

Drug Use and HIV/AIDS: Breaking the Cycle of Infection

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Behaviors associated with drug use have been shown to be among some of the most prominent and robust predictors of HIV transmission in the United States. Injection drug use has directly and indirectly accounted for more than one-third (36 percent) of AIDS cases in the United States; drug use affects judgment about sexual risks and thereby increases the likelihood of transmitting or acquiring HIV through unprotected sex. Evidence suggests that drug abuse treatment can help prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS, especially when combined with prevention and community-based outreach programs for at-risk people. These efforts can reduce or eliminate drug use and drug-related HIV risk behaviors.

Speakers:

Nora Volkow, MD, Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, will provide an overview of NIDA's HIV/AIDS research portfolio.

Robert Booth, PhD, Professor of Psychiatry, University of Colorado School of Medicine, will discuss results from his NIDA-funded prevention and treatment research.

Patricia Nalls, Founder and Executive Director, The Women's Collective, will provide her personal perspective as an HIV-positive woman helping other women deal with HIV-related issues.

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