

# MTN Annual Meeting Awards and Closing Remarks

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# Overview

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- Awards
- Key lessons from this meeting
- An update on the Microbicides 2012 meeting to be held in Sydney, Australia



# MTN Awards and Recognition

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- Nominations received from all network components
- Individual award selection based on efforts which have had broad impact on the scientific agenda, operational efficiency or protocol implementation



# MTN Achievement Award

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- Molly Swenson
- SCHARP Clinical Affairs Manager  
Seattle, WA



# MTN Achievement Award

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□ Patrick Ndase

Regional Physician, University of  
Washington Core



# MTN Achievement Award

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- Rashika Maharaj
- Durban Medical Research Council Site  
Laboratory



# MTN Achievement Award

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- Outstanding CTU based on retention on the NEC annual review: Kampala, Uganda



# MTN Achievement Award

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- MTN-001 Team

Craig Hendrix, Protocol Chair

Certificates: Lydia Soto-Torres, Kaila Gomez, Sherri Johnson, Rhonda White, Bob Bucklew, Karen Patterson, Barb Richardson, Betsy Herold, Ted Livant, ted Livant, Alex Minnis, Bronx-Leb CRS, Bothas Hill CRS, Pitt CRS, UAB CRS, Umkomaas CRS, Case Western CRS Makerere University-Johns Hopkins CRS



# MTN Achievement Award

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- RMP-02/MTN-006 Protocol Team  
Peter Anton, Protocol Chair

Certificates:

Ross Cranston, Cindy Jacobsen, Lorna Rabe,  
Jeanna Piper, Elena Khanukhova, Alex  
Carbiello-Diequez, Grace Chow, Craig Hendrix,  
Jim Turpin, Ana Ventuneac, Angela Kashuba,  
Pitt CRS



# Where We Have Been and Where We Are Going

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- We are a young network- not yet 6 years old
- We have accomplished a lot but have much to do
  - Successful completion and dissemination of MTN-001, 002, 004, 006 in the past year
  - New protocols developed; 9 protocols open and 8 more in the wings
  - VOICE has 80% enrolled
  - We are leading the way in the evaluation of microbicides in pregnancy
  - Rectal microbicide agenda moving forward



# Our Challenges

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- Complex and difficult studies: operationally, community, fiscally
- Timelines are aggressive and many things can go wrong:
  - Regulatory challenges in country
  - Community support
- The window for placebo-controlled studies is likely closing in the near future
- NIH budget is flat or decreasing- how can we be more efficient and more collaborative?



# Fulfilling Our Promise?

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- We will all have to do everything possible to maintain the timelines
- We must value efficiency
- We have to find common goals and shared values even though we have diverse opinions and backgrounds
- We must believe that we can make a difference in this epidemic, and treat every day of delay as a lost opportunity



# Cape Town Regional Meeting

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- Join us for our next regional meeting

Westin Cape Town

October 9-16, 2011

Turn in the Meeting Evaluations!

Win a prize: Sling bag or an MTN  
sweatshirt