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THE NNPTC PROUDLY ANNOUNCES ITS NEW CO-CHAIRS

“A Letter From the New NNPTC Co-chairs”

As your new co-chairs, we would like to express how honored we feel to represent such a diverse group of experts in STD and HIV prevention. We hope to continue to build on the accomplishments of the previous impressive co-chairs in whose footsteps we follow. **(continued on page 2)**



Patricia Coury-Doniger, FNPC

Is a family nurse practitioner and a clinical associate of the School of Nursing, University of Rochester, Rochester, New York. She received her training from the Graduate School of Nursing, Binghamton University, Binghamton, New York and is certified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Ms. Coury-Doniger has over 30 years of experience as a clinician in STD and family planning clinics. She has provided professional training in the clinical management of STDs, family planning topics, and evidence-based STD and HIV prevention interventions for over 25 years. In addition, she has extensive experience in the development and implementation of STD/ HIV prevention interventions, public health program management, and curriculum development.

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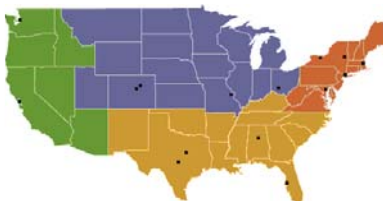


Katherine Hsu, MD, MPH, FAAP

is the Medical Director for the Division of STD Prevention & HIV/AIDS Surveillance, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and the Director of the New England STD/HIV Prevention Training Center. She is also an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Attending Physician in Pediatric Infectious Diseases at Boston University Medical Center.

Dr. Hsu graduated from Brown University School of Medicine in 1995, completed pediatric residency at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in 1998, and completed fellowship in Pediatric Infectious Diseases at the Boston University Medical Center in 2001. In addition, she received her Masters in Public Health in Epidemiology from the Boston University School of Public Health in 2005.

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Core Training Programs:

Clinical:

STD clinical training courses provide up-to-date information to public and private clinicians who diagnose, treat, and manage patients with STDs. Most courses devote class time to clinical and laboratory experience with a qualified preceptor.

Behavioral:

The Behavioral Intervention Training Centers provide courses that teach the use of evidence-based STD/HIV prevention interventions at the individual, group, and community level. Training is also provided in areas of program support needed to implement and maintain such interventions.

Partner Services:

Courses are designed for federal, state, and local public health professionals, especially those working in STD/HIV prevention programs. Several courses focus on training to help develop the skills of disease intervention specialists and prevention counselors, while others are designed to support STD and HIV prevention programs.

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A Letter From the New NNPTC Co-chairs

The NNPTC is an established, national infrastructure with expertise in STD prevention and clinical care, HIV prevention, partner services, and STD/HIV program management. Training and related services are targeted to providers in clinical, community-based, and public health settings. The NNPTC is supported by two branches of the CDC: Division of STD Prevention and Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention and is committed to supporting their goals and initiatives through the development and implementation of training curricula. In recent years, the NNPTC has established relationships with other national partners including National Coalition of STD Directors-NCSD, National Association of State and Territorial AIDS Directors-NASTAD, AIDS Education and Training Centers- AETCs, family planning Regional Training Centers- RTCs, Addiction Technology Transfer Centers- ATTCs, TB Training Centers and Hepatitis Training Centers.

Moving forward, we see an emphasis on training focused on evidence-based biomedical and behavioral interventions and models of STD/HIV/TB/Hepatitis program collaboration and service integration. We are also interested in expanding our use of training technologies to maximize our reach and gain efficiencies. We also want to continue to build upon our relationships with our national partners in HIV/STD/TB/Hepatitis prevention and family planning to expand reach and gain efficiencies in the utilization of public resources.



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Patricia Coury-Doniger is the co-developer of the DEBI intervention; Many Men Many Voices as well as the developer of an individual level behavioral intervention currently under evaluation. She is currently the Program Director of the STD/HIV Program, Monroe County (MC) Department of Public Health in Rochester New York and the Director of the Center for Health & Behavioral Training; (CHBT). The MC STD/HIV Program provides integrated STD/HIV prevention and clinical services to high-risk persons in clinic, community, and juvenile/criminal justice settings. CHBT is a CDC designated Part II. Behavioral Intervention Prevention Training Center (PTC) for Regions I, II, and III and a satellite clinical training site for the NYC Part I Clinical PTC for Region II. CHBT is also a Center of Expertise in Behavioral Intervention Training for the AIDS Institute, New York State Department of Health.

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Katherine Hsu also completed a second STD Prevention Fellowship jointly sponsored by the Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 2003. She was a recipient of the Massachusetts Infectious Disease Society's Edward H. Kass Award for Clinical Excellence During Fellowship in 2001. She is board certified in the areas of Pediatrics and Pediatrics Infectious Diseases, and is a Fellow of American Academy of Pediatrics. She is also a certified colposcopist through the American Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology's Colposcopy Mentorship Program. Dr. Hsu's research interests include vaccine-preventable diseases and prevention of sexually transmitted infections, and she has published in various scientific journals, including *Vaccine*, *Pediatric Infectious Disease Journal*, and *Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine*.