

## **Towards a Canadian Consensus Statement on the Health and Prevention Implications of HIV Treatment**

A special open consultation takes place April 30 in Toronto

Treatment and other biomedical technologies have the potential to improve the lives of people living with and at risk for HIV, as well as reduce HIV transmission and stigma associated with living with HIV and HIV transmission. For this reason, CATIE, CTAC and PositiveLite.com have partnered to lead the development of a Canadian Consensus Statement that it is hoped will be endorsed broadly by healthcare workers, community-based organizations and policy-makers serving the HIV community.

It is intended that the development of the Consensus Statement will employ a series of guiding principles based on a human rights framework, and that the end product will reflect the regional and cultural diversity of our country and address the health and prevention implications of HIV treatment and other biomedical technologies in the Canadian context.

### **Open consultation, April 30**

On April 30, 2015, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon EST, there will be an open consultation at the 2015 Canadian Association for HIV Research (CAHR) Conference at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre to explore the implications of emerging HIV treatment and prevention approaches and provide useful feedback that will help inform the development of the consensus statement.

All CAHR conference attendees *as well as* members of the community who are not registered for the CAHR conference are invited to attend this interactive consultation event.

To help us plan, pre-registration would be appreciated. To register, please contact Barbara Santosuosso at [Barbara@ctac.ca](mailto:Barbara@ctac.ca)

### For all those who cannot attend the April 30 consultation:

We recognize that many people who would like to participate in the consultation process will be unable to attend our April 30 ancillary event during the CAHR Conference in Toronto. Therefore, there will also be online consultations at later dates, and these will be advertised well in advance. The online consultations will be open to everyone and no invitation will be required. *More information on the online consultations and other ways to participate will be available at the beginning of May 2015, promoted through CATIE, CTAC and PositiveLite.com communication venues.*

It is hoped that the consensus statement will be launched at the 2015 CATIE Forum, *Making it Work: From Planning to Practice* (October 15-16, 2015) at the new Delta Toronto hotel. For more information on the CATIE Forum program and important dates, please visit: <http://www.catie.ca/en/forum>.