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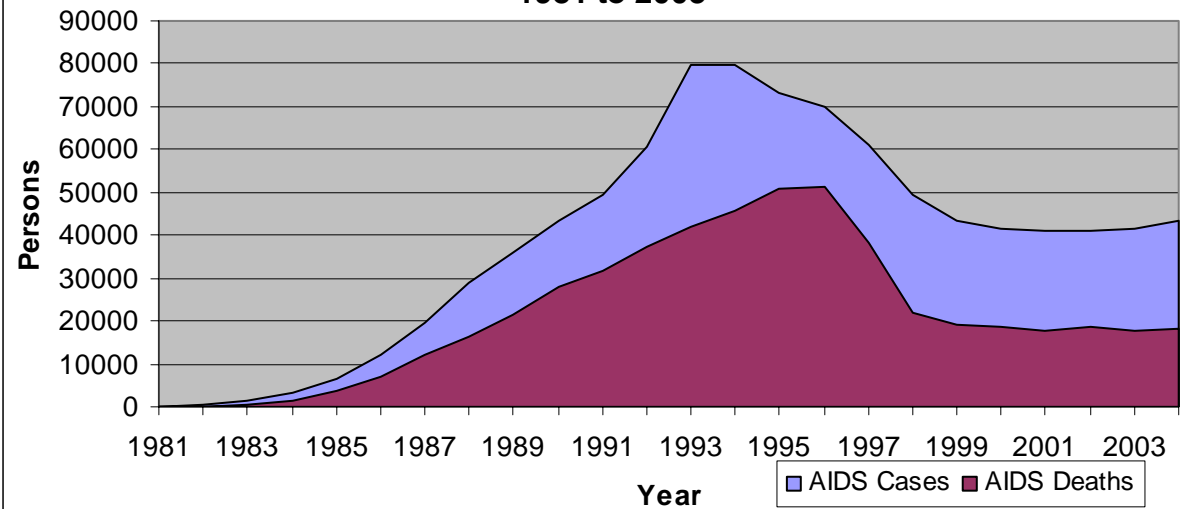
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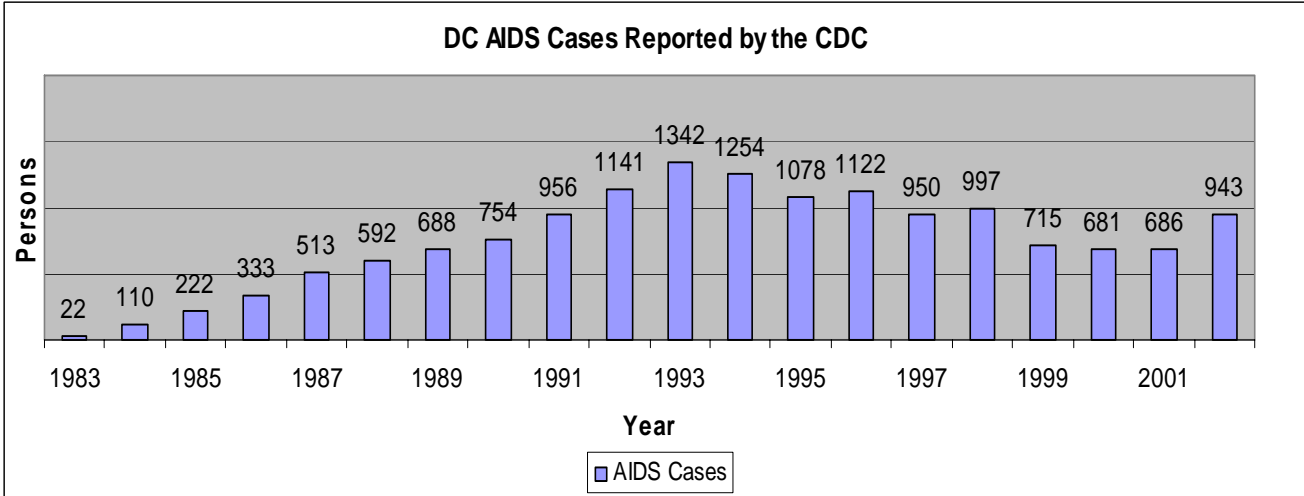
**THE DISTRICT OF
COLUMBIA**

AND THE US

1981 - 2003

US AIDS Cases & Deaths Reported by the CDC 1981 to 2003





**DC AIDS
Cases**

Year	Cases
1983	22
1984	110
1985	222
1986	333
1987	513
1988	592
1989	688
1990	754
1991	956
1992	1141
1993	1342
1994	1254
1995	1078
1996	1122
1997	950
1998	997
1999	715
2000	681
2001	686
2002	943

ABBREVIATIONS/ACRONYMS used in the timeline:

PCP	pneumocystis carini pneumonia
KS	Kaposi's sarcoma
WWC	Whitman-Walker Clinic
PWA	Person(s) with AIDS
ADAP	AIDS Drug Assistance Program
CDC	Centers for Disease Control

