



## President's Message

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Here it is spring and the promise of a new season is unfolding all around us.

Where has the time gone? It seems only a few short weeks ago I was writing my first newsletter message telling you I was just getting my feet wet as President. Well let me tell you, I'm in the deep end already ...and the water is fine.

The board has been very busy getting the mission statement and bylaw revisions complete and ready for your perusal at the Annual General Meeting. The Regional Representatives have been busy in their individual practice settings and as you can see from their reports they are all making a concerted effort to connect with the membership in their respective regions.

I hope that you will all make the same effort and commitment to contact them with any issues of concern, questions or to share a success or challenge you have encountered in your own "neck of the woods"

CANAC is at an exciting juncture in it's development. CANAC has clearly been recognized as a source for expertise in HIV/AIDS nursing and from that recognition we have been approached by several organizations and asked to sit on advisory committees to bring the nurses perspective to the table.

These requests are a coup for CANAC as it is clear that the reputation for excellence and professionalism that former CANAC members have fostered is being recognized and valued. Some of the exciting invitations that CANAC has received include:

- an invitation from the CNA to have a CANAC member be their representative for the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network Advisory Group on HIV/AIDS, Stigma and Discrimination
- to be a National Program Partner Committee member for the 4th Canadian HIV/AIDS Skills Building Symposium to be held in Calgary, Alberta November 20-23rd, 2003.
- Health Canada has invited CANAC to an HIV/AIDS Information Services Initiative Consultation in April in Ottawa.

These are only some of the interesting opportunities for collaboration that have been presented. If you have some time and would like to represent nurses and CANAC through these or other initiatives please let your regional representative know. I hope that you will consider getting involved.

Another way to "get involved" is to share an article, story or anecdote through this newsletter. We are looking for submissions on any topic of interest to our members. This is YOUR newsletter so please help keep it interesting and up-to date my sharing your experience and expertise.

I am really excited about the upcoming annual conference in Halifax. The conference program looks amazing and the conference planning committee has worked hard to ensure the Gala /Awards Dinner will be one of the best ever.

Hope to see you all in Halifax!  
Brenda

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# Report from the Treasurer



I am pleased to participate on the CANAC board in the capacity of treasurer. The CANAC board has been both welcoming and supportive, I am inspired by the hard work and dedication the

board members exude. Thus far, my time with CANAC has been both busy and exciting. The initial establishment and transfer of the account to Kingston as well as gaining an understanding CANAC's business was enjoyable, but busy. Currently CANAC is enjoying a healthy financial balance, which provides us opportunity to broaden our scope as an association and allows us to engage in new endeavours in the future. We have secured a CANAC visa card for the management of CANAC affairs and are developing a policy for it's management. I am looking forward to seeing you at the AGM in Halifax.

Tracey Stevenson  
Treasurer

# Membership Update



Patti Daley,  
CANAC  
Secretary

I would like to remind our current members to encourage nurses, other health care professionals, and health educators to become involved as members of CANAC/ACIIS.

There are many issues facing those infected with HIV, those affected, and those vulnerable to infection as well as those who work in the field of HIV/AIDS. We need to act, there is much work to be done.

We have 94 members:

- Atlantic Region – 10 members
- Quebec Region – 14 member
- Ontario Region 35 member

- Prairies, NWT & Nunavut Region– 16 member
- BC & Yukon Region – 18 member
- International– 1 member

# Quebec Regional Report



Jean Clermont-Drolet,  
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Programme National  
de Mentorat VIH/sida  
(Mentorat HIV/AIDS  
National Programme)

Hello,

It gives me great pleasure to write you all a few lines, just to say that like each and everyone of you, there is no lack of work and no idle time. Well, on top of street nursing, I am collaborating in the implementation of training, particularly for the workers at shelters and soup kitchens. This is impassioned but time consuming. The results are worth the work; the more informed the workers are of the reality of HIV/Hep C, the more they participate with the nursing and medical follow-ups. This is by no means a negligible task when working around so-called marginalized clients.

I would also like to tell all francophone nurses (and those nurses understanding French), that they are cordially invited to the Deuxième Symposium des Infirmières Mentors et Novices du Programme National de Mentorat VIH/sida, which will take place on Friday June 13th at Laval University in Quebec City. The program will include presentations and conferences by and for nurses working with AIDS patients, particularly in the areas of medications and nursing follow-ups. This is not to be missed! Don't hesitate to contact me for more information.

