Toolkit: Electronic Materials

VAXLit
AIDS
Vaccine
Literacy
Toolkit

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The objective of the VAXLit initiative is to disseminate consistent, comprehensive training and educational materials on AIDS vaccines and clinical trials. The *VAXLit Toolkit* contains a number of **resources** that can be used for training, mobilisation, and advocacy activities.

Using the *VAXLit Toolkit* for outreach and training purposes can have outcomes such as:

- Increasing awareness and support for AIDS vaccine research and development among a broad range of stakeholders
- Preparing potential trial volunteers to make informed, independent choices to participate
- Creating an enabling environment for development of and eventual access to AIDS vaccines, and potentially other HIV prevention tools
- Leaving trial communities better off after a trial ends, regardless of the trial's outcome

Information contained in the *Toolkit* is useful to the entire HIV prevention research field and is not specific to IAVI trials or efforts. Where information is time-dependent such as statistical and epidemiological data, external references are included for the most up-to-date information.

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Who should use the *VAXLit Toolkit*?

The *VAXLit Toolkit* is primarily meant to be used by individuals working in the AIDS vaccine field, HIV prevention research field, or other related fields for out-reach to audiences such as Community Advisory Boards, civil society, parliamentarians, and the media. As the field progresses and the need for outreach widens, the tools can also be used by secondary audiences.

Certain components of the *Toolkit* may be more useful for outreach to different audiences, and can be adapted according to specific audience, geographic location, and/or outreach program.
This is explained in detail in the description for each component
(see VAXLit Toolkit Components section).

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The *VAXLit Core Content* is the fundamental component of the *VAXLit Toolkit* and the technical basis for the other components. It is a reference text with basic information about AIDS vaccines and clinical trials, explained in simple language and a user-friendly format.

USERS:

The *Core Content* is primarily meant to be used by individuals and groups involved or interested in AIDS vaccine and related fields. It is not meant to be distributed at the general community level. Users may include:

- Clinical research centre staff
- Clinical research sponsor staff (e.g. IAVI, HVTN)
- Individuals working in the HIV prevention research field (e.g., microbicides trial and sponsor staff)
- Community Advisory Board (CAB) members
- Non-governmental organisation (NGO) staff
- Voluntary counselling and testing (VCT) counsellors
- Scientific journalists or other relevant media representatives

USE:

The *Core Content* is primarily meant to be used as an informational resource.

It is also a useful tool for developing new materials and for delivering information to secondary audiences in the form of presentations, written educational materials, and public speeches. Additionally, it can be used to develop resources in local languages or content for alternate modes of educational outreach, such as street drama or community events.

Click here to download the *VAXLit Core Content*

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The *VAXLit Training Manual* contains participatory training exercises about concepts contained in the *Core Content*; the two are intended to be used jointly. Each training module corresponds to the chapter of the *Core Content* with the same number.

USERS:
Primary users include staff of clinical research sponsors or trial centres, as well as trainers from related civil society or research groups. As the need for outreach widens, a training-of-trainers methodology may be used where secondary groups such as wider civil society partners or HIV training groups may use the *Manual*.

USE:
Trainers from the AIDS vaccine and related fields may use the *Training Manual* to conduct vaccine or clinical trials literacy trainings, or to incorporate relevant content into related training programmes. The modular format gives trainers flexibility – a workshop may be tailored according to such factors as the audience's familiarity with AIDS vaccines concepts, the purpose of the training, and the time available for the workshop.

The *Training Manual* will always be disseminated as part of the complete *VAXLit Toolkit* given that it should be used in conjunction with other *Toolkit* components.

Click here to download the *VAXLit Training Manual*

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The *Manual* emphasizes participatory training as the most effective means of knowledge transfer. If a didactic approach is preferred, corresponding PowerPoint® presentations have been developed for each chapter of the *Core Content*.

Below are the titles for each presentation. Click here to preview a compilation of the presentations. You will be able to order the full presentations via this link.

Presentation 1: Vaccines and the Global Response to HIV and AIDS

Presentation 2: Building a Supportive Environment for AIDS Vaccine Development

Presentation 3: The Immune System and HIV and AIDS

Presentation 4: Vaccines

Presentation 5: AIDS Vaccine Development

Presentation 6: The Clinical Vaccine Trials

Presentation 7: Participation in AIDS Vaccine Trials

Presentation 8: Gender

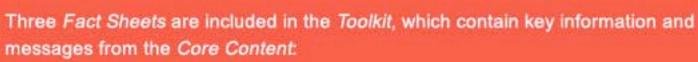**Presentation 9:** Ethical Issues

Presentation 10: Review and Approval for AIDS Vaccine Trials

Presentation 11: Preparing for Future Access and Use of an AIDS Vaccine

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Three *Fact Sheets* are included in the *Toolkit*, which contain key information and messages from the *Core Content*:

- **AIDS Vaccine Research: FAQs**
- **AIDS Vaccines in Perspective**
- **Myths and Misconceptions**

The *fact sheets* are based on informational needs identified by diverse community representatives, and therefore may be appropriate for distribution to a variety of audiences in their current form.

Examples of opportunities for distributing fact sheets include:

- Vaccine literacy training workshops
- Recruitment seminars/workshops for AIDS vaccine trials
- Community events around AIDS vaccine trial sites
- Briefings to stakeholders, including parliamentarians, media, medical professionals and donors
- VCT sessions, primarily in communities where HIV research is being conducted
- Healthcare provider visits
- AIDS conferences or meetings

Toolkit users may also adapt the fact sheets for specific audiences and/or locations.

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IAVI's mission is to ensure the development of safe, effective, accessible, preventive HIV vaccines for use throughout the world. Integral to this mission is leaving communities and countries where trials are conducted better off as a result of IAVI's activities. This goal involves many initiatives, among which is increasing literacy through country- and community-appropriate education and training mechanisms. All reasonable efforts have been made to ensure the accuracy of information contained in this manual before its publication. However, this information may change from time to time as developments occur in the AIDS vaccine research field.

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