HIV/AIDS and Viral Hepatitis
A Timeline of Key Milestones

The journey began in
1981

- On June 5, 1981, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued its first warning about a relatively rare form of pneumonia among a small group of young gay men in Los Angeles, which was later determined to be AIDS-related. This marks the official beginning of the HIV/AIDS epidemic
- First mainstream news coverage of the CDC's June 5 MMWR by the Associated Press and the *LA Times* on the same day it is issued. *The San Francisco Chronicle* reports on it the next day
- *New York Times* publishes its first news story on AIDS on July 3, 1981
- FDA approves the first HBV vaccine
- CDC issues report on highly unusual occurrence of rare skin cancer, Kaposi's Sarcoma, among young gay men in the July 4 MMWR

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1980s

1982

- CDC labels syndrome as GRID (gay related immune deficiency)
- Disease officially named Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome – AIDS
- CDC spent just over $2 million on AIDS
- Cases of AIDS diagnosed with persons who inject drugs, persons with hemophilia and blood transfusion recipients

1983

- AIDS becomes reportable by name in all states
- First NIH funding for research
- PHS publishes first guidelines on reducing sexual risk of transmission
- Gay Men's Health Crisis established
- Hepatitis E virus (HEV) discovered

1984

- Ryan White diagnosed with AIDS in Indiana
- Etiologic agent of AIDS discovered by the French (lymphadenopathy Associated Virus – LAV) and U.S. (Human T-cell lymphotrophic virus type 3 – HTLV-3)

1985

- ELISA test approved to screen blood supply
- First grants from CDC to health departments for counseling and testing
- First International Conference on AIDS takes place in Brussels, Belgium

1986

- Surgeon General C. Everett Koop issues first report calling for massive education on the disease
- WHO reports 53,000 cases worldwide
- First 10,000 cases of AIDS reported in the U.S.
- Mosquito study in Belle Glade, FL

1987

- AIDS case definition expanded HIV – Human Immunodeficiency Virus – is the agreed upon name for the virus that causes AIDS
- NAMES Project visits Washington, D.C. for the first time
- FDA clears AZT for AIDS treatment
- "And the Band Played On," published by Randy Shilts
- First National Commission appointed by President Ronald Reagan
- ACT-Up forms and coins the motto, "Silence=Death"

1988

- First World AIDS Day observed
- First needle exchange program established in Tacoma, WA
- First report issued by the Presidential Commission on AIDS
- Congress earmarks $100 million of CDC's $300 million HIV prevention budget for counseling and testing
- Congress mandates direct funding to national/regional minority organizations

1989

- OSHA Guidelines issued
- Congress mandates HIV prevention funding to six high impact cities
- Congress mandates direct funding of minority and other community-based organizations
- Hepatitis C virus (HCV) discovered
- HCV anti-body test approved

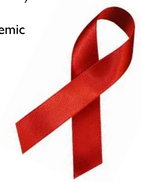
1990s

1990

- CDC reports first 100,000 deaths from AIDS
- CDC reports transmission from a dentist to patients
- CDC estimates 1 million people in the U.S. are infected with HIV
- Ryan White dies; the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act passes
- Blood supply testing for HCV begins

1991

- Steering committee of AIDS directors convened to lay foundation for creation of national alliance of AIDS directors
- NYS AIDS Institute convenes meeting of eight high impact states "Toward a Unified Voice: The HIV/AIDS Federal Agenda"
- Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS (HOPWA) enacted
- Red AIDS ribbon first introduced as symbol of epidemic



1992

National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors

- The National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors is established at first Annual Meeting March 31-April 2
- Ann Marie Kimball, Washington, is elected NASTAD's first Chair
- Funding cuts hit HIV prevention programs
- First AIDS directors' meeting with CDC's Jim Curran and Gary West – very tense!
- AIDS Quilt brings 25,000 panels to D.C.
- Two new anti-getrovirals approved (VIDEX and HIVID)
- CDC's definition of AIDS changes 25,000 panels to D.C.

1993

- Julie Scofield leaves Washington office of New York Governor Mario M. Cuomo to become NASTAD's first Executive Director in February
- First NASTAD News issued in March
- NASTAD founding member and Director of New York States AIDS Institute, Dr. Nicholas A. Rango, addresses NASTAD's Annual Meeting in April
- NASTAD awarded first CDC funding through subcontract with ASTHO for two assessments
- NASTAD receives second Gund Foundation grant for RWCA reauthorization project
- Joe Kelly joins NASTAD as Research Director
- Nicholas Rango dies of AIDS on November 10
- CDC redefines case definition of AIDS
- CDC issues HIV Prevention Community Planning Guidance

1994

- NASTAD awarded CDC funding through ASTHO subcontract for community planning TA
- Monthly *Community Planning Bulletin* first issued in April
- Lynne Greabell joins NASTAD as TA Coordinator and Jason Hendrix joins as Program Associate
- HHS Secretary Donna Shalala addresses NASTAD's Annual Meeting "Spring Training" in April
- Bob McAlister, Oregon, becomes NASTAD Chair
- Twice weekly conference calls of HIV prevention work group and CDC on community planning convened throughout year
- NASTAD receives CDC funding through ASTHO for adolescent and school health project
- Female condom licensed
- Jocelyn Elders is fired as U.S. Surgeon General
- HIV saliva test licensed
- AIDS becomes the leading cause of death in 25-44 year olds
- FDA approves use of AZT to prevent vertical transmission (PMTCT)