On the 17th and 18th of March I was in Montreal for a Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network workshop about drugs, needle exchange in prisons, and safe

injection sites. This was most interesting, and such a pleasure to meet again the nurses working in prison environments. It was very interesting to exchange information with them and I hope they will share their professional activities with all the nurses. Regarding the workshops, you will find all information on the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network website at (amongst other things an excellent presentation of a Swiss social worker working in Geneva at Quai 9, a supervised injection site which opened in December 2001).

That is the news.  
Jean Clermont-Drolet

## Ontario Regional Report



Dear CANAC nurses:

On my bulletin board at work are numerous inspirational items, from photos (mostly of nurses : Susan and Evanna, my friend Caroline

Goodfellow, Florence Nightingale) to buttons to cards and cartoons. One of my favorites is the motto from Casey House, who vow to:

*care passionately  
collaborate intensively  
educate progressively  
improve continuously  
lead courageously  
advocate powerfully*

Isn't that great?

Another pin-up is the line " When you have to eat an elephant, it doesn't matter where you take the first bite". Most days the things which *should* be done vie with the things which *must* be done, and the time and energy supply are insufficient.....I am sure you are all familiar with that reality of HIV care! Some days it is more overwhelming than others -scanning my bulletin board gets me moving.

Is there something on your wall or bulletin board that is your inspiration, either in the sense that it keeps you going in the bad moments or keeps urging you to new excellences? Will you share some of your favorites with me and other CANAC nurses? Fax them to me at 613-569-3488, or e-mail to Thank you so much!

Still on this theme of inspiration and achieving excellence, thank you to the staff at London's clinic for the educational day Building Bridges, co-sponsored by the AIDS bureau, back on December 6. All the workshops presented education, validation and encouragement to keep preparing for the newest or next aspect of the epidemic. I was particularly fascinated by the sessions on HIV in older people, women and HIV, safer injection sites as a prevention strategy as well as the useful information on diarrhea.

Elsewhere in Ontario, nurses and our allies in AIDS care are involved in HIV outpatient clinic coordinators meetings quarterly, where the sharing of knowledge and problem solving strategies enhances care and support to staff. The Association of Ontario Health Centres is beginning a project on best practises for HIV in CHC's. I will be working on that; hopefully the work will build on that done by so many of our clinics for the recently completed best practises project of the HIV outpatient coordinators.

What else is occupying your energies and time these days, Ontario nurses? Let us know, please, your celebrations and challenges.

I hope many of you are able to join us in Halifax at the conference; besides the always fantastic education sessions we look forward to the Annual General Meeting of CANAC and regional breakouts for ways to improve CANAC for all of us.

Sincerely,  
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# BC & Yukon Regional Report



Dear CANAC Colleagues;

Greetings from the West Coast! I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday Season and a fresh, energetic start to 2003.

This year presents many new challenges for us as HIV/AIDS nurses. Further government cutbacks and service reductions, worsening nursing shortages, more stressful work environments and a proliferation of increasingly challenging, multidagnosed clients with few options for support and care other than nurses. Sounds exhausting at first glance, yet I have noticed a galvanizing of resolve and determination in nurses with whom I have talked. HIV/AIDS nurses, as usual, appear ready to take on these new challenges and continue the fight against this, still deadly disease, and the stigmatization and discrimination that are associated with it. Ralf Jurgens Executive Director of the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network describes HIV/AIDS primarily as a human rights issue and insists that we must promote and implement a "Rights-Based" approach to practice.

As Dr. Michael O'Shaughnessy, of the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS states, "the epidemic is not behind us, it's in front of us!" A new wave of HIV/AIDS morbidity and mortality is predicted and there are signs that we are already well into the leading edge of it. Acute care admissions for HIV/AIDS related diagnoses at St. Paul's Hospital here in Vancouver have risen to rates not seen since the early 1990's. Will this wave be just like the last one? Not likely. Demographic data from the BC Centre indicate that, compared to ten or more years ago, many more people who are becoming increasingly ill from the progression of HIV/AIDS have, among other deficits, less social support, less financial means and less stable housing. Many are more marginalized, addicted, co-infected with HCV and dealing with mental health issues. Many have run out of treatment options due to liver disease, drug resistance or other reasons. There is

an identified need for more acute and sub-acute services as well as palliative care.

