Community Involvement in HIV Cure Associated Research: Not Just Guinea Pigs

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Introduction
Context

- 7 years since first known AIDS cure case
- HIV-associated cure research now a major focus
- A “cure” remains illusive
- Still many community myths, misunderstandings and mistaken reporting
Evolution
Cure Research Activism

- Pre-Brown: Immune-based therapies and pathogenesis research challenges
- Martin Delaney’s first community press recognition of Hütter paper
- MDC CAB creation and cure research priorities
CUREiculum

The HIV cure research training curriculum (CUREiculum™) is a collaborative project aimed at making HIV cure science accessible to the community and the HIV research field.

Community needs assessment and pilot test of a novel HIV cure research training curriculum

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Background
The HIV cure research field presents new challenges to study conduct, design, risk, and a host of other issues – scientific, biological, social, ethical and regulatory – that many stakeholders are grappling with. There has been an expressed need to increase literacy around the growing HIV cure research field in order to adequately make decisions around HIV cure research. To this end.

Results
Of the n = 42 respondents, 40 (95.2%) found the curriculum module very useful and 1 (2.3%) found it somewhat useful, as opposed to not very useful or not at all useful (1 answer missing). Most participants found the module very easy (32/42; 76.2%) or somewhat easy (12/42; 28.6%) to understand, as opposed to not very easy or not at all easy. In-person talks or forums (27/42:
The Future

- ARV sustainability on a global scale
- Accept, promote and research iterative results
- Work for a cure for all, even treatment experienced
- Increase NIH AIDS funding
- Cure research must be included in “Ending AIDS” campaigns

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