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### BIO-SKETCH : Prof. Glenda Gray

Dr Glenda Gray, MBBCH, FCP is one of the directors of the Perinatal HIV Research Unit, a research unit affiliated to the University of the Witwatersrand. Together with Prof McIntyre, they created the vision and expertise necessary to develop the unit into a world renowned clinical research and epidemiology unit. Dr Gray has been an investigator on 23 clinical and epidemiological trials of which many are investigator driven. She was a co-investigator on the Soweto HIVNET site. As a principal investigator in the UNAIDS PETRA Study, she demonstrated her ability to collaborate with other investigators involved in this multicentre trial. She has been responsible for overseeing the development of structures necessary to conduct intensive clinical trials. As a supervisor to post-doctoral fellows she helped develop research skills for conducting trials in the clinical setting.

She has helped develop local, national and international policy on Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV-1 and Paediatric HIV. In addition to serving as a temporary advisor to UNAIDS and WHO, Dr Gray has also been an active participant in the international meetings and workgroups on the issue of mother-to-child transmission of HIV, and is working with the French government on a project to expand access to antiretroviral drugs in Soweto. She was involved in developing a model of rapid on site HIV testing and counselling and has been instrumental in rolling out this model in Soweto. She helped spearhead the MTCT program in Soweto, has trained and help facilitate the development of MTCT pilot sites in the rest of South Africa. She is also involved in basic science research looking at cellular immunity in infants together with the NIV and Columbia University. She is a Principal Investigator in a joint project with Johns Hopkins University which addresses the issue of TB chemoprophylaxis for HIV infected adults. She was a Fogarty Fellow at Columbia University from June to December 1999. She has trained health care workers on VCT, MTCT, antiretroviral therapy and opportunistic infection prophylaxis.

She is the Principal Investigator for the South African sites of the NIH/HVTN and will oversee the first HIV vaccine trials that will be run in-country.

She is the site principal investigator for an NIH funded study that will assess the efficacy of community based voluntary counselling and testing in reducing heterosexual transmission of HIV.

Dr Gray is an expert in the field of MTCT, VCT, and HIV Vaccine Clinical Trials. She has been involved in protocol development and planning, training, and evaluation. As the director of the PHRU, she provides overall management, policy direction, project oversight and liaises with regulatory authorities, ethical review boards, governmental stakeholders and communities.

Dr Gray is a medical doctor with a speciality in paediatrics. She has received training in epidemiology and clinical epidemiology. Her native tongue is English

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