There are many issues and obstacles to nursing care for people living with HIV/AIDS, not the least of which continue to be our own personal fears and value systems, ingrained in us since childhood through the social mores of commitment to making the world into what, or how it "should be". The challenge is to answer the questions: "Who decides what 'should' means?"; "How do we decide what to do with those parts of society that don't fit the box of how things 'should be'?"; "How are the principles of Human Rights applied in the quest for these answers?". It is the conclusions we draw from these questions that will play a profound role in the future course of HIV/AIDS and, indeed, how we define ourselves as a just society.

I'm pleased to report a number of activities in which our members have participated since my last communication. Under the generous coordination of Irene Goldstone, on January 16<sup>th</sup>, CANAC BC/Yukon Region sponsored another very successful Interdisciplinary AIDS Care Rounds and dinner, in partnership with the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS. The topic was "HIV and Nutrition", presented by Diana Johansen, RDN. It was a very enjoyable and informative evening attended by many Lower Mainland CANAC members.

I am very proud to report that the nurses at the Dr. Peter Centre were the subject of a feature cover article in "Nursing BC" titled "Removing Barriers to Health Care Services". Congratulations to Patti Zettel and Wil Stewart for the astounding work they do with high risk injection drug users in Vancouver. This was an awesome acknowledgement of their expert application of professional nursing practice standards. The editor made a rather confusing decision to put the mug shot of yours truly on the cover. Actually, this work has been my passion for the last three years and it is great to see it bearing such amazing fruit. The February issue of Nursing BC, however, was somewhat less flattering with half a dozen letters to the editor raising many concerns that nurses have about this controversial work. This is very encouraging, though, because the opportunities to contribute to the education of our many colleagues are abundant.

Also in February, Fiona Gold was the feature author in a cover article in the Canadian Nurse. Titled "Supervised Injection Facilities", Fiona writes about the experiences of the Street Nurse Program in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. Volunteering on the Board of the Harm Reduction Action Society and working with injection drug users, Fiona and the other street nurses bring a common-sense, evidence-based approach to the problems of injection drug use.

The spirit of advocacy and activism in the AIDS movement is being kept alive and well through the courageous work of Fiona (CANAC Award of Excellence recipient, 2002), and other street nurses and the Dr. Peter Centre nurses. Dr. Peter Centre has submitted an application under the new federal guidelines, for exemption under Section 56 of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act to protect safe access to health care services for clients who use drugs. Dr. Peter Centre Nurses have also authored a manuscript describing the story of developing supervised injection practices and policies. It has now been peer reviewed and accepted for publication in an up-coming issue of the Canadian Nurse.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Halifax next month. It should prove to be an exciting time on the Atlantic Coast. I gotta get me some lobster! I'm sure there will be some astounding nurses nominated for the Awards of Excellence this year. It will be a thrill to see who they are! CANAC/ACIIS is also pleased to be offering the ACRN Certification Exam this year. Good luck to all of the candidates.

Please remember, if you have not already renewed your membership for 2003 please do so right away so you don't miss out on any publications, special announcements and notices, special national and international partnership projects and (the best of all!) the launch of our new look! That's right! The Association has had a makeover! Also, don't forget that the deadline for Abstract submission for the ANAC Conference in New York in November is April 11<sup>th</sup>.

See you all again soon!  
Alan Wood

## **Canadian Working Group on HIV and Rehabilitation (CWGHR)**

Stephen Tattle

In 1997 I had had the pleasure of serving as the CANAC representative and a key author on the group which developed Module 7 in The Comprehensive Guide for the Care of Persons with HIV Disease series, on Rehabilitation Services. During the development of this resource, a need emerged for national vision and coordination in the area of rehabilitation in the context of HIV disease. The Canadian Working Group on HIV and Rehabilitation (CWGHR) was founded to respond to this need. I have served as the CANAC representative on this group since its inception in 1999.

CWGHR is a national, independent, autonomous, multi-sectoral, multidisciplinary working group whose mission is to facilitate a coordinated response to rehabilitation in the context of HIV disease. The groups focus on rehabilitation is both in terms of how we as health care professionals traditionally view it and also in terms of return to work/active living and income security.

CWGHR activities include: targeted research involving environmental scans, prevalence studies and policy papers; educational workshops for PHAs and health care providers; an annual call for proposals for innovative projects in the field for which we provide funding; cross-sector collaboration on disability issues; advocacy on issues related to HIV and rehabilitation; and development of information and awareness resources.

