

WHEN DOES THE CAB MEET?

The CAB meets in the evenings on the second Wednesday of each month, and a light dinner and Metrocards are available to all who attend. There is no cost for dinner or participation in the CAB, and the meeting is open to the public. We encourage you to call to confirm the date, time, and exact location of the meeting.

If you are interested in becoming a CAB member, joining a clinical trial, or if you have questions that were not answered in this brochure, please contact:

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Today's
QUESTIONS
Tomorrow's
ANSWERS:
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A list of studies currently open
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Adult AIDS
Clinical Trials Group

The Beth Israel Medical Center AIDS Clinical Trials Unit is part of the Adult AIDS Clinical Trials Group, the largest HIV clinical trials organization in the world. The AACTG is composed of and directed by leading clinical scientists in HIV/AIDS therapeutic research.

COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

The Voice of the Community
in HIV Clinical Trials



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WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD?

The Community Advisory Board (CAB) is the representative and the voice of the community in AIDS clinical trials. As such, it provides an opportunity for those affected by HIV/AIDS to contribute to the development, implementation, and evaluation of research protocols conducted within the nationwide system of the Adult AIDS Clinical Trials Group.

At the Beth Israel AIDS Clinical Trials Unit (ACTU), the CAB brings together people with HIV/AIDS, physicians, trial participants and others affected by the disease to share information, give opinions, ask questions, and learn about important clinical research issues.

WHAT DOES THE CAB DO?

The primary role of the CAB is to integrate community involvement into the clinical trials process in order to advance HIV/AIDS research. The CAB also works to educate all communities about the importance of their participation in clinical trials. In these various roles, the CAB:

- ✘ Represents the interests and concerns of all communities affected by HIV/AIDS
- ✘ Seeks to promote access to clinical trials
- ✘ Initiates and participates in community forums on issues related to HIV/AIDS
- ✘ Assists in ACTU outreach efforts to various underserved or underrepresented groups

WHAT ARE CAB ISSUES?

Since the CAB is the representative and voice of the community in clinical trials, the CAB tries to address the changing needs of those affected by HIV/AIDS. At present, the CAB works to:

- ✘ Increase the participation of under-represented populations such as women and communities of color in clinical trials
- ✘ Promote ethical research purposes and practices

WHAT ARE CAB GOALS?

The main goals of the Beth Israel CAB are:

- ✘ To assist trial investigators and ACTU staff better understand the needs and concerns of people living with HIV/AIDS
- ✘ To provide those affected by HIV/AIDS with a better understanding of HIV clinical trials
- ✘ To improve access to trials so that everyone may benefit from their findings

WHY JOIN THE CAB?

Participation in the CAB provides an opportunity for members to:

- ✘ Obtain key updates on clinical trial results
- ✘ Learn first about upcoming research studies
- ✘ Improve their understanding of trial design
- ✘ Discuss key issues with trial investigators
- ✘ Offer suggestions on trial improvements
- ✘ Increase self-empowerment

WHO CAN JOIN THE CAB?

Any one may participate in the Beth Israel ACTU CAB regardless of HIV status or educational background. However, we encourage the participation of all communities so that the CAB's diversity reflects the diversity of those affected by HIV/AIDS in New York City, especially those who are served by Beth Israel and the ACTU. Members do not need to have special education in science or medicine to be an effective contributor to the CAB, but a member should:

- ✘ Have an interest in Beth Israel's AIDS Clinical Trials Unit
- ✘ Know or be willing to learn the basics of the treatment of HIV/AIDS
- ✘ Have a desire to share important information with those around them
- ✘ Be able to advocate for the enrollment of under-represented populations
- ✘ Be willing to attend meetings regularly
- ✘ Agree to be bound by standard confidentiality regulations



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