

Recommended Reading and Relevant Sites

The field of microbicide research and advocacy is evolving so rapidly that information can become outdated almost as soon as it is published. For this reason, it is impossible to compose a definitive reading list. Some of the best sources of current information, however, are the following. This is just a sampling of the available resources. Omissions have been made for the sake of brevity and carry no implication about the entities omitted.

The list of recommended readings is organised by knowledge level and topic:

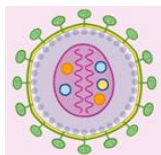
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6. For the latest in modelling and projections – London School briefings
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1. A basic introduction to the microbicides field



One of the best ways to introduce yourself to the microbicides field is to spend an hour on the Global Campaign website – in particular the About Microbicides section. For new and old advocates, About Microbicides tells the reader about the need for, science of, economics of, and advocacy for microbicides. http://www.global-campaign.org/about_microbicides.htm

In addition, the Global Campaign’s download centre contains numerous factsheets that convey importance in a way that is easy to print out, photocopy, and share with others. www.global-campaign.org/download.htm



Visit the Microbicides Essentials Course on-line to see a series of animations that depict how different mechanisms of action can interrupt the HIV lifecycle. Go to: <http://www.hivpreventionresearch.org/>

2. Ready for more information?

Try the Rockefeller Foundation Microbicide Initiative Reports

In July 2000 the Rockefeller Foundation invited an international group of scientists, research organisations, advocacy groups, pharmaceutical representatives, United Nations organisations, and

donors to come together to find ways to accelerate the development and availability of a safe, effective and accessible microbicide. Working Groups were formed to examine five key elements in this process. Reports from each of these five key working groups were published in 2002. Although a bit dated at this point, they still provide useful and comprehensive background. The reports are posted on the Global Campaign as follows:

The Economics of Microbicides Development: A Case for Investment	The potential economic returns to public and/or private sector investors in microbicide research	www.global-campaign.org/clientfiles/rep3_economics.pdf
The Science of Microbicides: Accelerating Development	The scientific and technical requirements for accelerating microbicide development	www.global-campaign.org/clientfiles/rep4_science.pdf
Preparing for Microbicide Access and Use	Ways to ensure widespread access and use of a final product	www.global-campaign.org/clientfiles/rep6_preparing.pdf
Global Advocacy for Microbicides: A Call to Action	Advocacy, public education, and resource mobilisation	www.global-campaign.org/clientfiles/rep5_global.pdf
The Public Health Benefits of Microbicides in Lower-Income Countries	The public health impact	www.global-campaign.org/clientfiles/rep7_publichealth.pdf

3. The “Core” Journal References of Microbicides

If you are looking for a more detailed view of the field, the Alliance for Microbicide Development has an excellent bibliography with links to some of the journal articles and reports that have shaped the microbicides field. You can find the bibliography at:

<http://www.microbicide.org/microbicideinfo/reference..shtml> For example, their list includes:

- American Foundation for AIDS Research (amfAR). Creating a Research and Development Agenda for Rectal Microbicides that Protect Against HIV Infection. Report from the Workshop: Baltimore, Maryland, June 7-8, 2001.
- Foss AM, Vickerman PT, Heise L, Watts CH. Shifts in condom use following microbicide introduction: should we be concerned? *AIDS* 17(8): 1227-37, 2003.
- Kumaranayake L, Terris-Prestholt F, Watts C. Preparing to Deliver: Introduction of Microbicides, July 2004.
- Population Council and International Family Health. The Case for Microbicides: A Global Priority, 2001.
- Stone A. Microbicides: A New Approach to Preventing HIV and Other Sexually Transmitted Infections. *Nature Reviews: Drug Discovery*. 1: 2002, 977-85.
- WHO/CONRAD Technical Consultation on Nonoxynol-9. Summary Report. World Health Organization, Geneva, 9-10 October 2001.

4. Going to the Source: Journal Articles on Microbicides:

The Alliance for Microbicide Development provides a second searchable database, called the **Compendium of Abstracts of Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**, that allows you to search for published articles by author or by key word (if you want to look up everything published about one particular candidate product, or example).

<http://www.microbicide.org/microbicideinfo/reference.shtml>

5. Pre-clinical and Clinical Trials

The Alliance for Microbicide Development maintains a web-based **Microbicide Products Database** that is updated regularly and can tell you:

- Who is developing a given product (the sponsor or research entity)
- How the product proposes to work (its mechanism of action)
- How far along it is in the clinical trials pipeline (its phase of development)

Using this database, you can also obtain **reports on specific topics** such as “completed microbicide clinical trials”, “candidate microbicides being developed as contraceptives” and “acceptability studies”.