The "multi-sectoral approach" is one of the main strengths of CWGHR, providing the basis for learning from, reaching out to and collaborating with all relevant stakeholders in rehabilitation in the context of HIV disease. CWGHR members include:

- people living with HIV disease.
- Representatives of:

- community-based HIV and other disability organizations
- national associations of health professionals
- government departments,
- private businesses
- employment related agencies

The health professional national associations with representation on CWGHR include: the Canadian Physiotherapy Association; the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists; the Canadian Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation; the Canadian College of Family Physicians and of course CANAC.

For more information on CWGHR, visit our website at [www.hivandrehab.ca](http://www.hivandrehab.ca) or [www.backtolife.ca](http://www.backtolife.ca).

## Did you have a burnout?

A University of Ottawa doctoral student is looking for persons to complete a research questionnaire on burnout (sent and returned by post).

You are eligible if:

- you had a burnout within the last 3 years;
- it was diagnosed by a health professional (doctor, psychologist, psychiatrist, social worker);
- the burnout resulted in a leave of absence (1 to 6 mths);
- problems related to the burnout crisis are resolved and you have gone back to work.

Information obtained is strictly confidential. For more information, contact Johanne at [jlapoint@uottawa.ca](mailto:jlapoint@uottawa.ca).

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## Blood Safety, Supply and Alternatives:

The more you know, the better you'll feel

### Community Townhalls

*Presented by the Anemia Institute for Research and Education*

Twenty years after HIV first entered the Canadian blood supply, the issues have changed but the need for public engagement around the safety and supply of blood and blood alternatives is as urgent as ever. Sponsored by the Anemia Institute, this series of public forums will shed light and open the dialogue on the most pressing issues facing the safety and supply of blood and blood alternatives. Essential for anyone concerned with the issue on a personal, professional, or public policy level, these meetings are a rare opportunity to come and shape the future of an issue as vital and complex today as it was some twenty years ago.

The Anemia Institute is proud to host Blood Safety, Supply and Alternatives: The more you know, the better you'll feel – townhall meetings in Ottawa, North Bay, Hamilton, London, and Oshawa, Ontario. We hope that you will join us in these important discussions.

**OTTAWA:** Tuesday, April 1st at 7:00 pm at the Ottawa Hospital, Civic Campus, 1st Floor Amphitheatre, 1053 Carling Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario

**NORTH BAY:** Thursday, April 3rd at 7:00 pm at the Best Western Conference Centre, Rooms A & B, 700 Lakeshore Drive, North Bay, Ontario.

**HAMILTON:** Monday, April 7th at 7:00 pm at McMaster University Medical Centre, Room 4E20, 1200 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario

**LONDON:** Wednesday, April 9th at 7:00 pm at London Health Sciences Centre, West Campus, 7th

Floor Amphitheatre, London, Ontario (Enter from Baseline Road: "Westminster Tower Entrance")

**OSHAWA:** Tuesday, April 15th at 7:00 pm at Parkwood Carriage House – McLaughlin Room, 270 Simcoe Street N., Oshawa, Ontario

#### Topics for discussion will include:

- Opinions of physicians, patients, and public about blood safety, supply and alternatives.
- Expert panel on emerging risks, update on supply, importance of informed decision making (Health Canada, Canadian Blood Services, Healthcare Professionals, Anemia Institute)
- Participant input on consumer attitudes regarding blood safety, supply and informed decision making.

RSVP online at [www.anemiainstitute.org](http://www.anemiainstitute.org) or at 1-877-99-ANEMIA.

## Websites

In this issue we are sharing web sites that various members have found useful- please let us know if there are others that you or your clients value, or if you have a concern about sites which do not give appropriate information, in your opinion.

