



PAN GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS

ACAP	AIDS Community Action Program (Public Health Agency of Canada)	CAHR	Canadian Association of HIV Research
ACPNET	Afro-Canadian Positive Network of BC	CAM	Complementary Alternative Medicines
AGM	Annual General Meeting	CANFAR	Canadian Foundation for AIDS Research
AHA Centre	Aboriginal HIV & AIDS Community-Based Research Collaborative Centre	CAS	Canadian AIDS Society
AIDS	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome	CATIE	No longer an acronym but CATIE is Canada's source for up-to-date, unbiased information about HIV and hepatitis C. They connect people living with HIV or hepatitis C, at-risk communities, healthcare providers and community organizations with the knowledge, resources and expertise to reduce transmission and improve quality of life
ANKORS	AIDS Network Kootenay Outreach and Support Society (2 locations: Nelson and Cranbrook)	CBO	Community-Based Organization
APHA	Aboriginal Person Living with HIV/AIDS	CBPR	Community-Based Participatory Research (an alternative, more descriptive acronym for CBR)
ARC	AIDS Related Complex	CBR	Community-Based Research
ARV/ART	Antiretroviral/ Antiretroviral Therapy (HIV treatment)	CCORA	Canadian Coalition of AIDS Organizations Responding to AIDS
ASK	ASK Wellness Centre, ASO in Kamloops and Merritt (does a lot of housing work as well)	CD4 Count	CD4 cells (also known as T-helper cells) are a type of white blood cell that fights infection. The CD4 count measures the number of CD4 cells in a sample of your blood drawn by a needle from a vein in your arm. Along with other tests, the CD4 count helps tell how strong your immune system is, indicates the stage of your HIV disease,
ASO	AIDS Service Organization		
AV	AIDS Vancouver		
AVI	AIDS Vancouver Island (5 locations: Victoria, Nanaimo, Courtney/Comox, Campbell River, Port Hardy)		
BCCDC	BC Centre for Disease Control		
BCCfE	BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS		
BCCPD	BC Coalition of People with Disabilities		
BCEA	BC Employment and Assistance		
BCSTH	BC Society of Transition Houses		
BWSS	Battered Women's Support Services		
CAAN	Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network		

	guides treatment, and predicts how your disease may progress	CWGHR	Canadian Working Group on HIV & Rehabilitation
CDR	Common Drug Review	CWWA	Children Who Witness Abuse Program
CEO	Chief Executive Officer	DEWC	Downtown Eastside Women's Centre
CHAC	Community HIV/AIDS Committee	DTES	Downtown East Side (neighborhood in Vancouver; high rate/prevalence of HIV)
CHALN	Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network	ED	Executive Director
CHERT	Community HIV/HCV Evaluation & Reporting Tool	EDRP	Emergency Drug Release Program
CHF	Complementary Health Fund	ELISA	Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay
CHIWOS	Canadian HIV Women's Sexual & Reproductive Health Cohort Study	EPPD	Employment Programs for Persons with Disabilities
CHRC	Canadian Human Rights Coalition	FFL	Friends for Life
CI	Collective Impact, evaluation framework that has all stakeholders working towards a common goal in a sector	FH	Fraser Health
CIDA	Canadian International Development Agency (no longer exists and has transformed into DFATD – Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development)	FH2H	From Hope to Health – provincial HIV strategy developed by the Ministry of Health
CIHR	The Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the Government of Canada's health research funding agency	FNHA	First Nations Health Authority
COCQ-SIDA	Coalition des Organismes Communautaires Quebecois de Lutte Contre Le SIDA (PAN's equivalent in Quebec)	FS	Food Security
CPHA	Canadian Public Health Association	FY	Fiscal Year
CPP	Canada Pension Plan	GAIN	Guaranteed Available Income for Need
CRA	Community Research Associates	GIPA/MIPA	The Greater Involvement of People Living with HIV/AIDS principle. Meaningful Involvement of People living with HIV/AIDS principle. This principle was developed by UNAIDS, and is defined as a principle that aims to realize the rights and responsibilities of people living with HIV, including their right to self-determination and participation in decision-making processes that affect their lives. The GIPA principle has many commonalities with the principles of CBR, and has played an
CSHA	Canadian Strategy on HIV/AIDS		
CTAC	Canadian Treatment Advocates Council		
CTN	CIHR Canadian HIV Trials Network		
CUPE	Canadian Union of Public Employees		

