



The **2021 Community HIV Cure Research Workshop** will take place virtually this year due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Because of this, we are changing the way we usually offer this community-friendly way to learn more about HIV cure-related research.

The biggest change you will notice is that we will break of the workshop into three virtual 2-hour sessions. These sessions will be held on separate days. The workshop sessions will be held on **Thursday, March 4** and **Friday, March 5, 2021** (which is right before CROI 2021), and then on **Tuesday, March 16, 2021** (which is after the conference).

All sessions will start at the same time: **12pm Eastern/ 11am Central / 10am Mountain / 9am Pacific.**

You can **register using the links below**. Join us for just one session, or for all three if you are hungry to learn as much as you can about the recent work towards a cure for HIV.

You can also follow each session via its **Facebook event page**. Links to these pages are also below.

The co-hosts for all sessions will be **Danielle Campbell**, MPH (AIDS Treatment Activists Coalition; DARE) and **Michael Louella** (defeatHIV Community Engagement Project Manager).



2021 COMMUNITY HIV CURE RESEARCH WORKSHOP

INTRO/COMMUNITY SESSION 1

THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021

9 AM – 11 AM Pacific

FACEBOOK EVENT PAGE: <https://fb.me/e/1YZIGAFwE>

Register in advance for this meeting: <https://bit.ly/3p7Efh8>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

MORE ABOUT THE SESSION

Our workshop's first session will introduce you to the current state of HIV cure-related research, describing the strategies currently being pursued, while explaining the challenges to implementing these strategies.

We will then delve more deeply into **community perspectives** around the challenge of safely conducting trials involving analytical treatment interruptions (ATIs), particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic, and hear from an ATI trial participant.

Lastly, results from a study assessing perceptions of HIV cure-directed research among HIV clinic attendees in Philadelphia, USA will be presented by members of the BEAT-HIV Collaboratory Community Advisory Board.



2021 COMMUNITY HIV CURE RESEARCH WORKSHOP
GENE THERAPY AND TRIBUTE TO TIMOTHY RAY BROWN SESSION 2
FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2021
9 AM – 11 AM Pacific
FACEBOOK EVENT PAGE: <https://fb.me/e/5a6LnvCW4>

Register in advance for this meeting: <https://bit.ly/3d1CqIX>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

MORE ABOUT THE SESSION

Our workshop's second session is dedicated to cell and gene therapy approaches to curing HIV. We'll give you an overview of this fascinating field, and then focus on some of the cutting-edge research that brings us closer to the goal of eradicating HIV from the body.

Christopher Peterson from Fred Hutch will review the advances being made in cell and gene therapy for HIV cure.

Kim Anthony-Gonda and **Boro Dropulić** from Lentigen are developing souped-up HIV-fighting T cells (CAR T cells) and will present their work, together with plans for challenging the idea that gene therapies cannot be made accessible in lower-resource settings including on the African continent. **Mike McCune** from Global Health Innovative Technology Solutions will serve as an additional discussant on the topic of expanding the global reach of gene therapy.

We will conclude this session with a tribute to **Timothy Ray Brown**, the first person to be cured of HIV, who recently passed away. We will hear from **Adam Castillejo**, a.k.a. "The London Patient", the second person to be cured of HIV, and **Gary Steinkohl**, a.k.a. "Patient B" of the

Boston Patients saga. Gary's ATI lasted for seven months—during which he had enough time to begin to believe that he might have been cured.

Together they will discuss Timothy's legacy of research participation and advocacy that inspired their decisions to come out and share their experiences in now-famous early cure experiments.



2021 COMMUNITY HIV CURE RESEARCH WORKSHOP

REPORT BACK AND PERSPECTIVES ON HIV CURE RESEARCH IN 2021 SESSION 3

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021 (TBD)

9 AM – 11 AM Pacific

FACEBOOK EVENT PAGE: <https://fb.me/e/1YbeoG8he>

Register in advance for this meeting: <https://bit.ly/2LFbX02>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

MORE ABOUT THE SESSION

The third session of our workshop will give us report backs from CROI 2021 by cure researchers and community advocates alike.

Find out what they thought was important or unique in the science related to curing HIV at this year's conference, and hear their perspectives on the state of the HIV cure research field in 2021.

We'll hear cure-related reports by:

Ann Chahroudi, MD, PhD

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