### Aboriginal AIDS

Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network:  
[www.caan.ca](http://www.caan.ca)

### British Columbia Persons with AIDS

*Living Positive* newsletter:  
[www.bcpwa.org](http://www.bcpwa.org)

### Clinics

Toronto: [www.tthhivclinic.com](http://www.tthhivclinic.com)  
Calgary: [www.crha-health.ab.ca/clin/sac/sac.htm](http://www.crha-health.ab.ca/clin/sac/sac.htm)

### Conferences

International AIDS Conference:  
[www.aids2002.com](http://www.aids2002.com)

Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections:

[www.retroconference.org](http://www.retroconference.org)

### Development

Interagency Coaliton on AIDS and Development (ICAD):

[www.icad-cisd.com](http://www.icad-cisd.com)

### Epidemiology (Canadian)

[www.hc-sc.gc.ca/pphb-dgspssp/publicat/aids-sida/haic-vsac0602.pdf](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/pphb-dgspssp/publicat/aids-sida/haic-vsac0602.pdf)

### Fact Sheets

[www.catie.ca](http://www.catie.ca) (English and French)

[www.aidsinonet.org](http://www.aidsinonet.org) (English and Spanish)

World Health Organization fact sheets for nurses and midwives:

[www.who.int/health-services-delivery/hiv\\_aids/English/index.html](http://www.who.int/health-services-delivery/hiv_aids/English/index.html)

### General Information, Treatment Guidelines

[www.thebody.com](http://www.thebody.com)

[aidsinfo.nih.gov](http://aidsinfo.nih.gov)

[www.aegis.com](http://www.aegis.com)

### General Information, medical

[cbshealthwatch.medscape.com](http://cbshealthwatch.medscape.com)

AIDS Knowledge Base 1500 pg textbook online:  
[hivinsite.ucsf.edu](http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu)

DART (Drug and Alcohol Registry of Treatment):  
[www.dart.org](http://www.dart.org)

JAMA HIV/AIDS Information Centre:  
[www.ama-assn.org/special/hiv/hivhome.htm](http://www.ama-assn.org/special/hiv/hivhome.htm)

International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care:  
[www.iapac.org](http://www.iapac.org)

## Harm Reduction

Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users  
[www.vandu.org](http://www.vandu.org)

Better vein care and safer injection  
[www.anypositivechange.org](http://www.anypositivechange.org)

The Portalnd Hotel Society  
[www.vandu.org/swiss/sld045.htm](http://www.vandu.org/swiss/sld045.htm)

Four pillar approach to drug problems in Vancouver  
[www.crimepreventionddrutreatment.com-pdf/files-A FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION REVISED.pdf](http://www.crimepreventionddrutreatment.com-pdf/files-A%20FRAMEWORK%20FOR%20ACTION%20REVISED.pdf)

Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse  
[www.ccsa.ca](http://www.ccsa.ca)

## Hepatitis C

[www.hivandhepatitis.org](http://www.hivandhepatitis.org)

## HIV/AIDS Information for Patients

Aegis HIV education: [www.aegis.com](http://www.aegis.com)

AIDS Clinical Trials Information Services (ACTIS):  
[www.actis.org](http://www.actis.org)

AIDS.org (Immunet), including treatment Information for HIV/AIDS caregivers:  
[www.immunet.org](http://www.immunet.org)

American Foundation for AIDS Research (amfAR):  
[www.amfar.org](http://www.amfar.org)

Canadian HIV Trials Network:  
[www.hivnet.ubc.ca/ctr.html](http://www.hivnet.ubc.ca/ctr.html)

CDC Divisions of HIV/AIDS Prevention:  
[cdc.gov/nchstp/hiv\\_aids?dhap.htm](http://cdc.gov/nchstp/hiv_aids?dhap.htm)

CDC National Prevention Information Network:  
[www.cdcnpin.org](http://www.cdcnpin.org)

HIV AIDS Treatment Information Service (ATIS):  
[hivatis.org/](http://hivatis.org/)

HIV InSite (University of California at San Francisco and San Francisco General Hospital Medical Center):  
[hivinsite.ucsf.edu](http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu)

Immunodeficiency Clinic-Toronto Health Network:  
[www.thivclinic.com](http://www.thivclinic.com)

JAMA HIV/AIDS Information Center:  
[www.ama-assn.org/special/hive/](http://www.ama-assn.org/special/hive/)

The Body - an AIDS and HIV Information Resource:  
[www.thebody.com](http://www.thebody.com)

## HIV Community Organizations:

AIDS Coalition of Cape Breton:  
[www.accb.ns.ca/](http://www.accb.ns.ca/)

AIDS Committee of Western Newfoundland:  
[www.cornet.nf.ca/we/acwn/](http://www.cornet.nf.ca/we/acwn/)

AIDS New Brunswick:  
[www.aidsnb.com](http://www.aidsnb.com)

AIDS PEI:  
[www.aidspei.com/](http://www.aidspei.com/)

Canadian HIV/AIDS Treatment Information Exchange (CATIE)  
[www.catie.org](http://www.catie.org)

