

NORTH AMERICAN HOUSING & HIV/AIDS RESEARCH SUMMIT IX:

Structural Interventions and Ending the Epidemic

August 1-3, 2018, Capitol Hilton, Washington, DC

The ninth North American Housing and HIV/AIDS Research Summit will be held August 1-3, 2018, in Washington, DC. The scope of Summit IX includes the full range of social drivers of HIV, including poverty, housing status, food security, employment, incarceration, race/ethnicity, behavioral health issues, stigma and intimate partner violence. What impact do these drivers have on ending the HIV epidemic? What policies and programs can influence these drivers or mitigate their negative effects?

The North American HIV epidemic has evolved and is now concentrated in socially marginalized and disenfranchised communities. The health disparities in this epidemic are striking, with most HIV infections occurring among those who are sexual minorities and communities of color.ⁱ Promoting health equity will lay a foundation for people to access and remain engaged in treatment, allowing treatment to be effective. Evidence shows that HIV-positive people who are on treatment, engaged in care, and have an ongoing undetectable viral load do not transmit HIV infection to others.ⁱⁱ Viral suppression is the key to ending the HIV epidemic.

Growing evidence demonstrates the effectiveness of structural interventions in strengthening HIV prevention and treatment programs. These interventions include social protections (such as housing, nutrition and transportation supports), economic empowerment (including education and job training), decriminalization, anti-discrimination laws and campaigns to change social norms.

Rigorous research on social drivers and structural interventions is critical to lay the groundwork for these types of approaches and to support their scale-up.

We invite research, policy and practice abstracts relevant to the Summit IX theme of Structural Interventions and Ending the Epidemic

Topics of interest include:

- Housing as Healthcare
- Housing as Prevention
- Evidence Strategies and Practical tools for inclusion of social and structural interventions in plans to end the epidemic
- The “Housing First” model for delivery of housing and related support services.
- Effective age-related interventions, specifically for youth and those 50 and above.
- Care, well-being, and quality of life of people living with HIV and AIDS.
- Wholistic health and viral suppression.
- Connection between social determinants and viral suppression.
- Viral suppression and health care utilization.
- Connection between social determinants and HIV prevention
- Economics and the business case for structural interventions and plans ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

- HIV Undetectable=Untransmittable (U=U):

Abstracts are now being accepted for oral or poster presentations. For information about formatting your abstract, and for a list of topics of interest, please visit the [North American Housing & HIV/AIDS Research Summit](#) website. The deadline for abstract submission is **March 16, 2018**

Abstract Process Timeline

1. Abstract Acceptance Begins – January 5, 2018 (Friday)
2. Abstract Acceptance Deadline – March 16, 2018 (Friday)

Audio / Visual Equipment Request

Available AV equipment includes LCD projectors/screens, and flip chart/markers. Microphones will be provided based on size of room.

- Presenters **MUST** bring their own laptop.
- MAC users **MUST** bring their OWN LCD projector cables and adaptors (no exceptions will be made).

Poster Sessions

Posters are a way to informally describe innovative programs and services both visually and verbally. Accepted submissions will be assigned a space with presenters standing next to their 24" X 36" mounted posters. Your poster will be tacked or mounted to a temporary display. The poster should contain your title and contact information, as well as talking points and graphics related to the topic. Presenters informally discuss their topic with those who visit their poster station. Your proposal summary in this category should not exceed 300 words.

Research Presentation

These are intended to be in-depth presentations on research conducted in the focus areas. All presentations will incorporate the theme of the conference. Up to eight of these sessions will be offered concurrently during 90-minute periods partnered with other research of related interest. You should provide an overview of the research with outcomes and be prepared to engage in a discussion with participants. These sessions should be interactive in nature. PowerPoint may be used in these sessions if so desired. Your proposal summary in this category should not exceed 600 words.

Policy, Program, Intervention or other types of Research Evaluation

Presenters in this category will share results and outcomes of policy, program or interventions evaluations that show the effectiveness of structural interventions. Up to eight of these sessions will be offered concurrently during 90-minute periods partnered with other evaluations of related interest. You should provide an overview of the evaluation and be prepared to engage in discussion with participants. These sessions should be interactive in nature. PowerPoint may be used in these sessions if so desired. Your proposal summary in this category should not exceed 600 words.

Abstracts may be submitted for oral or poster presentation. International abstracts are welcome.

Abstract Format

Abstracts are limited to 600 words and must include the presentation title and a complete list of authors including affiliations. Please identify one presenting author and one primary contact.

Use one of the following formats:

Abstract Elements

For scientific research presentations:

- **Background:** study objectives, hypothesis, or a description of the problem.
- **Methods:** study design, including a description of participants, procedures, measures, and statistical analyses.
- **Results:** specific results in summary form.
- **Conclusions:** description of outcomes, implications and limitations.

For presentations on policy, programs, interventions, and other types of research evaluations:

- **Issues:** a short summary of the issue(s) addressed by the authors.
- **Description:** description of the project, experience, service, or advocacy program.
- **Lessons learned:** a brief description of the results of the project.
- **Recommendations:** a brief statement of next steps.

Abstract Submission and Review

This year, the Housing & HIV Summit will be accepting abstracts through www.hivhousingsummit.org or www.nationalaidshousing.org. Abstracts must be submitted no later than **March 16, 2018**. Criteria for peer review will include innovation and relevance, approach/methodology, contribution to science, practice and/or policy, and results/lessons learned. Abstract decisions will be emailed on or before **May 25, 2018**. The conference fee is waived for one (1) presenting author per accepted abstract, and a limited amount of travel support may be available for presenters who would not otherwise be able to attend.

Are you part of NAHC (on email list)?

ⁱ <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3700367/>

ⁱⁱ <http://www.catie.ca/en/fact-sheets/transmission/hiv-viral-load-hiv-treatment-and-sexual-hiv-transmission>