

The core work of NAPWA has consistently focused on the areas of health, treatments and research. As antiretroviral therapy has grown over the last fifteen years so has our role as the peak Australian body advocating for HIV positive people.

The pathways we've built with other HIV organisations, government, research and the pharmaceutical industry are integral to streamlining access to the latest treatments for those who need them.

But our advocacy extends beyond access arrangements. We also focus on the quality use of medicines to ensure that HIV treatments enhance the lives of those we represent.

Our work in education and health promotion assists HIV positive communities to understand current treatment information while encouraging individuals to take an active role in their own health care, particularly in the area of adherence.

Health is a broad issue and involves many social, lifestyle and medical factors – which is why we are active on a range of health policy and government committees as well as community working groups.

We have a number of HIV sector professionals, researchers and clinicians who provide expert advice to NAPWA's Health, Treatments and Research Unit.

This high level of experience and expertise in the treatments and clinical research area ensures that the projects we coordinate are always timely, relevant and accurate.

## TREATAWARE

Treataware is the NAPWA project that promotes health monitoring and treatments awareness directly to HIV positive people around Australia. The project runs community forums and short courses in HIV medicine for community workers (and members of the pharmaceutical industry) as well as producing educational resources.



Nurse Nancy and Vanessa Wagner flank clinical and community panellists at a *Chin Wag* community forum in Newcastle

The Treataware Outreach Network (TON) is composed of AIDS Council and PLHIV workers who understand the variety of treatment issues faced by positive people in Australia and New Zealand. Network members provide information and practical support to HIV positive clients as well as peer support within the network. NAPWA facilitates the network and organises regular face-to-face meetings for its members.



*Positive Living* magazine is available in hard copy, online and by email.

*Positive Living*, NAPWA's flagship publication, disseminates treatment and health information for positive readers. The magazine includes news items, conference reports and feature articles and is distributed nationally four times a year.

NAPWA's online HIV Clinical Trials Database provides the latest clinical trials information to facilitate awareness and understanding as well as to foster equitable access to trials across Australia.



HIV clinical trials are presented in simple language on the NAPWA website.



**NAPWA provides regular training sessions for community and pharmaceutical industry workers**

The Health, Treatments and Research Unit ensures involvement by HIV positive people in clinical trials and market research projects. We work to ensure that research is conducted ethically, is relevant and connected to the medical and social needs of HIV positive people.



**An online self-help module featuring 'Marco' was one outcome of partnership research into HIV and depression**

We work in partnership with researchers at the National Centre in HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research (NCHECR) and the National Centre in HIV Social Research (NCHSR), alongside clinicians from the Australasian Society for HIV Medicine (ASHM) and with public health officials across the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing and their state and territory counterparts.

The pharmaceutical companies with whom we collaborate include Abbott, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Boehringer Ingelheim, Gilead, Janssen-Cilag, Merck Sharp & Dohme and ViiV.

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