



NGDI-UBC Distinguished Lectureship Seminar Series

<i>Title:</i>	Treatment as Prevention: HAART Expansion —A Powerful Strategy to Reduce AIDS Morbidity and Mortality and HIV Incidence
<i>Presenter:</i>	Dr. Julio Montaner, Professor of Medicine and Head of Division of AIDS, UBC; Director, BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS (BC-CfE), Providence Healthcare; Past-President, International AIDS Society.
<i>Date:</i>	Friday, May 13, 2011
<i>Time:</i>	12:00 to 1:00 p.m. (Seminar) / 1:00 — 2:00 p.m. (Reception)
<i>Location:</i>	Auditorium (Seminar) / MSL Room 101 (Reception) Michael Smith Laboratories: 2185 East Mall, Vancouver Campus

NGDI-UBC Distinguished Lectureship Seminar Overview:

Come and hear Dr. Julio Montaner speak about the work he is doing in the fight against HIV/AIDS around the world. We are delighted to present this opportunity along with our co-sponsors, the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences and the Centre for Drug Research and Development.

Widespread availability of HAART has dramatically decreased AIDS-related diseases and death since 1996. Furthermore, HAART rapidly and effectively renders HIV undetectable in blood and genital secretions and this is associated with decreased risk of transmission. The BC-CfE has initiated a major effort aimed to expand HAART coverage in BC, including hard-to-reach individuals. This program known as “**Seek and Treat for Optimal Prevention of HIV & AIDS**” (**STOP HIV & AIDS**), aims to decrease AIDS-related morbidity and mortality among those infected with HIV and to decrease the emergence of new HIV infections among those at risk. Early results from these efforts were reported last summer (Montaner et al, Lancet 2010), verifying the predictions of our previously published mathematical model (Montaner et al, Lancet 2006).

Speaker Biography:

Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, he received his MD with Honors from the University of Buenos Aires in 1979. In 1981, he joined UBC at St Paul’s Hospital. In 1988, he became the Director of the AIDS Research Program and the Immunodeficiency Clinic. In the mid 90’s, he played a key role in establishing the efficacy of HAART. Since then, he has established the role of HAART as prevention. He has received numerous awards and recognition, including the inaugural \$5M Avant Garde Award from NIDA-NIH, the inaugural Aubrey Tingle Award from MSFHR, the CIHR Knowledge Translation Award, the Prix Galien Canada Research Award and the Albert Einstein World Award of Science. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, a Member of the Order of BC and recipient of an honorary doctorate from SFU. He has authored over 400 publications on HIV/AIDS.

No registration is necessary however, space is limited to 100, so please arrive early.