1995

- HHS Assistant Secretary for Health, Dr. Phil Lee and CDC Director of HIV Prevention, Dr. Jim Curran address NASTAD's fourth annual meeting April 23-26
- Wayne Sauseda, California, becomes NASTAD Chair
- B.J. Harris joins NASTAD as Director of Government Relations, Sean Bugg joins as HIV Prevention Communications Specialist, Jennifer Marin joins to work on prevention team
- NASTAD receives competitive award from CDC for HIV prevention social marketing project
- The Joint United Nations Programme on AIDS (UNAIDS) is established

1996

- NASTAD convenes its 5th Annual Meeting
- Doug Morgan, New Jersey, becomes NASTAD Chair
- Arnie Doyle joins NASTAD as Research Associate
- NASTAD receives first funding from HRSA for ADAP TA
- NASTAD receives grant from the Kaiser Family Foundation to produce a report on the status of state ADAPs
- FDA approves home collection kits
- RWCA is reauthorized one year behind schedule
- FDA approves first protease inhibitor
- International Conference on AIDS in Vancouver includes results on efficacy of ARTs; watershed, game-changer for the epidemic
- The HAART (Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy) era begins. A combination of at least three ARV (antiretroviral) drugs are recommended
- HAV vaccine approved

1997

- Yale University's Dr. Michael Merson and newly appointed AIDS Czar, Sandy Thurman, address NASTAD's 6th Annual Meeting.
- Randy Pope, Michigan, becomes NASTAD Chair
- First National ADAP Monitoring Report Project funded by KFF is issued by NASTAD

1998

- U.S. Surgeon General Dr. David Satcher addresses NASTAD's 7th Annual Meeting
- Casey Blass, Texas, becomes NASTAD Chair
- NASTAD receives HRSA funding to produce CARE Act state profiles
- NASTAD receives first sole-source cooperative agreement from CDC for community planning and socialmarketing projects

1999

- NASTAD holds 8th Annual Meeting
- Wendy Craytor, Alaska, becomes NASTAD Chair
- NASTAD receives first cooperative agreement from HRSA for care program services
- NASTAD receives first funding from SAMHSA for collaboration report
- NASTAD receives funding from the Congressional Black Caucus Initiative (Minority AIDS Initiative) from CDC for the STATUS (Supplemental Technical Assistance, Testing and Unified Services) project
- CDC issues Evaluation Guidance
- CDC convenes first National HIV Prevention Conference
- CDC issues guidance on HIV reporting

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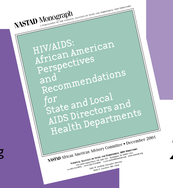
2000s

2000

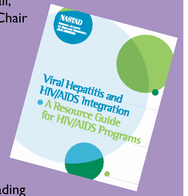
- NASTAD conducts 9th Annual Meeting
- Jim Welch, Delaware, becomes NASTAD Chair
- NASTAD receives funding for Global AIDS TA Program
- NASTAD receives CDC funding for viral hepatitis program
- NASTAD hires Natasha Sakolsky as first Global Program director and Laura Hanen starts as NASTAD's director of government relations
- CDC funds Hepatitis C Coordinator positions
- CDC announces that cases among African American and Latino MSM exceed white MSM
- Congress reauthorizes Ryan White Program
- US forms Global AIDS Program
- President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa voices support for AIDS dissidents

2001



- NASTAD celebrates 10th Annual Meeting
- Mark Loveless, Oregon, becomes NASTAD Chair
- NASTAD issues *Call to Action* in response to data on HIV risk among young MSM, particularly among racial and ethnic minorities
- NASTAD releases first NASTAD African American Monograph
- Murray Penner joins the staff in time to write NASTAD's new HRSA cooperative agreement application

2002



- Peter Whiticar, Hawaii, becomes NASTAD Chair
- ADAP Crisis Task Force formed to negotiate with makers of ARVs
- Global AIDS Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria beings operations
- HIV becomes the leading cause of death worldwide among those aged 15-59
- FDA approves OraQuick rapid HIV test

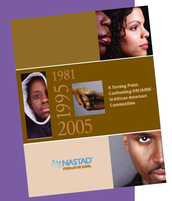
2003

- Loretta Davis, Michigan, becomes NASTAD Chair
- Terrance Moore and Ann Lefert hired
- NASTAD conducts first strategic mapping process
- NASTAD releases Latino monograph
- PEPFAR begins
- WHO issues its 3 by 5 initiative to reach 3 million people with HIV/AIDS treatment by 2005

