Etsub Berhanesilassie, Save the Children Sweden);
- Positive Change: Children, Communities, and Care (PC3) Program (Tigist Hailu, Save the Children USA);
- Best Practices in Services to Orphans and Vulnerable Children (Donna Petras, University of Illinois-Chicago);
- Kinship Care for Orphans and Vulnerable Children (Meseret K. Desta, University of Illinois-Chicago);
- Case Management in Ethiopia (Ismael Ahmed, I-TECH);
- Para-Social Worker Training Model: Tanzania (Theresa Kaijage, Tanzania Institute of Social Work);
- Triangular Partnership: Psycho-social Care Worker Model (Hailemichael Tessfahun, AAU School of Social Work);
- Best Practices on Psycho-social Care from Chicago (Nathan Linsk, University of Illinois-Chicago); and
- Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS: Best Practices (Aissetu Bari, PADET).

Participants had ample opportunity to ask questions regarding these presentations. During this discussion period, Dr. Kaijage shared the Institute of Social Work's experience as the first Twinning Center partnership to implement a para-social worker training program in support of orphans and vulnerable children.

"We ensure our trainees have a minimum of 12 years of education to better ensure they can influence people at the grassroots level," she said, explaining that Africa cannot be changed by university professors. "Rather, we must engage people who are working at the community level, including traditional healers.

Dr. Kaijage went on to explain that key components of the training include effective methods of assessing client strengths and weaknesses, engaging children and families in the care process, and case management to help ensure continuity of care and support.

"Social work is not a top-down process. Quite the opposite, it is a bottom-up discipline," Kaijage told the group. "It emphasizes how to engage people by bringing the issues directly to them."

Explaining that the AAU School of Social Work is working closely with the Ethiopian Ministry of Health to strengthen psycho-social support for people living with or affected by HIV in the country, Hailemichael Tessfahun noted, "Previous trainings have been fragmented and not of the highest quality, but we have been working with other stakeholders to solve this problem. For example, we are training nurses and health extension workers, as well as updating the training manuals on psycho-social care and support." Partners are also working to avoid duplication of efforts, he continued.

Many participants had questions related to HIV prevention through behavior change. Responding to these, Dr. Linsk admitted that it is very difficult to change existing behaviors. He recommended that encouraging alternative behaviors can be a more effective method of getting clients to adopt healthier lifestyle practices. "We can't talk about changing behavior without a corresponding discussion on raising awareness in a culturally appropriate manner," he stressed.

Following the symposium, partners conducted an alumni reception for some 200 AAU School of Social Work faculty, graduates, and invited guests, including CDC/Ethiopia Director, Dr. Tom Kenyon.



Dr. Nathan Linsk of the University of Illinois-Chicago provides an overview of best practices in psycho-social care drawn from experiences in Chicago.



AAU School of Social Work Dean, Dr. Abye Tasse, and Dr. Theresa Kaijage of the Tanzania Institute of Social Work during the alumni reception.



PhD candidate Hailemichael Tessfahun, a member of the AAU School of Social Work faculty, discusses the psycho-social care worker training model developed through the Twinning Center triangle partnership.

## Free State Partners Conduct Web Seminar on Implementation Science and HIV Research

**In South Africa's Free State Province, more than 70 percent of all patients with active TB also have HIV. Despite these high rates of co-morbidity, only 65 percent of tuberculosis patients are tested for HIV.**

Twinning Center partners at University of the Free State's Centre for Health Systems Research and Development hosted an interactive Web-based training titled "Implementation Science and HIV Research" Dec. 4, 2009, at their Bloemfontein campus.

Dr. Wynne Norton, assistant professor at the University of Alabama-Birmingham's School of Public Health, presented the training. Key topics covered included an overview of implementation science and important terms and functions; examples of

how implementation science can be applied to HIV/AIDS research; and ways of applying implementation science to current studies partners are undertaking on voluntary counseling and testing protocols for patients with tuberculosis.

In addition, Dr. Norton also reviewed the Centre's pending proposal for funding to conduct research on provider-initiated counseling and testing (PICT) of TB patients. She offered specific feedback on the proposed protocol, including sugges-

tions for improving follow up procedures and the evaluation process.

Since 2007, the Centre has been partnering with the State University of New York (SUNY) Downstate Medical Center to study South Africa's evolving HIV-TB epidemic and develop appropriate, effective responses to the public health challenges co-infection with both diseases presents. Their efforts are supported by PEPFAR through CDC/South Africa.

## Para-Social Worker Helps Clients Overcome HIV Stigma and Discrimination in Tanzania



Para-social worker Rashidi Mwenda (right) with Maria John, a 16-year-old from the Ndachi community who has been living with HIV her entire life. "What Rashidi has taught me has helped me to accept my status and live a healthier life," Maria John says.

Rashidi Mwendi works with Huruma Women's Group, an NGO in Tanzania's Dodoma Region. He participated in a para-social worker training course conducted by Twinning Center partners at the Institute of Social Work and the University of Illinois-Chicago's Jane Addams College of Social Work and Midwest AIDS Training and Education Center. Held in January 2009, the course was supported by PEPFAR and USAID/Tanzania.

"Huruma does not have a social worker on staff, so my training has been very useful for the organization," Mwendi explains. "I was asked to develop a program to help address the psychological needs of orphans and vulnerable children, as well as to participate in a home-based program for people living with HIV," he continues.

That's how he met 16-year-old Maria John, a slight girl who — before she speaks — seems frail and resigned to a life of poverty and despair.

When she begins to share her life's story, however, Maria's strength shines like the sun.

Likely infected with HIV through mother-to-child transmission, Maria has been sick her entire life. "My father died before I was born," she says, explaining that she has been on one medication or another her whole life. During one of her many stays at hospital, she was diagnosed with HIV. Many people, even her own mother, thought she would die. But it was her mother who died when Maria was nine. She was left in the care of relatives.

