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WRI 2009 - How Do Women Acquire HIV and How Do They Protect Themselves from HIV Acquisition?

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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 purpose of the WRI 2009 meeting was to identify and then prioritize research questions in order to determine the area of focus that would most significantly impact our understanding of HIV disease in women.

In order to expand the scope of discussion, the invited presentations were specifically selected to

encompass a wide range of topics such as vaginal ecology, inflammation, clinical trials enrollment, microbicides, immunology, and elite controllers of HIV infection. Each of these talks fueled rich discussion and often culminated in unique synthesis and perspective by the group. In addition to the invited presentations and discussion, the WRI held small group breakout sessions to identify gaps and refine the lists of research questions. Attending the meeting were members of the WRI (including representatives from clinical care, HIV research, academia, community-based organizations, government, the pharmaceutical industry and HIV-positive women), guest speakers and invited experts.

For the full 2009 meeting report, click the link below.

- [2009 WRI Meeting Report](#)

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