	important role in the advancement of HIV/AIDS-related CBR in BC	IH (VIHA)	Island Health (used to be called Vancouver Island Health Authority)
GNP+	Global Network of Persons Living with HIV and AIDS	ISS	Immigrant Services Society
GVNCS	Greater Vancouver Native Cultural Society	IWD	International Women’s Day
HAART	Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy (HIV medications developed more recently, which are more effective and often have fewer side effects; most people now on HIV treatment are on HAART)	KAFS	Kamloops Aboriginal Friendship Society
HBT	Health Benefits Trust (employee benefits)	KM	Knowledge Mobilization
HBV	Hepatitis B Virus	KTE	Knowledge Transfer and Exchange, which broadly refers to the plan for incorporating and dissemination the knowledge generated by the study. A key characteristic of CBR projects is a comprehensive plan for KTE. CIHR defines KTE as a dynamic and iterative process that includes synthesis, dissemination, exchange and ethically sound application of knowledge to improve the health of Canadians, provide more effective health services and products and strengthen the health care system. Also referred to as KT (knowledge translation) or KM (knowledge mobilization)
HCV	Hepatitis C Virus		
HEABC	Health Employers Association of BC		
HIM	Health Initiatives for Men		
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus		
HOS	Healing Our Spirit Aboriginal AIDS Society		
HPB	Health Protection Branch		
HRAS	Harm Reduction Action Society		
HRDC	Human Resources Development Canada		
HSA	Health Sciences Association (union)	KU	Knowledge user, an individual who is likely to be able to use the knowledge generated through research in order to make informed decisions about health policies, programs and/or practices (who can be, but is not limited to, a practitioner, policy maker, educator, decision maker, health care administrator, community leader, or an individual in a health charity, patient group, private sector organization or a media outlet)
IAS	International AIDS Society		
IAMI	International AIDS Vaccine Initiative		
ICAD	Interagency Coalition on AIDS & Development		
ICASO	International Council of AIDS Service Organizations		
ICW	International Community of Women Living with HIV		
IDU	Injection drug user		
IH	Interior Health		

LGBT2Q	Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, two spirit and queer communities		Aboriginal groups to guide research taking place in their communities
LISA	Longitudinal Investigation into Supportive & Ancillary Health Services (research project)	OHTN	Ontario HIV Treatment Network is a collaborative network of researchers, health service providers, policy makers, community members and people with HIV who work together to promote excellence and innovation in HIV treatment, research, and education in Ontario
LPRC	Living Positive Resource Centre (ASO in Kelowna)		
LSS	Legal Services Society		
LTD	Long-term Disability (disability “benefits,” usually offered by private employers)		
MAT	Maximally Assisted Therapy	OTC	Oak Tree Clinic
MCFD	Ministry of Children and Family Development	P3 or PPP	Private-Public Partnership
MIWA	Meaningful Involvement of Women Living with HIV/AIDS	PAN	Pacific AIDS Network
MM	Moving Mountains (community-based research study in Northern Health)	PASAN	Prisoners’ HIV/AIDS Support Action Network
MSD	Ministry of Social Development	PCB	Pacific Blue Cross (employee benefits)
MSM	Men who have sex with Men	PCP	Pneumocystis Carinii Pneumonia
MSM/IDU	Men who have had sex with men and who also have injected drugs	PCT	Program Coordination Team
NACASO	North American Council of AIDS Service Organizations	PEP	Post-Exposure Prophylaxis
NATAF	North American Treatment Activists Forum	PERT	Project Evaluation & Reporting Tool
NAWG	Needs Assessment Working Group	PHA	Person Living with HIV/AIDS
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization	PHAC	Public Health Agency of Canada
NH	Northern Health	PHCN	Pacific Hepatitis C Network
OAAS	Okanagan Aboriginal AIDS Society	PHO	Provincial Health Officer
OAS	Ontario AIDS Society	PHSA	Provincial Health Services Authority
OBE	Outcome-Based Evaluation	PI	The principle investigator (sometimes referred to as primary investigator) is the researcher with overall responsibility for the direction of a research project, grant or contract
OCAP	Ownership, control, access, and possession, principles which have been developed by	PLBC	Positive Living BC
		PLFV	Positive Living Fraser Valley Society
		PLHIV/PLWHA	People Living With HIV/AIDS