"She used to work around the clock as a fishmonger, trying to make sure we had enough money to survive. When she died, I felt certain my life would also come to an end very soon," Maria recalls.

The young girl soon learned that the battle against HIV and the loss of both her parents was not to be the only fight she faced. "I feel the stigma of having HIV

from my relatives and from people in the community practically every day," she says, noting that she learned quickly it was better not to reveal her HIV status for fear of discrimination and abuse.

A nurse told Mwendi about Maria John. "At first, it was difficult to get her to open up. She'd faced so much stigma that she felt too threatened to talk about her situation," Mwendi says. "It is stigma that spreads the virus in our community more than anything else," he maintains.

Through a support program Mwendi launched in Ndachi community, the girl began to gain confidence and hope.

"I am so grateful for Rashidi and this program he initiated. It's helped me cope with the stigma and discrimination I have faced from guardians, my landlord, and neighbors," she says. "I believe that because of him I will be able to live a longer, happier life."



## ANEMO Celebrates 20 Years as Mozambique's Professional Nursing Association

Long-time Twinning Center partners at the Associação Nacional dos Enfermeiros de Moçambique (ANEMO) — the Mozambican National Nurses Association — celebrated its 20th anniversary in Maputo Dec. 4, 2009.

The gala event was attended by the country's president, Armando Emilio Guebuza, and a distinguished delegation that included the Minister of Health, Minister of Public Services, Minister of Justice, and the former Minister of Health who served in that position when ANEMO was founded two decades ago.

ANEMO members from all 10 provinces of Mozambique joined nursing colleagues

from other countries, including South Africa, Tanzania, and the Seychelles, to celebrate the association's accomplishments and learn more about its goals for the coming years.

Pedro Muroto, ANEMO provincial delegate from Cabo Delgado, shared his thoughts, explaining, "In this 20 years, ANEMO has achieved a significant level of recognition and visibility, but we still have many challenges ahead. We must strengthen our organizational structure and capacity and develop a clear membership strategy."

According to ANEMO Executive Director Lidia Monjane, the association's Twinning

Center partnerships — first with the African Palliative Care Association (APCA) and now with St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing at Moravian College — have played an important role in strengthening ANEMO's capacity and helping it grow its membership to more than 2,500 nursing professionals.

"Our partners are helping us create a new vision for ANEMO and have greatly expanded our connections with other professional nursing organizations around the globe," Monjane says, stressing how this has helped them further their mission of strengthening nursing education as a way of improving quality of care.



During the gala celebration, Mozambican President Armando Emilio Guebuza (left) greets ANEMO founding member Fabiao Norte Ginja (right) while the association's first president, Lourenco Manuel Magaco (center) looks on.

**"My involvement with ANEMO began when I was working on my bachelor's degree in nursing. I became a member while pursuing my master's. Since that time, and as I was pursuing my PhD, I came to understand the importance of membership in a professional association."**

**Nursing faces many challenges in Mozambique, but ANEMO is working with the Ministry of Health to overcome these and ensure the nursing profession**



— Maria Acacia Ernesto Lourenço, Mozambique's first nurse to earn a PhD.

## Partners Conduct REDS Course at New EMS Training Center in Addis Ababa

Partners at the Addis Ababa University Faculty of Medicine conducted a Retroviral Emergency Department Support (REDS) course at the newly established Emergency Medicine Training Center at Black Lion Hospital March 15-18.

Dr. Dawd S. Siraj, associate professor of medicine at East Carolina University School of Medicine in Greenville, South

Carolina; Dr. Efraim B. Kramer, head of emergency medicine at the University of Witwatersrand Faculty of Health Sciences in Johannesburg; and Dr. Frank Graziano, professor of medicine at the University of Wisconsin in Madison served as faculty for the course, which was attended by 28 physicians currently involved in urgent care in Ethiopia.

Key topics covered during the 4-day course included HIV immunology and pathophysiology; classification and clinical aspects of HAART; failure of HAART; emergency room management of opportunistic infections; and resuscitation scenarios. The course also featured ward rounds and other hands-on opportunities to gain clinical skills.

**The majority of patients seen at the emergency room of Addis Ababa University's Black Lion Hospital present with internal medical emergencies related to HIV/AIDS.**

## Conferences, Grants, and Opportunities



### **13th Bangkok International Symposium on HIV Medicine**

January 20-22, 2010  
Bangkok, Thailand

### **4th Africa Conference on Sexual Health and Rights**

Feb. 9-12, 2010  
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

### **2010 National STD Prevention Conference**

March 8-11, 2010  
Atlanta, USA

### **6th Annual AIDS Scenario Building Workshop: Planning for a Future with HIV and AIDS**

April 21-23, 2010  
London, United Kingdom

### **14th International Conference on Infectious Diseases (ISID)**

March 9-12, 2010  
Miami, USA

### **37th Annual Global Health Council Conference**

June 14-18, 2010  
Washington, DC, USA

### **4th International Conference on Peer Education, Sexuality, and HIV and AIDS**

June 16-18, 2010  
Nairobi, Kenya

### **5th International Workshop on HIV Transmission: Principles of Intervention**

July 15-16, 2010  
Vienna, Austria

### **Children & HIV: Family Support First**

July 16-17, 2010  
Vienna, Austria

### **2nd International Workshop on HIV Pediatrics**

July 16-17, 2010  
Vienna, Austria

### **HIV Testing: Global Challenges, Global Strategies, Global Impact**

July 17, 2010  
Vienna, Austria

### **XVIII International AIDS Conference**

July 18-23, 2010  
Vienna, Austria

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