

2026 South Carolina HIV, STD, & Viral Hepatitis Conference Registration Brochure

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South Carolina
HIV, STD and
Viral Hepatitis
Conference

The Conference planners are proud to present the 43rd annual SC HIV, STD, and Viral Hepatitis Conference! Conference planners have chosen a theme that emphasizes the importance of supporting future generations in the areas of HIV, STD, and Viral Hepatitis prevention, care, and treatment in South Carolina.

*SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

<u>Wednesday, Oct 21</u>		<u>Thursday, Oct 22</u>	
7:45-9:00am	Registration/Breakfast	7:45-9:00am	Registration/Breakfast
9:00-10:15am	Welcome/Keynote	9:00-10:15am	Welcome/Keynote
10:15-10:35am	Break/Visit Exhibits/ Network	10:15-10:35am	Break/Visit Exhibits/ Network
10:45-11:45am	Concurrent Sessions	10:45-11:45am	Concurrent Sessions
11:55am-12:55pm	Concurrent Sessions	11:55am-12:55pm	Concurrent Sessions
12:55pm	Doors open for lunch	12:55pm	Doors open for lunch
1:30-2:15pm	Networking Lunch/ Award Presentations	1:30-2:40pm	Keynote
2:20-3:20pm	Concurrent Sessions	2:40-3:00pm	Closing Remarks
3:30-4:30pm	Concurrent Sessions		

*subject to change

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



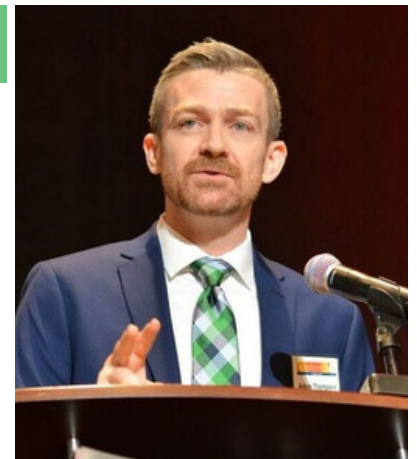
Monique Carry, PhD

Executive Director of the Prevention Access Campaign

Dr. Monique Carry is Executive Director of the Prevention Access Campaign (PAC), where she leads global efforts to expand Undetectable = Untransmittable (U=U) through advocacy, training, and real-world implementation. A behavioral scientist and health communications expert with over 15 years of experience, she previously served at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), supporting U=U scale-up across more than 50 countries. She authored the CDC/PAC U=U implementation resource guide and leads U=U University, equipping communities and health systems with the tools to deliver evidence-based, stigma-free HIV care and build more resilient, informed communities.

Adam Thompson

Mr. Adam Thompson holds an undergraduate degree from Georgetown University in Theology, a master's degree in public health from the Jefferson College of Population Health, and a certificate in Practice Facilitation from the University of Buffalo. Adam has served as a coach and faculty on state and national quality improvement learning collaboratives and facilitates multiple regional practice transformation networks supporting Ryan White HIV/AIDS Programs and Federally Qualified Health Centers. Adam has co-developed and facilitated several curricula aimed at improving patient engagement in quality improvement activities, increasing the use of practice facilitation methods amongst capacity-building providers, and increasing the adoption and uptake of implementation science research methods into practice-based settings. He has spoken extensively about the impact of health-related stigmas on patient outcomes, increasing patient engagement and involvement, and health systems redesign. As a person with HIV with a history of injection drug use, commercial sex work, and homelessness, Adam also brings a shared lived experience with many people and communities disproportionately impacted by HIV.



WHO SHOULD ATTEND

The SC HIV, STD, and Viral Hepatitis Conference is designed for nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, other clinicians, HIV/STD/Viral Hepatitis educators, social workers, case managers, public health professionals, pharmacists, other service providers, teachers, students, people living with HIV/AIDS and other interested community members. Our mission for this interdisciplinary conference is to provide opportunities for professionals and community members to engage in dialogue and share past successes, discuss current practices and interventions, as well as address emerging issues and trends.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT



Mid-Carolina Area Health Education Center (AHEC) provides a variety of continuing education credits for up to a total of 9 hours across the two-day conference. **Participation will be tracked and recorded at each session. Contact hours will only be awarded based on documented attendance.**

Daily Totals: 10/21 (Wednesday) = 5 hours; 10/22 (Thursday) = 4 hours

Counselors & Therapists: This program has been approved for up to 9 hours of continuing education by SC AHEC under its accreditation by the SC Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors, Marital and Family Therapists and Psycho-Educational Specialists.

