

HIV/AIDS Training Courses Available at the Regional Knowledge Hub

The Knowledge Hub offers more than 40 courses on the following key topical areas:

- **HIV Medicine**
 - * Comprehensive continuing education program
- **Adult Care and Treatment**
 - * Sequence of courses for multidisciplinary teams
 - * Care and Treatment in Correctional Settings
 - * 3- and 5-day courses in advanced adult ART for practicing HIV physicians
- **Pediatric Care and Treatment**
 - * Sequence of courses for multidisciplinary teams
 - * 3 and 5 day courses in advanced pediatric ART for practicing HIV physicians
- **HIV/AIDS Nursing**
 - * Sequence of courses for nurses
- **HIV/AIDS Palliative Care**
- **Treatment of Patients Co-infected with HIV, TB, and Hepatitis B and/or C**
- **ART for Injecting Drug Users**
- **Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT)**
 - * Series of 3- and 5-day courses for comprehensively addressing PMTCT issues, including ART during pregnancy
- **Case Management**
 - * Course for social and medical workers and other care providers
- **Organization of Care**
 - * Integrated care model for PLWH, including clinic administration and management
- **HIV/AIDS Laboratory Services**
 - * Including diagnostics of opportunistic infections, HIV resistance, and ARV treatment monitoring
- **Faculty Development & Training-of-Trainers**
 - * Initiation of ART (adult and pediatric)
 - * Introduction to HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment
 - * HIV/AIDS for Social Workers

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



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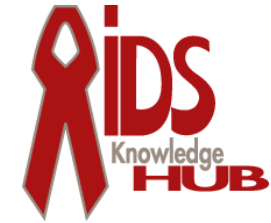
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Providing Clinical Training, Technical Assistance, and Capacity Building to Combat HIV and AIDS in Eastern Europe and Central Asia

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“Providing Training and Technical Assistance to Develop Sustainable National Mechanisms for Building HIV/AIDS Capacity”

The Regional Knowledge Hub for the Care and Treatment of HIV/AIDS in Eurasia was established in 2004 by the American International Health Alliance (AIHA) to help countries in Eastern Europe and Central Asia to provide high quality, comprehensive HIV-related prevention, treatment, and support services. Currently administered through AIHA's offices in Moscow, the Knowledge Hub is helping build human resource capacity critical to the delivery of services to thousands of people living with HIV or AIDS (PLWH).

The Knowledge Hub is supported by the World Health Organization (WHO); the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH (formerly GTZ) as part of its German BACKUP Initiative; principle recipients of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; various UN agencies; and other international donor organizations.

Working with key national, regional, and international stakeholders, the Knowledge Hub and its affiliated clinical centers are actively strengthening the ability of countries in Eurasia to provide comprehensive, quality care and treatment to PLWH by

- Developing expertise among health professionals through training and onsite mentoring;
- Providing specialized technical assistance;
- Linking professionals who provide HIV/AIDS prevention, care, treatment, and support; and
- Adapting, developing, and disseminating the latest evidence-based guidance for HIV/AIDS care specialists based on national and international practice standards.

Since 2004, the Knowledge Hub has trained more than 6,286 care providers from 11 countries in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. These practitioners are currently responsible for providing treatment to more than 50,000 PLWH.

A key component of the Knowledge Hub's capacity strengthening role is the provision of technical assistance utilizing both regional and international clinical experts with a deep understanding of the HIV epidemic in Eurasia and extensive experience in the provision and organization of appropriate care and treatment for people living with HIV or AIDS. The Knowledge Hub also supports related regional adaptation of clinical practice guidelines and WHO HIV/AIDS treatment and care protocols and maintains an extensive Web site in both English and Russian languages, which supports the use of current evidence-based materials and promotes continuing education and ongoing quality improvement.

The Knowledge Hub carries out its activities through a network of affiliated training facilities and centers of clinical excellence. Through these affiliates, the Knowledge Hub currently offers more than 40 different training courses on a broad range of HIV/AIDS-related topics. Many of these qualify for continuing education certification by national authorities.

The following six courses were updated based on revised Clinical protocols for the WHO European Region 2011-1012 and other international HIV/AIDS recommendations

- Advanced ART in Adults and Adolescents
- Advanced Pediatric ART and Management of Opportunistic Infections (3-day course)
- Advanced Pediatric ART and Management of Opportunistic Infections for Multidisciplinary Teams (5-day course)
- Tuberculosis and HIV: Management Strategies for Co-infected Patients
- Viral Hepatitis C and B and HIV: Management Strategies for Co-infected Patients



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



Coursework and onsite mentoring improve both clinical skills and patient care.

- Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV

Since 2011, AIHA has been conducting medinars (web-based seminars) on HIV and TB issues for specialists from Russia and other countries in the region. During these medinars, participants may discuss presented topics, get answers to topical questions, and share experiences with Russian and international experts. More details on AIHA's medinars can be found at: <http://www.eurasiahealth.org/health/resources/100244/>

Accessing the Knowledge Hub Courses developed by AIHA and the Knowledge Hub, HIV/AIDS guidelines, clinical protocols for the WHO European Region, and other training resources are available free of charge online at www.AIDSKnowledgeHub.org

Knowledge Hub Affiliated Clinical Training Sites

- St. Petersburg City AIDS Center, Russia
- Botkin Infectious Disease Hospital, St. Petersburg, Russia
- St. Petersburg City TB Hospital No. 2, Russia
- Republican Infectious Disease Hospital, Ust-Izhora, St. Petersburg, Russia
- Gromashevsky Institute of Epidemiology and Infectious Diseases, Kyiv, Ukraine
- Kyiv City AIDS Center, Ukraine
- Kyiv City Children's Hospital No. 1, Ukraine
- National Pediatric HIV Clinic, Kyiv, Ukraine
- Republican AIDS Center, Tashkent, Uzbekistan