PLN	Positive Living North (2 locations: Prince George, Smithers)		
PLPH	Positive Living Positive Homes – PAN CBR study on HIV and Housing		stands for Research Evidence into Action for Community Health). REACH 2.0 is the second phase of this centre focused on participatory evaluation and program
PMPRB	Patent Medicines Prices Review Board		(implementation) science
POP	Prison Outreach Program	RFP	Request for Proposal
PPMB	Persons with Persistent, Multiple Barriers (BC income support program)	RRHAN	Red Road HIV/AIDS Network
PR	Peer Researchers	RTA	Research Technical Assistant
PRA	Peer Research Assistant or Associate. Peer Researchers are members of the research team who identify with and can reasonably represent a community or group of interest for the research project. After taking part in training, peer researchers become active members of the research team, participating in many or all phases of the research project, particularly in the data collection phase	SIF	Safe Injection Facility
		SIS/SCS	Supervised injection services or supervised consumption services
PrEP	Pre-exposure prophylaxis	SOLID	Society of Living Illicit Drug Users
PSAs	Public Service Announcements	SPNAC	St Paul’s Hospital Neighborhood Advisory Committee
PSE	Population Size Estimates	SSHRC	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. SSHRC is the federal granting agency for social science and humanities research in Canada
PWAs	Persons with AIDS	STBBIs	Sexually Transmitted and Blood Borne Infections
PWD	Persons with Disabilities (can refer to a BC income support program)	STD	Sexually transmitted disease (moving away from this term; STI is more commonly used)
PWN	Positive Women’s Network	STI	Sexually transmitted infection
PWUID	Person/People who use illicit drugs	STOP	Seek and Treat for Optimal Prevention of HIV
QI	Quality Improvement	SW (FSW, MSW)	Sex Worker (Female Sex Worker, Male Sex Worker)
REACH/ REACH 2.0	Shorthand for the CIHR Centre for REACH in HIV/AIDS, a collaborative centre bringing together research stakeholders from across Canada (REACH	TLC	The Lighthouse Centre (resource centre part of PLFV, located in Abbotsford)
		UNAIDS	United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
		UNGASS	United Nations General Assembly Special Session on HIV/AIDS

UWW	University Without Walls is the educational and training arm of the CIHR Centre for REACH in HIV/AIDS. They provide a national interdisciplinary learning and mentorship program, connecting academics, community members and policy makers to explore HIV research together
VANDU	Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users
VCH	Vancouver Coastal Health Authority
VF	Vancouver Foundation
VGH	Vancouver General Hospital
VIHA	Vancouver Island Health Authority (now called Island Health)
VL	Viral Load, the number of copies of the human immunodeficiency virus in your blood and other parts of your body
VNH	Vancouver Native Health
VPWAS	Vancouver Island Persons Living with AIDS Society
WAD	World AIDS Day
WAVAW	Women Against Violence Against Women
WCB	Worksafe BC (Workers Comp. Board)
WHO	World Health Organization
WISH	WISH Drop-in Centre Society (for survival sex workers)
WSW	Women who have had sex with women
YouthCo	YouthCo HIV & HepC Community Outreach

Some Misunderstood Phrases Relating to HIV

Misleading:	More Accurate:
Infected with AIDS	HIV infection
AIDS virus	HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus)
HIV virus	HIV
AIDS test	HIV antibody test
AIDS antibodies	HIV antibodies
Positive AIDS test antibodies	Positive test for HIV
AIDS transmission	HIV transmission
AIDS victim	PWA (person with AIDS) or PLWHA (person living with HIV/AIDS)
High-risk groups	High-risk behaviours