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## **WRI 2010 - What Makes Women Vulnerable to HIV, and Once They Acquire It, to Disease Progression?**

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**WOMEN'S  
RESEARCH  
INITIATIVE  
ON HIV/AIDS**

Each year, a summary report is generated to document the Annual WRI Meeting in order to best provide direction for WRI's ongoing work to advance the research for HIV+ women. The 2010 WRI meeting aimed to address the complex question: *What makes women vulnerable to HIV infection, and*



*once infected, to disease progression?*

Following multiple scientific presentations from guest speakers and experts as well as updates from WRI members, and break-out discussion sessions, the WRI 2010 concluded that the only way to adequately address all of the issues that impact HIV treatment and prevention for women is to develop a greater focus on interdisciplinary research. An interdisciplinary research approach places research questions about women and HIV into biomedical, behavioral and social contexts, thereby addressing issues impacting the way women become infected, how treatment can be most effective, and many other issues related to HIV in women. The 2010 Annual WRI Meeting took place from April 15-18 in San Martin, CA with 20 members of the WRI participating (including representatives from clinical care, HIV research, academia, community-based organizations, government, the pharmaceutical industry and HIV-positive women), as well as guest speakers and invited experts. A list of the 2010 WRI Meeting members, speakers and participants can be found below.

- [View the full 2010 WRI Summary Report \(173 KB\)](#)
- [View photos from the 2010 WRI meeting on our Facebook page](#)





## **2010 WRI Meeting Participants**

**Laura Armas-Kolostroubis, MD\* (WRI member)**

Parkland Health and Hospital System;

Texas/Oklahoma AIDS Education and Training Center **Judith Auerbach, PhD\* (WRI member)**

San Francisco AIDS Foundation **Richard Averitt (WRI team)**

The Well Project **Dawn Averitt Bridge\* (WRI member)**

The Well Project **Gina Brown, MD\* (WRI member)**

National Institute of Health Office of AIDS Research **Ju-Hui Chang, PhD (WRI attendee and speaker)**

Ragon Institute of Massachusetts General Hospital,

Massachusetts Institute Technology and Harvard **Susan E. Cohn, MD, MPH (WRI member)**

Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine **Elizabeth Connick, MD (WRI member)**

University of Colorado Denver

Division of Infectious Diseases **Jenna Conley (WRI team)**

Conley Communications **Debbie Cooke, CMP (WRI team)**

Meeting Masters **Terri Creagh, PhD (WRI member)**

Clinical and Epidemiologic Research **Rebecca Denison (WRI attendee)**

WORLD **Shari Dworkin, PhD, MS (WRI attendee and speaker)**

UCSF **Monica Gandhi, MD, MPH (WRI member)**

University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) **Kristy Grimm, PharmD (WRI member)**

Bristol-Myers Squibb **Debbie P. Hagins, MD (WRI member)**

Chatham County Health Department **Yasmin Halima, MPH (WRI member)**

Global Campaign for Microbicides **Sally Hodder, MD (WRI member)**

UMDNJ – NJMS **Naina Khanna (WRI attendee)**

U.S. Positive Women's Network (PWN) and WORLD **Alan Landay, PhD (WRI member)**

Rush University Medical Center **Sharon Lee, MD (WRI member)**

Family Health Care **Krista Heitzman Martel (WRI team)**

The Well Project **Caroline Mitchell, MD, MPH (WRI attendee and speaker)**

University of Washington **Joseph Mrus, MD, MSc (WRI member)**

Tibotec **Bach-Yen Nguyen (WRI attendee)**

Merck Research Labs **Monica Ruiz, PhD, MPH (WRI member)**

Forum for Collaborative HIV Research, George Washington University **Stephen P. Storfer, MD\* (WRI member)**

Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc. **Carole Treston, RN, MPH (WRI attendee)**

AIDS Alliance for Children Youth & Families **Ron Wilder (WRI team)**

Aligned Action, Inc. **Charles Wira, PhD (WRI member)**

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