The Alliance’s **Clinical Trials Information Centre** describes all ongoing clinical trials by sponsor, site, phase, study population, current and planned status, and protocol design. *Both of these are accessible at the Alliance’s website, www.microbicide.org.*

6. For the latest in modelling and projections -

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine’s HIV Tools Research Group

The fifth of the Rockefeller Foundation reports above details important projections developed by the HIV Tools Research Group at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Working in close collaboration with the Global Campaign, the Group uses mathematical modeling to examine various issues related to microbicides and their potential impact. The briefing papers listed below provide easy to read synopses of their most recent work and are available on the Global Campaign download centre – www.global-campaign.org/download.htm

1. Are people using condoms? November 2003
 2. The potential impact of microbicides in Johannesburg, South Africa. June 2004
 3. The potential impact of microbicides in Bagalkot District, Karnataka, India. June 2004
 4. A comparison of the potential impact of microbicides in two contrasting African settings. August 2004
 5. Preparing to deliver: introduction of microbicides. July 2004
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7. Interested in social science research and the ethics of microbicides?

Rethinking the Ethical Roadmap for Clinical Testing of Microbicides: Report on an International Consultation

Lori Heise and Susan Wood explore the ethical and scientific challenges of bringing microbicides to life by summarising the presentations and discussions of an international consultation held in October 2003 in Washington, DC on the ethical dilemmas of microbicide clinical trials.

<http://www.global-campaign.org/researchethics.htm>

Paving the Path: Preparing for Microbicide Introduction

Details the results of a qualitative study conducted in South Africa aiming to avoid the barriers and delays that have hindered the introduction of important reproductive health advancements conducted in South Africa. www.engenderhealth.org/res/offc/hiv/microbicides/#micro

Mobilisation for Community Involvement in Microbicides Trials: Report from a Dialogue in Southern Africa”

Describes the Global Campaign’s framework in the context of the daily and evolving challenges of microbicides trials. www.global-campaign.org/comm-activities.htm

Making Connections: Social research in vaccines and microbicides.

Lays out the territory for research and the critical role that social research can play in facilitating all stages of scientific research. www.nat.org.uk/publications/policy.cfm

Joint Advocacy on HIV/AIDS Treatments, Microbicides and Vaccines: A Plan of Action.

Plan being pursued through international collaboration by NGOs who, in 2004, signed a joint Statement of Commitment to take a synergistic approach to their advocacy agendas.

<http://www.aidslaw.ca/Maincontent/issues/vaccines/MTV/MTVPlanofAction.pdf>

Will Vaginal Microbicides Be Acceptable? Qualitative Research Explores Opinions and Preferences of Women and Men

Emily J. Smith explores the issue of microbicides acceptability in this article published by Family Health International. http://www.fhi.org/en/RH/Pubs/Network/v22_2/NWvol22-2vagmiccides.htm

Relevant Websites

The Global Campaign website provides extensive links to make it easy for you to look for information from other relevant websites. By going to (www.global-campaign.org/otherlinks.htm) you can click on any of the following links to find additional information in these categories. Some of these links will lead you directly to a page on microbicides. For others, you may have to search on your topic of interest to find the relevant material. This section is organised as follows:

1. Microbicides Advocacy and Research
 2. Female controlled prevention options (including female condom and cervical barriers)
 3. Reproductive and Sexual Health Organisations
 4. General Women’s Health
 5. Rectal Microbicide Development/Gay Men's Health
 6. Research and Clinical trials
 7. Bioethics
 8. HIV/AIDS General Information Sites
 9. HIV Vaccines and Vaccine Advocacy
 10. HIV Treatment Advocacy
 11. Living with HIV/AIDS
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Microbicides Advocacy and Research

Alan Guttmacher Institute	www.agi-usa.org/pubs/microbicides.pdf
Alliance for Microbicide Development	www.microbicide.org
European Microbicides Project	http://www.iiq.cartuja.csic.es/grupocarb/empro.htm
Family Health International	www.fhi.org
Global Microbicides Project	www.gmp.org
International Partnership for Microbicides	www.ipm-microbicides.org
Microbicide Development Project (MDP)	www.mdp.mrc.ac.uk
Microbicides as an Alternative Solution	http://www.mas-health.org/
Microbicides 2004 Conference Abstract Book	www.microbicides2004.org.uk
Population Council	www.popcouncil.org
Reproductive Health Technologies Project	http://www.rhtp.org/

Female Controlled Prevention Options (including female condom and cervical barriers)

Female Health Company	www.femalehealth.com
Family Health International	www.fhi.org/en/topics/femcondom.htm
Cervical Barrier Advancement Society	www.cervicalbarriers.org
Reuse of the Female Condom	www.reusefemalecondom.org

