

Research Seminar Series

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The USAID-AMPATH Partnership: Transforming Public Health Research into Public Health Action in Western Kenya

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Seminar Description:

AMPATH was initiated in 2001 as a joint partnership between Moi University School of Medicine (Kenya), the Indiana University of Medicine (United States), and the Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital (Kenya). The USAID-AMPATH Partnership was initiated in 2004 when AMPATH received ongoing funding through USAID and the United States President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). The initial goal of AMPATH was to establish an HIV care system to serve the needs of both urban and rural patients. Since 2001, the program has enrolled more than 90,000 HIV-infected adults and children in 23 Kenyan Ministry of Health facilities and numerous satellite clinics in western Kenya. The USAID-AMPATH Partnership is now extending its model of HIV care to provide primary care and chronic disease management in all AMPATH catchments. Dr. Braitstein will present key findings from AMPATH that inform HIV prevention and treatment management in a highly resource-constrained setting, and describe her work and others that are translating the potential of public health research into public health action.

Guest Speaker Biography:

Dr. Paula Braitstein is an epidemiologist living and working in Eldoret, Kenya with the USAID-AMPATH Partnership. Originally from Montreal, Paula spent 13 years working in the community-based HIV/AIDS movement in Canada as an HIV treatment educator and activist. After receiving her MA in Liberal Studies from Simon Fraser University, Paula completed both an MSc and a PhD in epidemiology from the University of British Columbia. Upon completion of her PhD, Paula conducted her post-doctoral research in Bern, Switzerland working with the Antiretroviral Treatment in Lower Income Countries (ART-LINC) Collaboration.

Dr. Braitstein is Assistant Professor at Indiana University School of Medicine (United States), Visiting Lecturer at Moi University School of Medicine (Kenya), and an Affiliated Investigator with the Regenstrief Institute of Informatics (United States). In addition to doing her own research, she is Co-Field Director of Research in Eldoret, Co-Chair of the AMPATH Data Management Core, and Director of Monitoring and Evaluation for AMPATH.



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