

TRI-Supported Trial Named Science Magazine's 2011 "Breakthrough of the Year"

Bethesda, Maryland (May 18, 2012): Technical Resources International, Inc. (TRI) is proud to have provided regulatory, safety, and technical support to the Division of AIDS (DAIDS), National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), NIH for the HIV clinical trial that was chosen as the 2011 Breakthrough of the Year by Science Magazine. The NIAID-sponsored HPTN 052 study was an international HIV prevention trial conducted in nine countries. Investigators conducting the study reported that HIV-infected heterosexual individuals who began taking antiretroviral medicines when their immune systems were relatively healthy were 96 percent less likely to transmit the virus to their uninfected partners.

Federal officials and the medical community are advocating a 'treatment-as-prevention' approach be included as a key component of public health policies due in large part to the results of HPTN 052. They also indicate these findings will have positive implications in domestic and public health in the coming years and even suggest that achieving an end to the HIV/AIDS pandemic is now feasible.

About NIAID: NIAID is working to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic by advancing basic knowledge of the pathogenesis and transmission of HIV, supporting the improvement of therapies for HIV infection and its complications, and supporting the development of HIV/AIDS vaccines and other prevention measures. NIAID sponsors Phase I, II, III and IV clinical trials to assess the safety and efficacy of therapeutics, vaccines, and other preventive modalities. Currently, NIAID funds more than 300 HIV/AIDS clinical trials in more than 50 countries at more than 1,000 domestic and international clinical research sites.

About TRI: Technical Resources International, Inc. is a full-service contract research organization. TRI has provided regulatory and safety support to DAIDS studies since 2003 (via the Regulatory Compliance Center [N01-AI-30032] and Regulatory Support Center [HHSN272201000013C] contracts, through which 100% of the funding to support this HPTN 052 study was financed), and other NIAID and AIDS Program support since 1988. TRI's areas of expertise include clinical operations, regulatory affairs, safety & pharmacovigilance, medical writing, clinical data management, biostatistics, quality assurance, information technology, and communications. For over 30 years, TRI has provided support to government agencies, the private sector, and non-profit organizations. Further information is available at www.tech-res.com.

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