



**JOIN AIDS ACTION NOW!
TO DEMAND IMPROVED
TREATMENT DELIVERY TO
PLWA / HIVS!**

1. Information Needs: PLWA/HIVs across Canada need access to optimal standards of treatment and care. We need a health care system which is prepared to grapple with the challenge of HIV and AIDS and to transform AIDS from a fatal to a chronic and manageable condition.

DEMAND:

- that the provincial government develop a process which will define and then implement standards of care for PLWA/HIVs in the health care system, based on the model of accelerated rather than palliative treatment
- that the federal government bring about national consensus on accelerated care as the appropriate medical response to HIV and AIDS.
- that the Ministry of Health upgrade the education of health care professionals in a manner which reponds directly to the urgency of

the AIDS crisis

- more community-based AIDS/HIV information networks like the Community AIDS Treatment Information System (CATIE) project which was initiated by **AIDS ACTION NOW!**
- that the Federal government stop dragging its feet on TISAH (the national Treatment Information System for AIDS and HIV) and move ahead on it immediately, maintaining the access features which link it to the HIV community.

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2. Access: PLWA/HIVs are working in the face of government neglect to save their own lives. We need to protect our rights to do so by acknowledging the **catastrophic rights** of people confronted with life threatening illnesses for which there is no known cure.

DEMAND:

- that the Federal government move quickly

to improve and broaden access to treatments for PLWA/HIVs

- that the Federal government and pharmaceutical companies facilitate the delivery of the drugs that are necessary to improve and prolong our lives
- that treatment units within HIV clinics be established to deliver experimental treatments to PLWA/HIVs, thereby expanding our access to treatments and protecting physicians who currently deliver these treatments without legal protection
- that the provincial government develop a coherent plan which assures the availability of treatment and services in all regions across the province

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3. Comprehensive Care: The services that PLWA/HIVs need are currently delivered in a fragmented and uncoordinated way. The

health care system must respond to the challenge of HIV by providing a system of **comprehensive care** which includes medical, social, psychological and other support services. Comprehensive care can be delivered through the creation of HIV clinics within hospitals which act as points of coordination in the management of HIV. These clinics should emphasize community input, individual case management, provide a broad range of services, and could also act as sites for the delivery of experimental treatments.

DEMAND:

- increased funding for community-based support and care provided through HIV clinics
- a continuum of care for PLWA/HIVs which provides a comprehensive and coordinated range of services

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4. Payment: AIDS ACTION NOW! continues to demand full funding by

the province of all treatments for PLWA/ HIVs. The province has covered the cost of AZT but we have no assurances of, for example, ddI, which is soon to be marketed, or any other of the vast number of drugs which will be used increasingly to manage AIDS.

DEMAND:

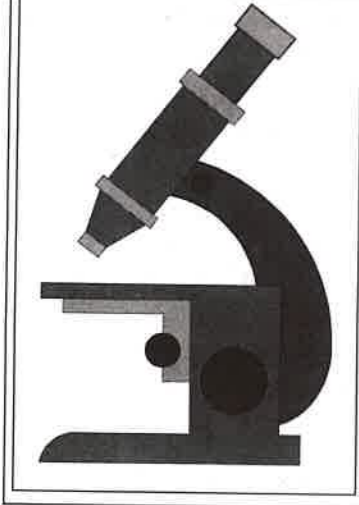
- a provincial policy of full coverage of all Health Protection Branch (HPB) and Emergency Drug Release Program (EDRP) approved treatments for PLWA/HIVs
- that alternative treatments with proven effectiveness be publicly funded
- the ODB (Ontario Drug Benefit) formulary expand the range of people eligible for financial assistance

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TO DEMAND IMPROVED RESEARCH INTO HIV/AIDS!

1. The National Research Agenda:

Amongst countries in the developed world, Canada lags far behind in the funding it has committed to AIDS research. The National AIDS Strategy, announced a year ago by the Minister of Health and Welfare, committed no new funding to AIDS. The major national research bodies are unresponsive to the AIDS crisis.

DEMAND:

· that the federal government allocate substantially more AIDS dedicated treatment research funding to support clinical research and clinical trials
· collaboration and coordination between organizations that currently fund AIDS research in Canada



2. The Rights of PLWA/HIVs to Treatment

PLWA/HIVs want access to a broad range of treatments which manage or prevent opportunistic infections. They want their doctors to be able to prescribe these drugs with the aim of enhancing their individual health. Clinical trials provide treatments to PLWA/HIVs but not with the aim of enhancing the individual PLWA/HIV's health. Clinical trials are designed so that researchers can understand the effects of the drug being administered on a certain population. Unless treatments are available from a source other than a clinical trial, PLWA/HIVs are forced to enter trials to receive treatments. This coercion must end!

DEMAND:

· that all AIDS clinical trials ensure an alternative way of accessing the treatment, so that PLWA/HIVs can get treatment when they want treatment, and enter a trial when they want to participate in AIDS research
· more community-based research bodies like the Community Research Initiative of Toronto (CRIT) which respond with ethical trials to the research demands of the HIV community.

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JOIN AIDS ACTION NOW!

Come to an AAN General Meeting
Thursday, July 4, 8:00 p.m.

519 Church Street Community Centre
A Report on treatment developments
from the 7th International Conference
on AIDS in Florence

or

Come to an AAN
Orientation Meeting for New Members
Sunday, July 7, noon to 3:00 p.m.

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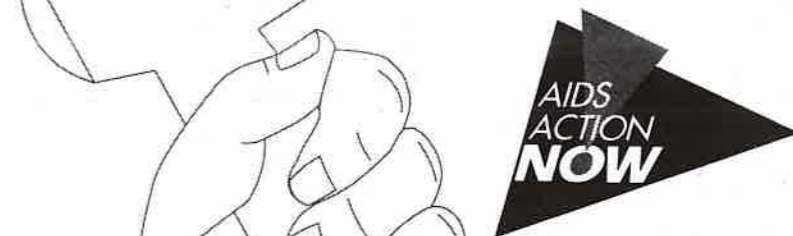
Yes! I do want to support AIDS ACTION NOW!

- I would like to be on your mailing list
- I would like to become a member of AAN!
- I would like to contribute some time to AAN!
(please contact me)
- I would like to support the work of AAN!
with a donation of \$ _____
(Make cheques payable to AIDS ACTION NOW!)

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TURN UP THE VOLUME

How much longer must we wait?



THE AIDS CRISIS IS NOT OVER