

CLINICAL CONSULTATION RESOURCES FOR THE CARIBBEAN

CHART INITIATIVE

The Caribbean HIV/AIDS Regional Training (CHART) network serves the region from national training sites in the Bahamas, Barbados, Haiti, and Jamaica. Later expansion to Trinidad & Tobago and other sites is planned. The CHART Regional Coordinating Unit is located on the Mona Campus of the University of the West Indies in Kingston, Jamaica.

In addition to establishing centres for the ongoing training and development of healthcare workers, the CHART initiative seeks to:

- Ensure that transfer of knowledge and technologies support the building of indigenous Caribbean capacity to sustain training competence and responsibility within Caribbean regional and local institutions; and
- Serve as a coordinating body and focal point for promoting the unique training needs and resources of the Caribbean region.

CHART's website is located at <http://www.chartcaribbean.org>.

CLINISERVE

A free, on-line forum sponsored by CAREC for exchanging clinical information on HIV/AIDS in the Caribbean. Anyone may register by sending a registration e-mail request to <http://cliniserve@carec.net>.

WEBSITES

Clinician-Oriented

www.chartcaribbean.org: Website of the Caribbean HIV/AIDS Regional Training Network.

www.carec.paho.org: Website of the Caribbean Epidemiology Centre.

www.aidsinfo.nih.gov: Offering information on HIV/AIDS treatment, prevention, and research, including care and treatment guidelines commonly used in the U.S. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the National Institutes of Health.

<http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu>: Comprehensive, up-to-date information on HIV/AIDS treatment, prevention, and policy from the University of California San Francisco School of Medicine.

www.hivwebstudy.org: Interactive, case-based training modules related to the clinical care of HIV-infected persons. Sponsored by the University of Washington and the Northwest AIDS Education and Training Center.

www.hopkins-aids.edu: Website of the Johns Hopkins AIDS Service.

www.medscape.com: A large, continuously-updated clinical knowledge base available to physicians and health professionals.

www.emedicine.com: Another large, continuously-updated clinical knowledge base available to physicians and health professionals.

www.cdc.gov: Website of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

www.paho.org: Website of the Pan-American Health Organisation.

www.who.int: Website of the World Health Organisation.

Patient-Oriented

www.aidsmeds.com: Dedicated to providing people living with HIV the necessary information they need to make empowered treatment decisions. The founder and some of the writers of this website are living with HIV.

www.thebody.com: A service of Body Health Resources Corporation, The Body's mission includes using the Web to lower barriers between patients and clinicians, demystifying HIV/AIDS and its treatment, improving patients' quality of life, and fostering community through human connections.