2004

- Beth Scalco, Louisiana, becomes NASTAD Chair
- NASTAD issues joint statement with NCSD on crisis among gay men
- NASTAD releases first Native American report
- Joy Mbajah hired
- NASTAD is a founding member of the National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable (NVHR)
- NASTAD forms the Hepatitis C Appropriations Partnership (HCAP)
- President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief signed into law

2005



- Michael Montgomery, California, becomes NASTAD Chair
- NASTAD releases *African American Call to Action*
- NASTAD hires Lucy Slater and Brent Parker
- NASTAD convenes first Viral Hepatitis Grassroots Training and Hill Education Day
- Global Program enters into new cooperative agreement with country specific funding streams

2006

- Kevin Cranston, Massachusetts, becomes NASTAD Chair
- Natalie Cramer, Britten Pund, and Chris Taylor hired
- NASTAD receives first OMH funding to work with 3 states on health disparities
- NASTAD convenes first national ADAP TA meeting
- NASTAD initiates Black MSM issue brief series
- Division of Viral Hepatitis becomes a part of CDC National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP)
- NASTAD includes viral hepatitis in organization's strategic map
- Country survives extremely difficult Ryan White Program reauthorization process
- Don Torres, New Mexico, is first full-time NASTAD global program field employee in what later becomes NASTAD'S Botswana field office

2007

- Andre Rawls, Illinois, becomes NASTAD Chair
- NASTAD receives supplemental funding from CDC to address prevention among MSM
- NASTAD issues *Why We Can't Wait: The Tipping Point Among African Americans and HIV/AIDS*
- NASTAD issues *Viral Hepatitis Policymaking and Programs Primer*
- NASTAD issues Breaking Through the Silence: Key Issues *Among Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islander*
- NASTAD secures funding from Johnson & Johnson Foundation for Leadership Development
- Kelly Campagne, Jermaine Ivy, Gary Jenkins, and Francisco Ruiz hired
- NASTAD is founding member of the World Hepatitis Alliance
- CDC releases recommendations for testing in health care settings
- Felipe Rocha, Texas, is hired to establish field office in Ethiopia
- Barbara Roussel is hired to establish Haiti field office
- NASTAD convenes its first Regional Forum on African American Women

2008

- Tom Liberti, Florida, becomes NASTAD Chair
- NASTAD releases the *National HIV Prevention Blueprint and Policy Agenda*; Blueprint also issued in Spanish
- NASTAD receives new HRSA ADAP TA cooperative agreement
- NASTAD releases *¡Adelante! Strengthening the Response to HIV/AIDS and Viral Hepatitis in Latino Communities*
- Michelle Batchelor, Gen Meredith, Randy May and Lynn Shaull hired
- NASTAD convenes first National Viral Hepatitis Technical Assistance Meeting
- PEPFAR reauthorized for five years at up to $48 billion; reauthorization ends ban on immigration to U.S. of PLWHA
- U.S. releases new incidence estimates
- Full-time presence in South Africa and Zambia initiated

2009

- Heather Hauck, Maryland, becomes NASTAD Chair
- With KFF funding, NASTAD produces the *HIV Prevention Inventory*
- Colin Schwartz and Kevin Trotter hired
- The federal ban on the use of federal funds for needle exchange programs is lifted
- The Ryan White Program is successfully reauthorized and Julie Scofield attends signing ceremony with President Barack Obama

2010

- Ann Robbins, Texas, becomes NASTAD Chair
- NASTAD and NCSD issue the Statement of Urgency on Crisis Among Gay Men
- NASTAD approves its Strategic Map 2010-2013
- NASTAD changes mission and vision statements to incorporate viral hepatitis
- NASTAD tracks ADAP crisis weekly through *ADAP Watch*
- Tyler TerMeer and Jamaal Clue (NASTAD's first Rango Fellow) hired specifically to work on gay men's issues
- Global team members Habtamu Girma, Luisa Pessoa-Brandao, and Christelle Gorman hired
- Eric Booth and Mangafu Mavoka hired
- NASTAD creates the Federal Reporting Requirements Chart
- Institute of Medicine (IOM) releases report "Hepatitis and Liver Cancer: A National Strategy for Prevention and Control of Hepatitis B and C"
- NASTAD issues press release calling on federal government to provide more leadership on viral hepatitis
- NASTAD contributes to the development of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy and attends White House release in July
- Results from the iPrEx trial show a reduction in HIV acquisition among men who have sex with men taking PrEP.
- First Global Program All-Staff meetingheld in Botswana

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Our journey continues into 2011

- NASTAD convenes its 20th Annual Meeting in May
- Amna Osman, Michigan, will become NASTAD Chair at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting
- Chris Cannon and Addis Tilahun are hired
- NASTAD issues *A Través de Nuestros Ojos (Through Our Eyes): Promoting Health and Social Equity to Address HIV/AIDS among Latino Gay Men*
- NASTAD issues Policy Statement on HIV criminalization
- NASTAD releases Video Podcast on NWGHAAD
- NASTAD issues *United in Battling HIV/AIDS:A Guide to Understanding How Faith Communities Can Make a Difference*
- NASTAD releases its *Directory of Black/African American Resources*
- June marks 30 years since the epidemic began

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