Gender and science: Shifting the paradigm in HIV research

Monday, 23 July 2012
18:30-20:30

Public Satellite Session at AIDS 2012
Walter E. Washington Convention Center
MINI-ROOM 3

Historically, health research has not systematically accounted for sex and gender differences, from study design to publication of findings. In the context of HIV research, a matrix of social, ethical, and policy/regulatory factors have contributed to women’s historical exclusion and underrepresentation in research and clinical trials. Since health outcomes can vary between men and women, evidence-based prevention, treatment and care that account for gender differences is paramount.

The International AIDS Society-Industry Liaison Forum (IAS-ILF) and The Foundation for AIDS Research (amfAR) proudly present a satellite session aimed at offering an insight into how a gender-based approach to research means better science, and how gender sensitive HIV research can translate into better clinical management of women and men living with HIV. The roles and responsibilities of researchers, as well as funding agencies, journal editors and advocates will be discussed. Participants will come away from this session with a better understanding and justification for a paradigm shift in the way research is currently conducted.

AGENDA

18:30-18:45 Welcome and Introduction
By co-chairs:
Shirin Heidari, IAS-ILF
Rowena Johnston, amfAR

18:45-18:55 What are the differences between women and men in the context of HIV? From transmission to treatment.
Speaker: Linda-Gail Bekker, Desmond Tutu HIV Centre at the University of Cape Town, South Africa

Speaker: Londa Schiebinger, Stanford University

19:05-19:15 A practical guide to study design with sex and gender in mind
Speaker: Joy Johnson, School of Nursing, UBC, Vancouver

19:15-19:30 Moderated Q and A by co-chairs

19:30-20:20 Panel: Does Sex / Gender Matter? If so, how can we change the paradigm in HIV research
Moderator: Heidi Nass, IAS-ILF

Gina Brown, NIH
Journal Editor (TBC)
Rowena Johnston, amfAR
Rahab Mwaniki, IAS-ILF
Bryan Baugh, Janssen
Pat Fast, IAVI (TBC)