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1987 – First display of the AIDS Quilt on the Mall

1981: 323 New AIDS cases in the US; 122 deaths

NATIONWIDE

Medical

CDC reports cases of pneumocystis carini (PCP) in gay men -- 6/5 & 7/3 stories in press

Reports from California of cases of Kaposi's Sarcoma among gay men

Centers for Disease Control (CDC) forms *Task Force on Kaposi's Sarcoma and Opportunistic*

Infections

December – reports of PCP among injecting drug users

Disease termed Gay-Related Immunodeficiency (GRID)

DC

Medical

First reports of new gay disease in Washington Blade and Washington Post - July

Washington Blade reports KS cases and CDC study – September

Washington Blade reports on “rare cancer” in gay men - December

Support

Capital Area Physician Association formed in November to assist “in programs to educate Gay men about the latest situation and suggest ways of preventing the diseases”

1982: 1170 New AIDS cases in the US; 453 deaths

NATIONWIDE

Medical

First reports of sexual transmission of disease

Reports of immunosuppression in hemophiliacs, first idea that blood supply may be tainted
“AIDS” replaces GRID to describe disease; GU, GWU, and Howard plan research

First reports of heterosexual transmission

Policy/Politics

CDC recommends precautions for clinical and lab staff

First congressional hearing, called by Rep. Henry Waxman in April
reports of NCI study; federal budget cuts on “gay illness” research

Organizations/Support

Gay Men’s Health Crisis and San Francisco AIDS Foundation form

DC

Organizations/Support

Whitman-Walker Clinic (WWC) forms AIDS Education Task Force

First Washington Blade article memorializing person lost to AIDS, October

First community forum on AIDS at 945 G St NW, organized by Metropolitan Community Church, 12/9

Policy/Politics

Washington Blade readers vote “gay cancer” most important story of 1981

Medical

DC AIDS Task Force organized

First AIDS health advice in Washington Blade, January

1983: 3076 New AIDS cases in US; 1481 deaths

NATIONWIDE

Medical

Reports that HIV could be passed on heterosexually

CDC begins to focus on transmission of HIV

Policy/Politics

Concerns rise about blood supply

March 4 – Public health service asks risk groups not to donate blood

Anxiety about transmission of AIDS grows

Reverend Falwell declares AIDS is the “wrath of God”

Organizations/Support

Federation of AIDS-Related Organizations (FARO) forms

National Association of People With AIDS forms

DC

Medical

first meeting of DC AIDS Task Force

Whitman-Walker Clinic (WWC) forms AIDS Education Fund

WWC hires first AIDS program director

WWC issues first AIDS education pamphlet

DC AIDS Hotline established

Policy/Politics

January/February – Washington Blade runs series of articles on AIDS and issues it raises

February – Washington Blade presents 7 page feature on AIDS patient needs, local awareness study, and preventive measures

Organizations/Support

Bill Bogan urges patient support groups and visits

Community AIDS Forum at Lisner Auditorium draws 1200 people

Hughes-Roosevelt Democratic Club organizes first AIDS vigil and march, June 19

First obituary to cite AIDS as cause of death in Washington Blade

Bob Schwartz starts support group for healthy men concerned about AIDS

First AIDS forum for African Americans held at Clubhouse, September

1984: 6247 New AIDS cases in US; 3474 deaths.

NATIONWIDE

Medical French isolate virus; Virus identified as carrier of AIDS

First international meeting to assess AIDS

WHO begins global surveillance of AIDS amid reports of infection in 27 countries

HHS Secretary Heckler claims progress on AIDS

CDC tightens confidentiality on AIDS records

Policy/Politics

CDC proposes national registry of HIV+; AIDS activists oppose registry San Francisco

closes all gay bathhouses and private sex clubs

Gay men blamed for infecting "innocents"

Organizations/Support

AIDS lobbying groups form

AIDS Action Council forms as FARO reorganizes

DC

Medical

Whitman-Walker Clinic opens AIDS evaluation unit: 55 patients treated; 50% have progressed to AIDS

WWC AIDS Education Fund creates AIDS Foundation to support indigent people with AIDS

Fairfax Hospital Assoc. starts AIDS info line

Selma DeLeon hired as DC's first AIDS coordinator

Johns Hopkins launches Study to Help AIDS Research Effort (SHARE) to trace development of AIDS "from health to immunological abnormality to clinical illness", drawing on participants from Maryland, DC, and southern Pennsylvania

Policy/Politics

Informal group of gay leaders meets to plan a strategy to lobby for AIDS funding

Naval District of Washington tries to oust man with AIDS

Organizations/Support

Blade begins special table of Area AIDS Statistics

Local person with AIDS, Tony Ferrara, testifies before Congress

AIDS Education Fund recruiting drive to meet need for volunteer caseworkers, etc.