## HIV and women

[www.thebody.com](http://www.thebody.com)

[www.vopw.org](http://www.vopw.org) Voices of Positive Women

## HIV and Pregnancy

[www.motherisk.org/HIV](http://www.motherisk.org/HIV)

care of infant born to HIV +ve mother:  
[www.cps.ca/english/publications/InfectiousDiseases.htm](http://www.cps.ca/english/publications/InfectiousDiseases.htm)

## Infection Control Guidelines

[www.hc-sc.gc.ca/pphb-dgsp/dpg\\_e.html](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/pphb-dgsp/dpg_e.html)

## International Information

[www.unaids.org](http://www.unaids.org)

[www.aidsandafrika.com](http://www.aidsandafrika.com)

## Legal and Human Rights

Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network:  
[www.aidslaw.ca](http://www.aidslaw.ca)

## Nursing

Association of Nurses in AIDS Care:  
[www.anacnet.org](http://www.anacnet.org)

Canadian Association of Nurses in AIDS Care:  
[www.aciis.org](http://www.aciis.org)

College of Nurses of Ontario:  
[www.cno.org](http://www.cno.org)

## Oral Health and HIV

[www.hivdent.org](http://www.hivdent.org)

## Pediatric

For parents and families: [www.pedhiv aids.org](http://www.pedhiv aids.org)  
treatment guidelines: [www.aidsinfo.nih.gov](http://www.aidsinfo.nih.gov)

## Prevention and Control of Occupational Infections in Health Care

[www.hc-sc.gc.ca/pphb-dgspsp/publicat/ccdr-rmtc/02vol28/28s1/](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/pphb-dgspsp/publicat/ccdr-rmtc/02vol28/28s1/)

## Prisons

[www.hivcorrections.org](http://www.hivcorrections.org)

## Services for the deaf

[www.deafontario.org/projects/dop/index.html](http://www.deafontario.org/projects/dop/index.html)

# Répertoire de Sites Internet

Outre les moteurs de recherches bien connus comme yahoo, j'aime beaucoup utiliser les trois sites suivants :

## Information Générales

[www.reseau-canadien-sante.ca/](http://www.reseau-canadien-sante.ca/)

Mis sur pied par Santé Canada, le **Réseau canadien de la santé** offre une variété de liens à une multitude de sites et de textes disponibles sur le net. Plus de 200 choix, juste avec le mot *sida* dans le moteur de recherche.

[www.hc-sc.gc.ca/](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/)

Le site de *Santé Canada* contient de nombreuses informations, des textes et de liens intéressants. Agréable à consulter.

[www.sante-net.net/](http://www.sante-net.net/)

**Santé-Net Québec** se définit comme la toile de la santé du Québec et offre aussi un bon répertoire de liens, notamment ceux des établissements de santé.

## VIH/sida

[www.cmeonhiv.com/](http://www.cmeonhiv.com/)

Un «must» pour les professionnels de la santé en VIH/sida, avec la possibilité de visionner des conférences données dans des congrès internationaux. Fait en collaboration avec le **Programme National de Mentorat VIH/sida**. Sur inscription seulement.

[www.guidetherapeutiquevih.com/](http://www.guidetherapeutiquevih.com/)

Un **Guide thérapeutique VIH sur les médicaments et les interactions médicamenteuses**, mis au point par Rachel Therrien. Idéal pour mieux connaître les antirétroviraux.

[www.clearinghouse.cpha.ca/](http://www.clearinghouse.cpha.ca/)

Le **Centre canadien de documentation sur le VIH/sida** offre une information pertinente et intéressante, avec de nombreux liens.

[www.catie.ca/](http://www.catie.ca/)

Reconnu pour la quantité d'informations relatives aux traitements. Excellente documentation.

[www.aidslaw.ca/](http://www.aidslaw.ca/)

Le **Réseau juridique canadien VIH/sida** offre de nombreux documents touchant aux questions, légales, juridiques et éthiques.

[www.cdnaids.ca/](http://www.cdnaids.ca/)

Le site de la **Société canadienne du sida** mérite une visite, notamment pour ses liens avec les organisations sida au pays et ailleurs.