Reproductive and Sexual Health Organizations

Ibis Reproductive Health	www.ibisreproductivehealth.org
International Planned Parenthood Federation	www.ippf.org
Ipas	www.ipas.org/english/default.asp
National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association (U.S.)	www.nfprha.org
Planned Parenthood Federation of America	www.ppfa.org
Remidios AIDS Foundation	www.remedios.com.ph
Reproductive Health Outlook	www.rho.org
Sexuality Education Information Council of the US	www.siecus.org

General Women's Health

Boston Women's Book Health Collective	www.ourbodiesourselves.org
Canadian Women's Health Network	www.cwhn.ca
International Women's Health Coalition	www.iwhc.org

National Women’s Health Network (U.S.)	www.womenshealthnetwork.org
US Office on Women’s Health	www.4woman.gov
Women’s Health Matters	www.womenshealthmatters.ca
World Health Organization – women’s health	www.who.int/topics/womens_health/en/

Rectal Microbicide Development/Gay Men's Health

Gay Health	www.gayhealth.com
LifeLube.org	www.aidschicago.org/prevention/lifelube.php

Research and Clinical Trials

AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service	aidsinfo.nih.gov
American Federation of AIDS Research	www.amfar.org
European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership	www.edctp.org
International Center for Research on Women	www.icrw.org
South African Medical Research Council	www.mrc.ac.za/home.htm
US National Institutes of Health	www.clinicaltrials.gov

Bioethics

Nuffield Council on Bioethics	www.nuffieldbioethics.org
US President’s Council on Bioethics	www.bioethics.gov
The Hastings Center	www.thehastingscenter.org

HIV/AIDS General Information Sites

The following are, for the most part, oriented toward the lay reader (those who are not medical professionals).

AEGIS (AIDS Education Global Information System)	www.aegis.com	A library of HIV/AIDS information, news articles and other publications.
AIDSInfoNet	aidsinfo.nih.gov	The US government’s AIDS information system, includes clinical trials database.
aidsmap	aidsmap.com	UK community-based treatment information source.
Canadian AIDS Treatment Information	www.catie.ca/	Canadian community-focused treatment information source

Exchange (CATIE)

HIV i-Base	www.i-base.org.uk	UK community-based treatment information source.
HIV InSite	hivinsite.ucsf.edu/InSite.jsp	University of California at San Francisco's HIV information site, includes HIV vaccine trials database.
Johns Hopkins AIDS Service	www.hopkins-aids.edu/	Information from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.
Kaiser Daily HIV-AIDS Report	www.kaisernetwork.org/daily_reports/rep_hiv.cfm	Daily news service from the Henry J. Kaiser foundation.
Medscape HIV-AIDS	http://www.medscape.com/hiv-home	HIV/AIDS information targeted to medical providers.
NATAP	www.natap.org	Community-based treatment information, newsletter and reports
Project Inform	www.projinf.org	Community-based treatment information source based in San Francisco.
TheBody	www.thebody.com	A library of AIDS-related information
UNAIDS	www.unaids.org	Their latest Epidemic Update on the homepage provides current HIV/AIDS statistics globally and regionally

HIV Vaccines and Vaccine Advocacy

International AIDS Vaccine Initiative	www.iavi.org
AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition	www.avac.org

HIV Treatment Advocacy

If you are looking for medical/scientific information about HIV/AIDS issues, please see the HIV/AIDS General Information Sites listed below.

ACT UP/New York	www.actupny.org
AIDS Treatment Activists Coalition (ATAC)	www.atac-usa.org
Canadian Treatment Action Council	www.ctac.ca/english
European AIDS Treatment Group	www.eatg.org
Treatment Action Campaign	www.tac.org.za
For other U.S. based groups, check out Project Inform's policy resource guide	www.projectinform.org/

Provides a list of other organisations working on HIV/AIDS-related public policy and advocacy issues in the US. This Guide contains a comprehensive listing of national, regional, state, and local organisations/coalitions that advocate and educate on HIV/AIDS policy issues. Many have grassroots networks and e-mail lists that provide Action Alerts and background information on policy issues.

Living with HIV/AIDS

Note: Only international coalitions are listed here for reasons of space; please see the following for links to national organisations.

International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS www.icw.org

Society for Women and AIDS in Africa www.swaainternational.org/ with links to:
SWAA country offices

International Council of AIDS Service Organizations (ICASO) www.icaso.org with links to:
AfriCASO - African Regional Secretariat
APCASO - Asia/Pacific Regional Secretariat
AIDS Action Europe – European Regional Secretariat (formerly EuroCASO)
LACCASO - Latin America & the Caribbean Regional Secretariat
NACASO - North American Regional Secretariat

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