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# WOMEN & HIV 2026

FROM ADOLESCENCE TO  
MENOPAUSE AND BEYOND

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## Friday, 10 April 2026

All times are in Central European Summer Time (CEST)

8:30 **Opening Remarks and Welcome by the Chair**  
**Claudia Cortés**

**Session 1: Migration and HIV: Where Do We Stand?**  
*Co-Chairs: Barbora Králíčková and Claudia Cortés*

8:40 **Migration and HIV in Czech Republic**  
**Barbora Králíčková, MD**  
HIV Centre, University Hospital Bulovka, Czech Republic

8:50 **Migration and HIV Health Services in Europe**  
**Alena Kamenshchikova, PhD**  
Maastricht University, Netherlands

9:10 **Migration and PEPFAR Cuts - Solutions and New Approaches for the Global HIV Response**  
**Christine Stegling**  
UNAIDS, Germany

### Abstract-Driven Presentations

9:30 **Medical-Legal Partnerships to Improve HIV Prevention and Care for Immigrant Women at the Intersection of Migration, Substance Use, and Syndemic Conditions** #1  
Omar Martinez, United States

9:40 **Analysis of Trends in Active Women on ART Following PEPFAR Support Suspension in Mozambique** #2  
Yara Paulo, Mozambique

9:50 **Panel Discussion - How Do We Move Forward?**  
**Dmytro Skirhiko, MD**  
Czech AIDS Help Society, Czech Republic  
**Zofia Bartovská, MD, PhD**  
Charles University and Military University Hospital Prague, Czech Republic

10:30 Coffee break

**Session 2: DEBATE: Women Living with HIV Should Have Priority Access to GLP-1 Drugs**  
*Moderator: Catherine Hankins*

11:00 **Opening Words**  
**Catherine Hankins, MD, PhD, FRCPC, CM**  
McGill University, Canada

11:05 **Voting**

11:10 **Healthcare Provider: For the Proposition**  
**Catriona Waite, MBChB, PhD**  
University of Liverpool, United Kingdom/Uganda

11:17 **Healthcare Provider: Against the Proposition**  
**François Venter, MD, FCP, PhD**  
Ezintsha, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa

11:24 **Community Representative: For the Proposition**  
**Michaela Tomanová, MSc**  
Bulovka University Hospital / Charles University, Czech Republic



11:28 **Community Representative: Against the Proposition**

**Fungai Murau, MCIM, MA**

Independent Consultant (HIV), United Kingdom

11:32 **Discussion with the Audience**

11:52 **Rebuttals**

11:56 **Voting**

12:00 **Results & Closing**

12:05 Lunch

**Session 3: Pregnancy and Breastfeeding**

*Co-Chairs: Annette Haberl and Angelina Namiba*

13:30 **Same Same but Different - Breastfeeding Guidelines Across Europe**

**Lila Haberl, MD**

Goethe University Frankfurt, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf, Germany

**Abstract-Driven Presentations**

13:50 **Telelactation and Breastfeeding Support for Women Living With HIV: Perspectives From Lactation Consultants** #4

Emily Anne Barr, United States

14:00 **Very Low, but Not Yet Zero: HIV Vertical Transmissions among Women Diagnosed by Delivery in England (2014-2023)** #5

Helen Peters, United Kingdom

14:10 **Investigating the Effects of HIV Integrase Strand Transfer Inhibitors (INSTIs) on Maternal Cardiovascular Remodeling During Pregnancy: A Comparative Preclinical Study** #6

Hamna Ammar, Canada

14:20 **Patient Experience with Multi-disciplinary Support for Infant Feeding Choice** #7

Soumya Gogia, United States

14:30 **Panel Discussion - Undetectable = Untransmittable**

**Natella Rakhmanina, MD, PhD, FAAP, FCP, AAHIVS**

Children's National Hospital, United States

**Vesna**

Czech Republic

**Kateřina**

Czech Republic

**Session 4: HIV and STIs - Prevention, Testing, Screening**

*Co-Chairs: Sharon Walmsley and Natella Rakhmanina*

15:15 **What's New in HPV Prevention, Testing and Screening? What to Expect Next?**

**Deborah Money, MD, FRCSC**

University of British Columbia, Canada

**Abstract-Driven Presentations**

15:35 **Unseen but Undeniable: Hepatitis B as a Critical Barrier to Injectable PrEP Rollout in Zambia's HIV Prevention Landscape** #53