[www.cocgsida.com/index.htm](http://www.cocgsida.com/index.htm)

Le site de la **Coalition des organismes québécois**

**de lutte contre le sida** permet d'en connaître davantage sur le réseau communautaire sida au Québec.

### Toxicomanie

[www.ccsa.ca/](http://www.ccsa.ca/)

Le **Centre canadien de lutte contre l'alcoolisme et la toxicomanie** offre divers documents sur les drogues et les dépendances.

[www.camh.net/](http://www.camh.net/)

Situé à Toronto, le **Centre de toxicomanie et de santé mentale** propose divers programmes de soins et est reconnu pour son excellence. Documentation intéressante à commander.

[www.ayn.ca/](http://www.ayn.ca/)

Le **Centre de Santé RJA (Réseau Jeunesse Autochtone)** offre un volet toxico aussi intéressant que pertinent de par la qualité de son information, toujours bien vulgarisée.

### Hépatites

[www.liver.ca/](http://www.liver.ca/)

Pour qui veut en savoir plus, le site de la **Fondation canadienne du foie** est indispensable.

[www.hepnet.com/](http://www.hepnet.com/)

Le **Réseau d'information sur l'hépatite** offre aussi des documents de qualité, dont un diaporama sur l'hépatite C.

### Politique et corporations

[www.msss.gouv.qc.ca/](http://www.msss.gouv.qc.ca/)

Tout ce qui nous provient du **Ministère de la santé et des services sociaux du Québec**, la critique en moins... Mais ça vaut la peine de consulter les politiques ministérielles pour mieux orienter nos actions.

[www.oiiq.org/](http://www.oiiq.org/)

Rien de mieux que d'être au courant des activités de l'**Ordre des infirmières et infirmiers du Québec**, et on en profite pour consulter l'infirmière virtuelle.

### Bonne navigation à tous et toutes!

# Canadian AIDS Treatment Information Exchange

## National Reference Library on HIV/AIDS Treatment Information Sheet

Are you looking for publications or in-depth information on HIV/AIDS treatment? Try the National Reference Library on HIV/AIDS Treatment. The National Reference Library on HIV/AIDS Treatment collection has:

- over 1,400 books
- subscriptions to over 75 medical and consumer journals
- national and international treatment newsletters (spanning countries such as Canada, USA, Switzerland, France, Britain and Australia)
- electronic and Internet-based resources, such as CD-ROMs, subscriptions to databases, etc.
- community-based treatment publications from across Canada
- a treatment information research databank of 10,000 documents covering more than 500 subjects
- materials in six languages, with a sizeable French-language collection

The extensive subject scope of CATIE's Resource Centre includes quality resources on:

- antiretroviral therapies
- treatment and prevention of AIDS-related conditions
- co-infections
- emerging treatment research
- complementary therapies
- nutrition
- health and well-being.

CATIE's Resource Centre currently provides the following public services:

- web access to our Library catalogue ([library.catie.ca](http://library.catie.ca))
- *Innovations*, a web-based current awareness service for physicians ([www.catie.ca/innovations.nsf](http://www.catie.ca/innovations.nsf));
- *CATIENews*, Bite-sized HIV/AIDS treatment news bulletins ([www.catie.ca/aidsinfo.nsf/news](http://www.catie.ca/aidsinfo.nsf/news)).
- research and reference services. If you can't find the HIV/AIDS treatment resources you're looking for, ask our friendly Librarians for help.
- document delivery services. CATIE can provide single copies of the following

- materials to individuals in Canada for research and/or private study: scholarly journal articles, consumer-oriented HIV/AIDS magazines, and book chapters
- skills development training in researching and evaluating treatment information
- CATIE's bilingual *HIV/AIDS Treatment Thesaurus*

Contact Bilingual Library Staff at [library@catie.ca](mailto:library@catie.ca) or 1-800-263-1638 ext. 249

National Reference Library on the web: [www.catie.ca/library/index.html](http://www.catie.ca/library/index.html).

## Revised Mission Statement & Objectives

### **Mission**

To recognize and foster excellence in HIV/AIDS nursing through education, mentorship and support.

### **Objectives**

CANAC will achieve its mission through the following actions:

- Promoting education and continuous learning opportunities in HIV/AIDS care
- Creating a dynamic network of regional and national support for members
- Providing regular forums to share innovative nursing practices
- Encouraging research and evidence-based HIV/AIDS nursing practices
- Serving as a national voice for HIV/AIDS nursing issues
- Advocating for the rights and dignity of people who are living with HIV/AIDS or who are vulnerable to HIV infection

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