Nursing with Pharmacology Content: Mid-Carolina AHEC is approved as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by South Carolina Nurses Association an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. This nursing continuing education activity is approved for up to 9 hours of which 5.0 are pharmacology hours ((please note: exact pharmacology hours will be based on sessions attended).

Social Workers: This program has been approved by SC AHEC under its accreditation by the SC Board of Social Work Examiners for up to 6 hours social work and 3 hours non-social work hours, for a total of 9 clock hours.

Mid-Carolina AHEC, Inc.: This program is approved for up to .9 CEU (9 clock hours) of continuing education by Mid-Carolina AHEC, Inc. and meets the SC AHEC Best Practice Standards. Participants must attend 90% of the program in order to receive a certificate of attendance. *No partial credit given.*

Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug (ATOD) Treatment and Prevention Professionals: Applications are being made to the SC Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors (SCAADAC) and the SC Association of Prevention Professionals and Advocates (SCAPPA) for 9 hours of continuing education credit.

Pharmacists: The University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education as a provider of continuing pharmacy education. This activity is eligible for ACPE credit; see final CPE activity announcement for specific details.



Detailed instructions regarding how to claim credit will be provided at the conference. The NABP CPE Monitor will not accept credit claimed and reported greater than 60 days from the date of the program.

CONFERENCE LOGISTICS

Location

All sessions will be held at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln Street, Columbia, SC 29201 (803) 545-0181

<https://www.columbiaconventioncenter.com/>



Parking

The Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center (CMCC) Parking Lot is adjacent to the facility and has 260 first come first served, complimentary spots. In the case that the CMCC Parking Lot becomes full, the Park Street Garage located directly across the street from CMCC is free for the first hour but the second hour is \$3 and an additional \$1 for every hour after that up to \$15 for the day.

Hotel

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Columbia Downtown the Vista

901 Washington Street, Columbia, SC 29201

(803) 683-7500

Room Rate: \$99.00* per night.

Reservation Deadline: October 7, 2026

To make reservations online, click the link below and enter your travel dates.

[Holiday Inn Express Booking Link- CLICK HERE](#)



**Limited number of rooms are available at this rate. Rates are subject to room, local area, and hospitality taxes and may be approximately 14%. Standard Parking Fees apply and may be approximately \$22.00/ night.*

Accessibility

The SC HIV, STD, and Viral Hepatitis Conference Committee is committed to making the conference fully accessible for all attendees. If you require assistance to fully participate in the conference, please contact Pam Harper, Conference Registrar, at pharper@midcarolinaahec.org or (803) 286-4121.

Refunds, Cancellations and Substitutions

Refunds for a cancelled registration (less a **\$50.00** administration fee) may be obtained by written request to the Conference Registrar, Pam Harper, at Mid-Carolina AHEC, (803) 286-4121 or pharper@midcarolinaahec.org. Such requests must be received by **October 5, 2026**. Refunds will not be made to participants who cancel after that date or who register but do not attend.

Substitutions are permitted but must be approved through **written request only (no phone calls)** to the Conference Registrar at pharper@midcarolinaahec.org. The 2026 SC HIV, STD, and Viral Hepatitis Conference is not responsible for any change/cancellation charges incurred by the registrant.

CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP AND/OR EXHIBIT SPACE

For those who wish to support this year's conference, the following contribution levels are available:

Conference Partner	\$10,000
Diamond Level	\$ 5,000
Platinum Level	\$ 2,500
Gold Level	\$ 1,400
Silver Level	\$ 1,000
Bronze Level	\$ 750 (the base level for commercial exhibitors)
Commercial/For Profit	\$ 650 (to exhibit only ; keynote and concurrent sessions are not included)
Non-profit/State Agency	\$ 450 (to exhibit only ; keynote and concurrent sessions are not included)

Contact Chris Skope at (843) 792-1348 or cmskope1@gmail.com to support the conference and/or arrange an exhibit space. The complete Sponsor/Exhibitor Brochure is available at www.schiv-stdconference.org.

SCHOLARSHIPS

PLWH Registration Scholarships

A limited number of scholarships to cover registration fees are available for People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH). All application materials must be received by **June 26, 2026**. The scholarship application forms and information about the scholarship process can be found at www.schiv-stdconference.org. For further information, contact Gerald McNair, Scholarship Committee Chair, at gmcnair30@yahoo.com.

Student Scholarships

Up to twelve **1-day scholarships** are being offered to students enrolled in public health-related programs (health sciences, medicine, social work, pharmacy, etc.) in South Carolina colleges and universities. Each scholarship will cover registration for **one day** of the conference including breakfast and lunch. Scholarship recipients may choose which day to attend. Students will be responsible for any travel and hotel accommodations. All scholarship applications are due **September 11, 2026**. Please see our website, www.schiv-stdconference.org for student scholarship application forms.

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