

Milestones and Accomplishments



1981

Paul Volberding, MD, and others begin treating a growing number of gay men suffering from *Kaposi's sarcoma* at SF General Hospital.



1983

Paul Volberding, MD; the late Constance Wofsy, MD; Donald Abrams, MD; and others create the world's first dedicated AIDS clinic in-patient facility, Ward 86, at SFGH.

Jay Levy, MD, discovers HIV at the same time as researchers at the Pasteur Institute in Paris, France.



1984

John Greenspan, BDS, PhD, and Deborah Greenspan, DSc, BDS, are the first to describe a lesion known as hairy leukoplakia, often the first outward sign of AIDS.

1986

Drs. Tom Coates, Steve Hulley, Susan Kegeles and Leon McKusick establish the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies to conduct theory-based behavioral HIV/AIDS prevention research



1987

Diane Wara, MD, co-founds the first center to care for pregnant women with HIV; within a decade, nearly all mother-to-child transmission is eliminated in California using a short course of antiviral drugs.



1990

The laboratory of Charles Craik, PhD, is the first to use the X-ray structure of HIV protease to identify an inhibitor that blocks the enzyme's activity, leading to the design of lifesaving protease inhibitor drugs, which remain the standard of care today.

1996

Then UCSF School of Medicine Dean Dr. Haile Debas spearheads an effort to unite all HIV/AIDS programs and laboratories at UCSF, resulting in creation of the AIDS Research

Institute

2000

Drs. Tom Coates and Michelle Roland develop a pioneering post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) drug and counseling program (2000)



2007

The UCSF Center of Excellence for Transgender Health is established to provide leadership, training, advocacy, and HIV-prevention resources for transgender individuals.



2010

The iPrEx pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) study led by Robert Grant, MD, MPH, is the first to show that use of AIDS drugs lowers the risk of infection.

UCSF's Diane Havlir, MD, leads a change to ART guidelines, recommending the offering of treatment to all who test HIV-positive.



2011

UCSF scientists Steven Deeks, MD; Mike McCune, MD, PhD; and Warner Greene, MD, PhD, are involved in two of three Martin Delaney Collaboratory grants awarded by the NIH to advance progress toward a cure for HIV.

Dr. Deeks is appointed co-chair of an international committee to explore scientific strategy toward eradication of latent HIV, effectively a cure.

Dr. Havlir begins SEARCH, the pioneering test and treat, community-based HIV treatment and prevention study in East Africa, launching the enrollment of over 320,000 participants.



2013

The HIV/AIDS Division at SFGH initiates the RAPID program to make antiretroviral treatment immediately available to those who test HIV-positive.

2014

UCSF leaders in the citywide Getting to Zero Consortium draft a strategic plan aimed at reducing new HIV infections, AIDS deaths, and stigma to zero in San Francisco.

2015

UCSF receives the amfAR Institute for Cure Research award, a \$20 million grant dedicated to finding a cure for HIV by 2020. With PI Paul Volberding, the team includes Drs. Steve Deeks,

Warner Greene, Peter Hunt, and Satish Pillai - bringing together researchers from UCSF, the Gladstone, and the Blood Systems Research Institute.

2017

UCSF performs pioneering transplant surgery from HIV+ donor to HIV+ recipient. Dr. Peter Stock fought to overturn laws prohibiting such transplant surgeries in order to perform California's first - and one of the nation's first - procedure between an HIV positive donor and recipient.

The ARI Targeted Action Group (TAG) Vaccine Group turns 20, marking decades of dedicated interdisciplinary and cross-industry work dedicated to advances in HIV vaccine research.

2019

Dr. Monica Gandhi and UCSF announced as Conference co-Chair and Local Scientific Partner for AIDS2020, the 23rd International AIDS Conference, returning to San Francisco for the first time in 30 years - this time in partnership with Oakland.

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