

HIV/AIDS Training Courses Available at the Regional Knowledge Hub

- Initiation of ART for Adults
- Adult ART Onsite Mentoring
- Advanced Adult ART and Management of Opportunistic Infections
- Initiation of ART for Adults in Correctional Settings
- Adult ART Onsite Mentoring in Correctional Settings
- Advanced Adult ART and Management of Opportunistic Infections in Correctional Settings
- Initiation of Pediatric ART
- Pediatric ART Onsite Mentoring
- Advanced Pediatric ART and Management of Opportunistic Infections
- HIV/AIDS Palliative Care
- HIV/AIDS Nursing
- Management of HIV & TB Co-infection
- HIV/AIDS Case Management
- ART for Injecting Drug Users (Optional Substitution Therapy Component)
- Adherence to ART
- ART During Pregnancy
- PMTCT: General Knowledge
- PMTCT: HIV Counseling and Testing
- PMTCT: Obstetrics and Gynecology
- PMTCT: Pediatric Issues
- PMTCT for Decision-makers
- Laboratory Monitoring of HIV Infection and ART
- HIV/AIDS Clinic Administration and Management
- Introduction to HIV Care for Adults
- Training-of-Trainers Course: Initiation of ART for Adults
- Training-of-Trainers Course: Introduction to HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment

Detailed course descriptions can be downloaded at
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Providing Clinical Training, Technical Assistance, and Capacity Building to Combat HIV and AIDS in Eastern Europe and Central Asia

The Regional Knowledge Hub for the Care and Treatment of HIV/AIDS in Eurasia

Kyiv, Ukraine

The Regional Knowledge Hub for the Care and Treatment of HIV/AIDS in Eurasia was established in 2004 by the **Ministry of Health of Ukraine**, Ukraine's **National Medical Academy of Postgraduate Education (NMAPE)**, the **Ukrainian National AIDS Center**, and the **American International Health Alliance (AIHA)**.

Designed to assist countries in Eastern Europe and Central Asia as they work to provide comprehensive HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, and support services, the Knowledge Hub is helping to build human resource capacity thanks to the support of World Health Organization (WHO), German Society for Technical Cooperation (GTZ), the International HIV/AIDS Alliance, and other donor organizations.

Capacity Building through Collaboration

Working with key national, regional, and international stakeholders, the Knowledge Hub and its affiliated clinical centers strengthen the ability of countries in Eastern Europe and Central Asia to provide comprehensive, high quality care and treatment to PLWH by:

- Developing expertise among health and allied professionals through training opportunities;
- Providing direct technical assistance as needed;
- Linking people and institutions involved in the provision of 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 standards.

The Knowledge Hub's programs draw on the strengths and expertise of a broad range of national and international organizations dedicated to improving care and treatment for PLWH.

Currently, the Knowledge Hub offers 26 courses on a wide range of HIV-related care and treatment topics.

Although most courses are taught at NMAPE, the Knowledge Hub can arrange and facilitate courses at other institutions upon request. Clinical sessions for courses taught in Kyiv are conducted at strategic partner sites, including:

- **Lavra AIDS Clinic, Institute of Epidemiology and Infectious Diseases**
- **Kyiv City Children's Hospital No. 1, Department of Infectious Diseases**
- **Southern Ukraine AIDS Education Center**

Numerous international organizations contribute to the Knowledge Hub's capacity-building efforts, serving as a key resource for training curricula, materials, and faculty when such expertise is not sufficiently available in the region. The All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS, AIDS Foundation East West, AIDS Healthcare Foundation, Association of Public Health Laboratories, William J. Clinton Foundation, UNAIDS, UNICEF, Open Society Institute's International Palliative Care Initiative and Harm Reduction Development Program, Medecins sans Frontieres, International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care, USAID, GTZ, and WHO are among the many organizations that contribute to the Knowledge Hub's capacity building work.



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

The Knowledge Hub also collaborates with the **St. Petersburg AIDS Training and Education Center (ATEC)** in Russia.

Established in 2006 by the St. Petersburg Medical Academy of Postgraduate Studies, the Republican Infectious Disease Hospital at Ust-Izhora, and AIHA, ATEC is helping to integrate evidence-based HIV

curricula into Russia's graduate and postgraduate education programs thanks to a grant from the Russian Healthcare Foundation and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

Working closely with policymakers in target countries, Knowledge Hub experts design and execute a training program in keeping with national strategies and supportable by both national and international funds.

Training Focuses on Clinical Skills

The Regional Knowledge Hub has adopted a comprehensive and sustainable approach to training healthcare and allied professionals in HIV/AIDS treatment and support. Curricula are constantly evolving based on the latest recommendations developed by WHO, national experts, and leading international agencies, as well as the most up-to-date research and guidelines issued by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Because HIV/AIDS is a complicated disease, treatment is continually evolving as we learn more about it. With this in mind, courses offered by the Knowledge Hub are frequently updated to reflect the latest best practices, arm healthcare professionals with critical clinical skills, and provide extended opportunities for learning. All training takes place in small groups to better facilitate an open dialogue between instructors and participants.



Onsite mentoring plays a key role in successful acquisition of clinical skills.

Courses emphasize a multidisciplinary "care team" approach. Physicians, nurses, and social workers receive introductory training and mentoring in this collaborative method to build common understanding of HIV and the complementary roles each team member must play to help ensure patients have access to comprehensive, integrated care and treatment. To this end, Knowledge Hub courses also provide training for ob/gyns, psychologists, policymakers, lab technicians, clinic administrators, and clinicians specializing in tuberculosis, substance abuse, and other fields, as well as PLWH and volunteers working with AIDS service organizations.

The Regional Knowledge Hub has developed a quality control system for each training course. Pre- and post-course surveys and daily assessment tests, combined with onsite mentoring and evaluation of changes in clinical practice, are used to fine-tune curricula and help identify future training needs.