

# CHIWOS

The Canadian HIV Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health Cohort Study  
National Update



National CHIWOS Research Team at CAHR 2017, Montreal QC

## WAVE 3 FOLLOW UP -LAST CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE!

**THE 36 MONTH FOLLOW UP SURVEYS BEGAN IN  
MARCH 2017.**

As of July 2018, 78% of the Wave 3 interviews have been completed.

Thank you for all your support in completing these surveys!

**All Wave 3 interviews must be completed by the end of August, 2018. If you know anyone who may have participated in CHIWOS, please help them to get in touch with their local coordinator to book their appointment!**

Please distribute the attached poster widely,  
and let women know that it is their

**'last chance to participate'** in CHIWOS!

## UPCOMING

### END OF WAVE 3

The 36 month follow up visits close at the end of August 2018!

### KT AT CAHR

Highlights from the CAHR 2018 Conference, Vancouver

## NEXT STEPS

What's coming down the pipeline for CHIWOS!

## CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF HIV RESEARCH (CAHR) 2018

*Vancouver, BC; April 26-29th 2018*

CHIWOS gave six oral presentations, six poster presentations, and hosted an ancillary event at CAHR! You can find copies of all presentations on our website [www.chiwos.ca](http://www.chiwos.ca) to learn more. Two of our CHIWOS team members were recognized for their contributions!



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Valerie Nicholson, the recipient of the prestigious CAHR 2018 Red Ribbon Award for Research Excellence!



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Dr. Kate Salters, the recipient of the CAHR 2018 Clinical Sciences New Investigator Award!

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### RECENT ANALYSES

*CHIWOS investigators have published 23 peer reviewed manuscripts.*

*Click the links below to view our most recent papers:*

1. Kerkerian et al., 2018; *Attrition across the HIV cascade of care among a diverse cohort of women living with HIV in Canada. Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes*
2. Webster et al., 2018; *Strategies for Recruiting Women Living with Human Immunodeficiency Virus in Community-Based Research: Lessons from Canada. Progress in Community Health Partnerships: Research, Education, and Action*
3. Logie et al., 2018; *Pathways from HIV-related stigma to antiretroviral therapy measures in the HIV care cascade for women living with HIV in Canada. Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes*
4. Carter et al., 2018; *Supporting the Sexual Rights of Women Living With HIV: A Critical Analysis of Sexual Satisfaction and Pleasure Across Five Relationship Types. Journal of Sex Research*



Valerie Nicholson, an Indigenous woman living with HIV and chair of the board for the Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network, says she has no shortage of stories about the racism she and others have experienced while accessing care.

**Hot off the Press!**

CHIWOS analyses and team members have been featured in The Globe and Mail, and other newspapers. Make sure you follow us on Facebook and Twitter [@CHIWOSresearch](https://twitter.com/CHIWOSresearch) to stay up to date!

**Interested in conducting an analysis with CHIWOS?  
Please contact your provincial coordinator for more details!**

# UPCOMING NEWS

## BODY MAPPING

### *Understanding women-centered HIV care using arts-based methodology*

Body Mapping is form of art and narrative therapy, created by Jane Solomon and Jonathan Morgan from Cape Town, South Africa. It has been adapted as a way to conduct arts-based research.

Women living with HIV will be led through a series of creative exercises over a three-day, retreat-style workshop to explore health and care experiences and understand how women conceptualize health at different stages of their lives, paying particular attention to temporal and social changes.

Each province (BC, SK, MB, ON, QC) will host one or more Body Mapping workshop(s) between Fall 2018 - Spring 2019. Contact your provincial coordinator for more details!



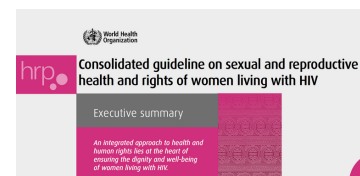
Welcome to Melanie Lee, the newest representative for the National Management Committee!

Melanie has been involved in CHIWOS since 2012 as a peer research associate, which has enabled her to practise the GIPA and MIWA principles. She is also in partnership with Harvest Coop BC, an organic cooperative to provide a healthy diet for people living with chronic illnesses. We are so excited to welcome Melanie to the NMT!

## Canadian Webinar Series for the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights of Women living with HIV

As a response to the WHO 2017 Consolidated Guidelines for the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights of Women and Girls living with HIV, CHIWOS has partnered with ASOs across Canada and the WHO to create the *Canadian Webinar Series*. Between September 2017-March 2018, the partnership developed four webinars based on priority topics, with the ultimate goal of creating a national action plan to advance the sexual and reproductive health and rights of women living with HIV in Canada.

You can view all four webinars on [www.chiwos.ca](http://www.chiwos.ca). For any questions, or to get on the mailing list, you can contact the webinar coordinator Sarah Watt ([sawatt@sfu.ca](mailto:sawatt@sfu.ca)).



HIV is not only driven by gender inequality, but it also entrenches gender inequality, leaving women more vulnerable to its impact. Providing sexual and reproductive health interventions for women living with HIV that are grounded in principles of gender equality and human rights can have a positive impact on their quality of life. It is also a step towards long-term improved health status and equity.

## Connect with Us!

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