Lubinda Chingumbe, Zambia



15:45 **Assessing the Educational Needs of Non-Infectious Diseases Physicians and Health Care Providers in Canada Related to Prescribing PrEP to Women: A Qualitative Study** #10  
Sheliza Halani, Canada

15:55 **Women's Perceptions of Jail-Based PrEP in the U.S.: Insights from Project HOPE** #11  
Kathryn Nowotny, United States

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16:05 Q&A

16:25 **Guided Poster Tours (Parallel Sessions) and Coffee Break**

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17:25 **End of First Workshop Day**

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## Saturday, 11 April 2026

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8:30	<b>Opening Day 2</b>	
<b>Session 5: Substance Use and Health Access</b> <i>Co-Chairs: Claudia Cortes and Tristan Barber</i>		
8:35	<b>Substance Use and Access to Health Care Services</b> <b>Yvonne Gilleece, MBBCh, BAO, FRCP</b> Brighton & Sussex Medical School and University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust, United Kingdom	
<b>Abstract-Driven Presentations</b>		
8:55	<b>Six-Month Retention and Intention to Use an Integrated HIV and Sexual and Reproductive Health Care Model Among Cisgender and Transgender Female Sex Workers in Argentina</b> Valeria Fink, Argentina	#12
9:05	<b>Obstetric Violence Against Women Living with HIV in Eastern Europe and Central Asia</b> Medea Khmelidze, Georgia	#8
9:15	<b>Panel Discussion</b> <b>Jindřich Vobořil, MSc, PgDip</b> Helping Hands, Czech Republic	
<b>Session 6: Aging with HIV – Menopause, Comorbidities, and Beyond</b> <i>Co-Chairs: Fungai Murau and Margaret Johnson</i>		
9:45	<b>Health Care Priorities for Women Aged 40+ Living With HIV</b> <b>Ellen Moseholm, PhD</b> Copenhagen University Hospital, Denmark	
<b>Abstract-Driven Presentations</b>		
10:05	<b>PREVENTPrevent-Risk-Age Estimates Suggest That Non-hiv Factors Play an Important Role in Cardiovascular Risk Burden among Women Living with and without HIV in the British Columbia Carma-Chiwos Collaboration (BCC3) Study</b> Tetiana Povshedna, Canada	#14
10:15	<b>Health Outcomes and Social Determinants of Health Among Women Living with HIV Since Birth and Those Acquiring HIV Later in Life in the United States</b> Deborah Kacanek, United States	#15
10:25	<b>Inflammatory Markers suPAR and sCD163, but not CRP or HIV, are Independently Associated with Prevent Cardiovascular Risk Age in Women Living with and without HIV in British Columbia Canada</b> Monika M Kowatsch, Canada	#16
10:35	<b>Silver Linings in Women Aging With HIV: Paradoxical Shifts in Self, Trust, and Imagining the Future</b> Emily Anne Barr, United States	#17
10:45	<b>Q&amp;A</b>	
11:00	Coffee Break	



## Session 7: Innovation and the Future of HIV Treatment

Co-Chairs: Natella Rakhmanina and William Short

### 11:30 Long-Acting Antiretroviral Therapy: What Works and What is Best for Women?

**Chloe Orkin, MBBCh, FRCP, MD**

SHARE Collaborative for health equity, Queen Mary University of London, United Kingdom

#### Abstract-Driven Presentations

11:50 **HIV Clinician Training & Self-Perceived Competence in Recognition & Management of Menopausal Symptoms in HIV Positive Women across Multiple Sexual Health Services in Metropolitan Sydney, Australia** #56

Melissa Kelly, Australia

12:00 **Perspectives of Cisgender Women with HIV about Their Treatment Discussions with Healthcare Providers Concerning Current and Future Treatments: Results from the 'Ask Us' Europe Survey** #19

Chloe Pasin, United Kingdom

12:10 **Ainuovirine in Women with HIV-1: 48–96 Week Extension Results on Virologic Efficacy and Metabolic Safety from Two Phase III Trials** #20

Linghua Li, MD, Guangzhou Medical University, Municipal Eighth Hospital, China

12:20 **Q&A**

12:40 **Closing Remarks**

12:50 Lunch

13:50 **End of the Workshop**



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