

Conference Highlights

2010 HIV Diagnostics Conference Orlando, FL – March 24-26, 2010

About this Conference

Every two years, CDC and APHL convene a forum for leading experts in the field of HIV testing to review developments and applications of *in vitro* HIV diagnostics. The objectives of the 2010 HIV Diagnostics Conference are to review findings and data regarding

- alternative HIV testing algorithms described in “HIV Testing Algorithms: A Status Report”
- new serologic, molecular and point-of-care HIV testing techniques
- methods for distinguishing recent from long-term HIV infection
- clinical monitoring, management and surveillance of HIV infection
- practices for bridging laboratory and point-of-care testing strategies including model quality assurance practices in CLIA-waived testing programs.

The two and a half day program will include poster sessions, exhibits, presentations drawn from submitted abstracts and invited oral presentations.

Who will benefit from attending this conference?

Public health and clinical laboratorians, program managers, students, clinicians and industry representatives, who develop, provide, perform or evaluate HIV testing services.

Continuing Education Credits

APHL is an approved provider of continuing education programs in the clinical laboratory sciences through the American Society of Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS) P.A.C.E.® program. P.A.C.E.® credit for the conference is pending and details will be available in the final program.

Hotel

The 2010 HIV Diagnostics Conference will be held at the Doubletree Hotel Universal Orlando, located at 5780 Major Blvd, Orlando, FL (407.351.1000). The hotel is located at the entrance to Universal Studios, and within walking distance of many restaurants, shops, and attractions.

APHL has negotiated a block of rooms at a rate of \$117 single/double per night plus tax. There are a limited number of federal per diem rooms. To make your reservation, please call the Doubletree Hotel at 800.327.2110 or 407.351.1000 and request the group rate for the HIV conference (Group Code=APH).

Reservations must be made no later than February 21, 2010 to receive these rates. This room block may fill up early so be sure to register as soon as possible. Rooms cancelled less than 72 hours before arrival will be subject to a one night cancellation fee.

Registration

Advanced registration through APHL is required.

If you are paying by credit card you may register online by clicking the “Registration” link on the HIV Diagnostics Conference website (www.hivtestingconference.org). If you are paying for your registration by check, download the registration form and mail or fax it to APHL.

Program Highlights

Wednesday, March 24

- 8:00am-9:30am **Session 1 – Conference Introduction – The Current State of HIV Diagnostic Testing**
Bernard Branson, MD, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Barbara Werner, PhD, Massachusetts Department of Public Health
Liisa Randall, PhD, National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors
- 10:00-11:30am **Session 2 – Point-of-Care Testing – Rapid Testing Algorithms**
- 1:00-2:30pm **Session 3 – Point-of-Care Testing and Surveillance**
- 3:00-4:30pm **Session 4 – Bridging Point-of-Care and Laboratory Testing**

Thursday, March 25

- 8:00-9:30am **Session 5 – Serologic Laboratory Testing Challenges**
- 10:00-11:30am **Session 6 – Methods in Recency Testing**
- 1:00-2:30pm **Session 7 – Antigen Testing - Fourth Generation Immunoassays**
- 3:00-4:30pm **Session 8 – Nucleic Acid Testing – Alternative Specimen Types and Evaluating Performance**

Friday, March 26

- 8:00-9:00am **Session 9 – Tests for Clinical Management**
- 9:00-10:00am **Session 10 – New Testing Technology**
- 10:30-12:30pm **Closing Remarks and Panel Discussion**

General Information

The 2010 HIV Diagnostics Conference begins at 8:00am on Wednesday, March 24, with an introduction and continues through 12:30pm on Friday, March 26.

The Exhibit Hall will be open and posters will be on display all day Wednesday and Thursday and until 12:30pm on Friday, March 26. Presenters should be available to stand by their posters during the afternoon breaks on Wednesday and Thursday.

Please keep in mind that this schedule is a work in progress and is subject to change. It is offered for planning purposes only. The Preliminary Program will have the “final” confirmed schedule and more details.