Research & Clinical Trials at CRI

CRI looks for answers to important HIV/AIDS and hepatitis C (HCV) questions that no one else is asking. We conduct our own independent, physician-led clinical trials and collaborate with other key scientists and HIV/AIDS and HCV leaders on multi-site studies.

CRI does not provide primary medical care. If you are enrolled in a CRI study, you will maintain your existing relationships with all your current medical providers. CRI will communicate with your medical providers to ensure coordination of care and research.

Why Is CRI's Research Important?

Today's treatments have changed HIV from a deadly disease to a chronic illness that can be controlled with daily medications. Today, people living with HIV who are adhering to treatment can enjoy a life expectancy similar to people who are not living with HIV.

Together, we can find better ways to treat HIV/AIDS and HCV. The research conducted at CRI—with your support—makes lives better. Simple regimens of powerful and safe drugs make it easier for people to adhere to their treatment plans and result in lower viral loads. Effective treatment is one of the strongest tools we have as a community to prevent new infections and curb the HIV/AIDS and HCV epidemics.

You can find out more about clinical trials by speaking with your doctor or a CRI team member, or by visiting CRI's website at www.crine.org.

CRI’s Mission

To lead the way in clinical HIV/AIDS and hepatitis C research; to ensure access to lifesaving medications and health insurance coverage for Massachusetts residents in need who are HIV-positive, have tuberculosis, or who have other infectious diseases; and to disseminate state-of-the-art treatment information and education about how to access and maintain health insurance and health benefits coverage for those in need.

We envision that safe and effective treatments and lifesaving drugs and health insurance are available to all people living with HIV/AIDS, hepatitis C, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases.

While we’ve come a long way since our founding in 1989, we still have a long way to go to ensure every person in Massachusetts living with HIV has access to health insurance and the most recent, innovative treatments. Your support will help us continue working toward this goal.
Infectious Disease Drug Assistance Program (IDDAP)

IDDAP is largely funded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Boston Public Health Commission, and is administered and operated by CRI. IDDAP is the umbrella program that includes HDAP, CHII, TBDAP, PrEPDAP, nPEP, etc.

HIV Drug Assistance Program (HDAP)

HDAP helps Massachusetts residents pay for lifesaving HIV/AIDS-related medications. Managed by CRI, HDAP is a program of the Office of HIV/AIDS of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and is funded through the federal and state governments.

To enroll in HDAP, you must be living with HIV and a resident of Massachusetts. You must also meet income guidelines, which consider the high cost of HIV/AIDS drugs, the number of drugs you may need, and the high cost of living in Massachusetts. You do not have to be a U.S. citizen to get help from this program.

The Comprehensive Health Insurance Initiative (CHII)

CHII helps cover the costs of health insurance and copayments for people who are enrolled in HDAP.

The CHII program also helps people who do not have health insurance coverage or who already have health insurance but can no longer afford to pay for it.

Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Drug Assistance Program (PrEPDAP)

PrEP is medication that an HIV-negative person takes before potential exposures to prevent transmission of HIV. PrEPDAP helps people who meet income requirements pay for PrEP.

Non-Occupational Post-Exposure Prophylaxis Drug Assistance Program (nPEP)

PEP is medication that an HIV-negative person takes after potential exposures to prevent transmission of HIV. nPEP pays for this treatment for people whose potential exposure did not occur within the workplace and who have no health insurance or are underinsured.

Tuberculosis Drug Assistance Program (TBDAP)

TBDAP pays for tuberculosis medications for people who have TB infection.

If you would like more information on IDDAP or would like to enroll in these programs, please call 800.228.2714. All information is kept strictly confidential.

Benefits Resources Infectious Disease Guidance and Engagement (BRIDGE)

The BRIDGE team provides health insurance and benefits program enrollment, guidance, outreach, and training to individuals and organizations throughout Massachusetts. BRIDGE staff members develop trainings and provide individualized assistance for case managers, community resource specialists, and health care consumers and providers. The BRIDGE team supports the work of the HDAP and CHII departments.

“I appreciate the work you all do. You have literally saved my life and I know that I can always count on you guys. Thank you!”

– José F., HDAP Client

CRI’s History

Since 1989, CRI has:

• Contributed to the FDA approval of nearly all the currently available HIV/AIDS treatments, forever changing the direction of HIV/AIDS treatment around the world.

• Provided the latest treatment information to people living with HIV/AIDS—including women, people of color, LGBTQ individuals, and others who have been traditionally underserved.

• Managed the Massachusetts HIV Drug Assistance Program (HDAP), which provides access to HIV/AIDS drugs and health insurance coverage to more than 7,500 residents in need every year.

• Conducted HCV clinical research using our HIV/AIDS expertise to address an urgent community need for effective HCV treatments, participating in trials that led to an 8-week cure.