

I. PURPOSE

PHACS is a cross-disciplinary and collaborative network where leadership and participating entities collaborate both within the network and also with scientists and other experts involved in other networks and/or entities. PHACS has an extensive history of collaboration with other domestic and international HIV/AIDS research networks including the Collaborative Initiative for Paediatric HIV Education and Research (CIPHER), the International Maternal Pediatric Adolescent AIDS Clinical Trials (IMPAACT) network and the Division of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (DAIDS) Office of HIV/AIDS Network Collaboration (HANC). These collaborative efforts support the overall mission and goals of PHACS and have enhanced the success of the network.

PHACS protocols are structured to accommodate focused substudies, and we welcome collaboration with researchers from a range of fields, institutions and networks.

Typically, PHACS substudies are proposed by any of the following:

- PHACS clinical investigators, site coordinators or staff
- Independent investigators conducting HIV-related research funded by NIH Institutes and Centers and other funding sources
- HIV/AIDS clinical research networks supported by the *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) and other funding sources

The PHACS External Collaboration Policy provides external investigators with an outline of the resources and process for establishing collaborations between other networks or external collaborators and the PHACS network. PHACS welcomes opportunities for collaboration and encourages those interested in collaborating to utilize the resources below to support this process. *Please note: Per conditions of the PHACS 2020 grant, PHACS is not currently allowed to fund international components. For further information, please contact PHACS@hsph.harvard.edu.*

II. RESOURCES

- a. To learn more about PHACS-affiliated studies and substudies, potential collaborators may consult the Our Research Studies¹ page on the PHACS website.
- b. To learn about PHACS sites, please see the Our Sites² page of the PHACS website.
- c. To learn more about PHACS scientific Working Groups and Task Forces, potential collaborators may consult the Workings Group and Task Forces³ page on the PHACS website.
- d. The PHACS Research Development Policy⁴ outlines the process for developing a study or substudy with the PHACS Network, including the capsule and concept sheet development and approval process and data and specimen sharing guidance.
- e. The PHACS Publications Policy⁵ provides details about the manuscript, abstract and

presentation development process within the PHACS network.

- f. In order to request data from a manuscript published in a scientific journal that requires studies to make data used in their published analyses available, please complete the PHACS Data Request Form⁶.
- g. Public Use Datasets⁷ from the Adolescent Master Protocol (AMP) and Surveillance for Monitoring ART Toxicities (SMARTT) studies are available through the Data and Specimen Hub (DASH) repository maintained by the NICHD and links to DASH may be found on the PHACS website. The PHACS Data Sharing and Repository Policy⁸ ensures that public use data sets will also be made available for future PHACS-affiliated studies and substudies.
- h. Annual Administrative Reports⁹ for PHACS research projects may be found on the PHACS website.

III. PROCESSES

- a. Individuals and research networks interested in building collaborative opportunities are encouraged to contact the PHACS network via PHACS@hsph.harvard.edu
- b. Individuals who are interested in joining PHACS are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the PHACS Research Development process⁴ and must have a Working Group, Task Force or Leadership sponsor to support their engagement in the network.
- c. Depending upon the nature of the collaboration, individual or institutional collaborators may be required to sign on to a Data Use Agreement (DUA) or Material Transfer Agreement (MTA) in order for data or specimens, respectively, to be shared. Please see the PHACS Data Sharing and Repository Policy⁸ for further information.
- d. Additional policy and procedural documents will be made available to collaborating entities, as applicable.

IV. REFERENCES

- 1 [Our Research Studies](#)
- 2 [Our Sites](#)
- 3 [Working Groups and Task Forces](#)
- 4 [PHACS Research Development Policy](#)
- 5 [PHACS Publications Policy](#)
- 6 [PHACS Data Request Form](#)
- 7 [PHACS Public Use Datasets](#)
- 8 PHACS Data Sharing and Repository Policy ([Public side](#)) ([Behind the login](#)) After logging in, go to Documents, then select PHACS Manual of Network Policies and

Procedures (MNPP). Refer to Section 1 of the MNPP table of contents to locate this policy.)

⁹ [Annual Administrative Reports](#)

V. INQUIRIES

For questions, please email PHACS@hsph.harvard.edu.