

Greetings! Welcome to the August 2013 issue of the **Clearinghouse on Male Circumcision for HIV Prevention**. This issue highlights new pages on devices for performing medical male circumcision, guidance on accelerating the scale-up of services, and news from recent meetings.

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on male circumcision for HIV prevention



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Latest News

Uganda to launch national programme

The Ugandan government will begin a nationwide male circumcision programme in July as part of its HIV prevention strategy...

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South Africa to pilot PrePex

The South African health department will consult with traditional leaders about the possibility of training traditional circumcisers to use the recently prequalified PrePex device...

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New to the Site!



Devices for Performing Adult Male Circumcision

A new page on the Clearinghouse provides links to the World Health Organization's *Framework for Clinical Evaluation of Devices for Male Circumcision* and to information on its Prequalification for Devices for Male Circumcision Programme, including a regularly updated list of specific prequalified devices. Links are also provided to the [evidence](#) on the safety and efficacy of

devices under review and to a fact sheet from AVAC answering frequently asked questions about devices.

Meeting Reports and Presentations

Male Circumcision at the 7th International AIDS Society Conference in Kuala Lumpur

Male circumcision for HIV prevention was highlighted in two sessions and

Male circumcision and sexual function

Male circumcision is unlikely to have an adverse effect on men's sexual function, concludes a study published in the *Asian Journal of Andrology*...

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PrePex studies continue

The World Health Organization announced on 31 May that it has "prequalified" the PrePex device for performing circumcision on adult men for HIV prevention, but safety and acceptability studies of the device continue...

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Upcoming Event

PEPFAR VMMC Webinar Series

The PEPFAR VMMC Technical Working Group, with support from the Maternal and Child Health Integrated Program (MCHIP), is conducting quarterly webinars that highlight new research results, examine programmatic best practices, and address misconceptions and misinformation.

Next webinar: "Medical Devices for Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision: Where We Are Now and What Comes Next"

When: 21 August 2013
8 am – 10 am EST

To join the webinar on devices or to access earlier webinars in this series, [follow the instructions here](#).

more than 30 presentations and abstracts at the 7th International AIDS Society Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention (IAS 2013) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 30 June to 3 July 2013. For a list of male circumcision sessions and abstracts, [click here](#).

Male Circumcision for HIV Prevention: WHO Technical Advisory Group on Innovations in Male Circumcision: Evaluation of Two Adult Devices

The World Health Organization (WHO) Technical Advisory Group on Innovations in Male Circumcision met in January 2013 to review the clinical performance of two male circumcision devices, the PrePex and the ShangRing, as part of the product review in the WHO Prequalification of Male Circumcision Devices Programme. This report provides a synthesis of the research on the two devices and the group's recommendations.



Joint PEPFAR/WHO Meeting on Accelerating the Scale-up of Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision (VMMC) for HIV Prevention in East and Southern Africa

Presentations given at a regional technical meeting sponsored by the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and the World Health Organization from 25 to 28 September 2012 addressed issues critical to the successful scale-up and implementation of VMMC programmes.

Video

Factors Affecting Adult Attendance at Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision Services in Tanzania

In this video, Jhpiego staff members discuss the results of a study examining the reasons for low uptake of voluntary medical male circumcision among men ages 20 and older.

Implementation Guidance



PEPFAR's Best Practices for Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision Site Operations: A Service Guide for Site Operations

This guide provides implementing partners with a comprehensive, consistent process for establishing and supporting voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC) services for HIV prevention at the facility or site level. It draws upon numerous documents

developed by the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, the World Health Organization, and the VMMC Technical Working Group of the President's Emergency Fund for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and builds on experiences and materials from VMMC programs in southern and eastern Africa.

Featured Resource

Beginning with the End in Mind

Pilot projects that test health innovations on a small scale often show impressive results, but their influence tends to remain confined to the original target areas, and their results may not be sustainable. This guide contains 12 recommendations on how to design pilot



projects in ways that enhance their potential for future large-scale impact. Additional resources on the science and practice of scaling up can be found [here](#).

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