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23rd Annual STI & HIV Research Symposium Agenda

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Harborview Research & Training Center (R&T) Auditorium
October 28, 2026, from 9:00am – 4:00pm PDT

Light breakfast and lunch will be provided.

8:00am – 9:00am	Check-In & Breakfast
9:00am – 9:05am	Introduction
9:05am – 9:30am	**Thomas Fitzpatrick, MD, MPH** Acting Instructor, Allergy and Infectious Diseases, University of Washington *Community-engaged implementation strategies to increase doxycycline post-exposure prophylaxis uptake among men who have sex with men in China (DoxyForward): a three-group, open-label, randomised controlled trial*
9:30am – 9:55am	**Bo Zhang, PhD** Assistant Professor of Biostatistics, Vaccine and Infectious Disease Division, Fred Hutch *Modeling the per-exposure efficacy of immune-based therapies for HIV-1 prevention*
9:55am – 10:50am	***Interventions to Address Syndemics of Substance Use Disorders, HIV, and Hepatitis C: Research Updates from CFAR Substance Use Scientific Working Group Early-Stage Investigators*** **Moderators:** **Sara Glick, PhD, MPH** Associate Professor, Medicine – Allergy and Infectious Diseases, University of Washington **Judith Tsui, MD, MPH** Professor, Medicine – General Internal Medicine, University of Washington **Panelists:** **Elenore Bhatraju, MD, MPH** Assistant Professor, Medicine – General Internal Medicine, University of Washington **Steven Erly, PhD, MPH** Health Equity and Syndemic Epidemiology Section Manager, Office of Infectious Disease, Washington State Department of Health **Omeid Heidari, PhD, MPH** Assistant Professor, Nursing - Child, Family, and Population Health Nursing, University of Washington **Kaitlin Zinsli, PhD, MPH** Post-doctoral Fellow, Medicine – General Internal Medicine, University of Washington
10:50am – 11:00am	Morning Break

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11:00am – 11:25am	**Nicole Lieberman, PhD** Acting Assistant Professor, Laboratory Medicine and Pathology, University of Washington *Antigenic variation and immune escape by Treponema pallidum*
11:25am – 11:50am	**Grace Umutesi, PhD, MPH** Postdoctoral Fellow, Global Health, University of Washington *The Potential Impact of Single-Dose HPV Vaccination Among Women Living with HIV in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa*
11:50am – 12:00pm	**Early-Stage Investigator Poster Previews**
12:00pm – 12:45pm	Lunch
12:45pm – 1:30pm	**Early-Stage Investigator Poster Session** (Room 109/113)
1:30pm – 2:25pm	***When Community Engagement Works: How Do We Know?*** **Moderator:** **Louis Shackelford, MPH** Director, Office of Community Engagement, UW/Fred Hutch CFAR **Panelists:** **Christopher Archiopoli, MBA** Community Stakeholder, King County Board of Health **TJ Baldwin, MSc, MA** **Connie Celum, MD, MPH** **Susan Brown Trinidad, PhD, MA** **Jose Vasquez, MEd** Deputy Executive Director, Entre Hermanos
2:25pm – 2:50pm	**Akansha Vaswani-Bye, PhD** Assistant Professor, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, University of Washington *Making the Most of Now: Implementing Single Session Interventions in Low-Barrier and Primary Care Settings*
2:50pm – 3:50pm	**Keynote: Ruanne V. Barnabas, MBChB, MSc, DPhil, FIDSA** Chief, Division of Infectious Diseases, Mass General Brigham Francis and Dorothea Reed Endowed Chair in Infectious Diseases Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School Professor of Epidemiology, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health ***Holding Fast to Discovery: Lessons from HPV Vaccine Research***
3:50pm – 4:00pm	Awards & Closing