

50% reduction in size of lesions within 2 to 4 weeks and 8 of 30 participants showed a complete flattening of lesions. The SP-PG trial is still planned for later in the year, according to Robert Gallo.

10) Women

Women have all the opportunistic infections men do as well as vulvovaginal candidiasis, pelvic inflammatory disease, cervical neoplasia and bacterial infections. Whether the same treatments and doses apply needs to be investigated. The effect of the menstrual cycle, hormones and menopause needs to be investigated.

11) Drug Users

While drug users progress to AIDS at the same rate as gay men, they may be at higher risk for bacterial pneumonia, tuberculosis, and other infections.

12) Multiple prophylaxis

For a person with under 50 T cells, Judith Feinberg of the John Hopkins School of Medicine recommends:

- PCP prophylaxis
- if you have fungal problem, then ketoconazole (or if it fails, then fluconazole)
- if you are toxo positive then PCP prophylaxis should cover toxo, too
- if you have a herpetic history, then suppressive acyclovir
- uncertain about rifabutin
- if exposed to or positive for tuberculosis, then Isoniazid (INH).

IV. Social Impact and Response

AIDS research suffers from fragmentation of effort, competition, duplication and poor coordination at the international level. ACT-UP New York proposed a "Manhattan project" to define the pathogenesis of the disease and find therapies. An international fund with contributions from governments and pharmaceutical companies might be created. The fund would be controlled by and the project run by people dedicated to making a difference. This is a concept which requires a great deal of work and international coordination if it is to become a reality.

There is wide acceptance of the model of the clinician as guide and mentor to the patient

who makes treatment decisions and continually reviews them in light of high quality up-to-date comprehensive information and the patient's clinical state. There was also general acknowledgement that the participation of HIV positive people ensures proceedings are imbued with realism and respect for human dignity. There is also wide recognition that HIV positives have a critical role to play in the establishment of research priorities.

There was universal condemnation of the U.S. border policy.

Given the large number of withdrawals from trials, there is greater recognition that trials, particularly in Phase III, have to be

designed with the needs of participants in mind and a limited number of questions asked. There is greater understanding among activists of the critical importance of well-designed trials if progress is to be made. Generally, activists need to be more involved in scientific research.

This document is an information resource. Treatment issues relating to HIV are complex and evolving. Individuals should gather as much information as possible about a therapy before making a treatment decision in consultation with a health care practitioner. Persons relying on information contained in this document do so at their own risk. **AAN**

We Remember and Celebrate Doug Wilson

AIDS activist and gay rights pioneer Doug Wilson died of AIDS-related pneumonia on September 26. Doug was a founding member of AIDS ACTION NOW!, had served on our steering committee for two terms, and was the first chair of the Canadian Network of Organizations of People Living with HIV/AIDS, which he helped launch as an AAN! representative.

Doug was an early national gay rights leader. In 1978 he challenged the University of Saskatchewan's refusal to grant him a practice teaching position because of his open orientation. Though he lost the Human Rights Commission case, his campaign forced a change in University policy, and brought new profile to the lesbian and gay movement. He maintained a fervent commitment to human rights throughout his life, including as chair of the Saskatchewan Human Rights Association, an activist with Central American solidarity, a founder of Rites magazine, and a consultant to the equal opportunity office of the Toronto Board of Education.

In 1988 he ran as an NDP candidate in the federal Rosedale riding, and helped push the federal NDP to adopt a comprehensive AIDS policy.

Doug was also a loyal friend to many. His passions included outrageous parties, the-

atre, sexy boys, jazz, good time gals, literature and his longtime partner Peter McGehee. He recently completed *Labour of Love*, the third volume of a trilogy begun by Peter.

AIDS ACTION NOW! is hosting a celebration of Doug's life on Wednesday, November 18 at 8:00 p.m. at the 519 Church Street Community Centre. Everyone is welcome.