WETA-TV airs *AIDS: Profile of an Epidemic*

1985: 11794 New AIDS cases in US; 6877 deaths.

NATIONWIDE

Medical

First test developed: ELISA, licensed by FDA

1st International Conference on AIDS held in Atlanta

Screening of blood supply begins

WHO adopts new definition of AIDS

First reports of transmission from mother to child through breast feeding

Policy/Politics

National poll favors mandatory testing and quarantine of HIV+

Ryan White barred from school, becomes a symbol of AIDS intolerance

Panic over transmission continues

President Reagan first mentions AIDS in September

Rock Hudson dies of AIDS

Organizations/Support

AMFAR, American Foundation for AIDS Research, founded

DC

Medical

Whitman-Walker opens Schwartz House for persons with AIDS (PWAs), second house opens in December

WWC begins anonymous testing for AIDS, becomes largest testing site in the region

Policy/Politics

50% of local PWAs are African American

Organizations/Support

Washington Blade runs 5 month series on Ray Engebretsen's fight against AIDS covering his decline up to his death

Clubhouse identifies large loss of members

Group that will become Us Helping Us organizes, led by Rainey Cheeks and Prem Deben, for holistic treatment

Christ House organizes to support the homeless

1986: 19064 New AIDS cases in the US; 12016 deaths

NATIONWIDE

Medical

Institute of Medicine reports and calls for National Commission on HIV & AIDS

National AIDS Network opens DC office

Human Immunodeficiency Virus adopted as name of virus

Clinical trials of AZT, first drug to treat AIDS, begin

Surgeon General's Report on AIDS published, first official government statement on AIDS and transmission

Policy/Politics

Major issues are insurance, discrimination, and custody

First federal case of AIDS discrimination

Organizations/Support

National AIDS Candlelight Vigil

DC

Medical

WWC opens four more houses for PWAs

Northern Virginia Project begins offering AIDS services

Policy/Politics

DC Council forbids insurance company discrimination against PWAs

WWC insurance cancelled; DC government provides coverage

DC PHS staff refuse to transport body

1st DC AIDS coordinator appointed: Jean Tapscott

DC AIDS Advisory Committee forms in November

April 12th at Convention Center: AIDS: Concerns of the Public

Organizations/Support

Glenn Frey, 1st AIDS staffer at WWC, dies

Sunnye Sherman, WWC volunteer, dies. Sherman was the first woman to go public with her AIDS diagnosis and fought the "blame" stereotype in AIDS

First AIDS in the Black Community forum, organized by National Coalition of Black Gays, held in July

Best Friends forms to help African-American PWAs

Covenant Baptist begins AIDS support work

Abundant Life Clinic organizes

DC CARE organizes

Episcopal Caring Response to AIDS forms

Call to cancel Gay Pride, organizers can't get insurance

Episcopal churches form Samaritan Ministry to provide emergency assistance

1987: 28, 599 New AIDS cases in the US; 16194 deaths

NATIONWIDE

Medical

Western Blot test for HIV developed

AZT approved: most expensive drug in history

AMA says doctors MUST treat AIDS patients

NIH behind on drug testing

Politics/Policy

CDC proposes mass AIDS testing

Pres. Reagan forms National Commission on AIDS, Commission sued as “unrepresentative”

Congressional support for censorship of AIDS education materials Federal government helps with AZT costs

Mandatory testing policies an issue in federal government

Immigrants with AIDS barred from US, Public Health Service lists AIDS as basis for ban

Jesse Helms: No Promo Homo

Federal funding felt inadequate

Some airlines try to ban PWAs as passengers

President Reagan makes first major speech on AIDS to Philadelphia College of Physicians

In Arcadia, FL family with three HIV+ sons burned out of its house

Randy Shilts’ book “And the Band Played On” angrily documents early AIDS history

Organizations/Support

ACT UP forms in New York

The Names Project organizes; first display of the Quilt on the Mall

March on Washington brings AIDS activists together

SILENCE=DEATH project lends its emblem to ACT UP

DC

Medical

WWC expands operations to 1407 S St NW

Howard University presents “AIDS & the Black Population”

Health Education Resources Organization starts Montgomery County teen AIDS hotline

Policy/Politics

Jane Silver appointed new DC AIDS head

Suit to stop mandatory AIDS testing in State Dept

Alexandria doctors & dentists unwilling to provide service to PWAs

Congressional attempt to repeal DC AIDS insurance law

DC comprehensive AIDS plan released

Barry increases FY88 AIDS budget

Police wear surgical masks and gloves; Chief Turner says he wouldn’t want to be in a room with a person who has AIDS

Organizations/Support

1st AIDS Walk, June 28th

SC Venable organizes PLActive

Salud, Latino AIDS support group, organizes to address AIDS in the Latino and Latina communities

Spectrum: AIDS Education to the Black Community organizes

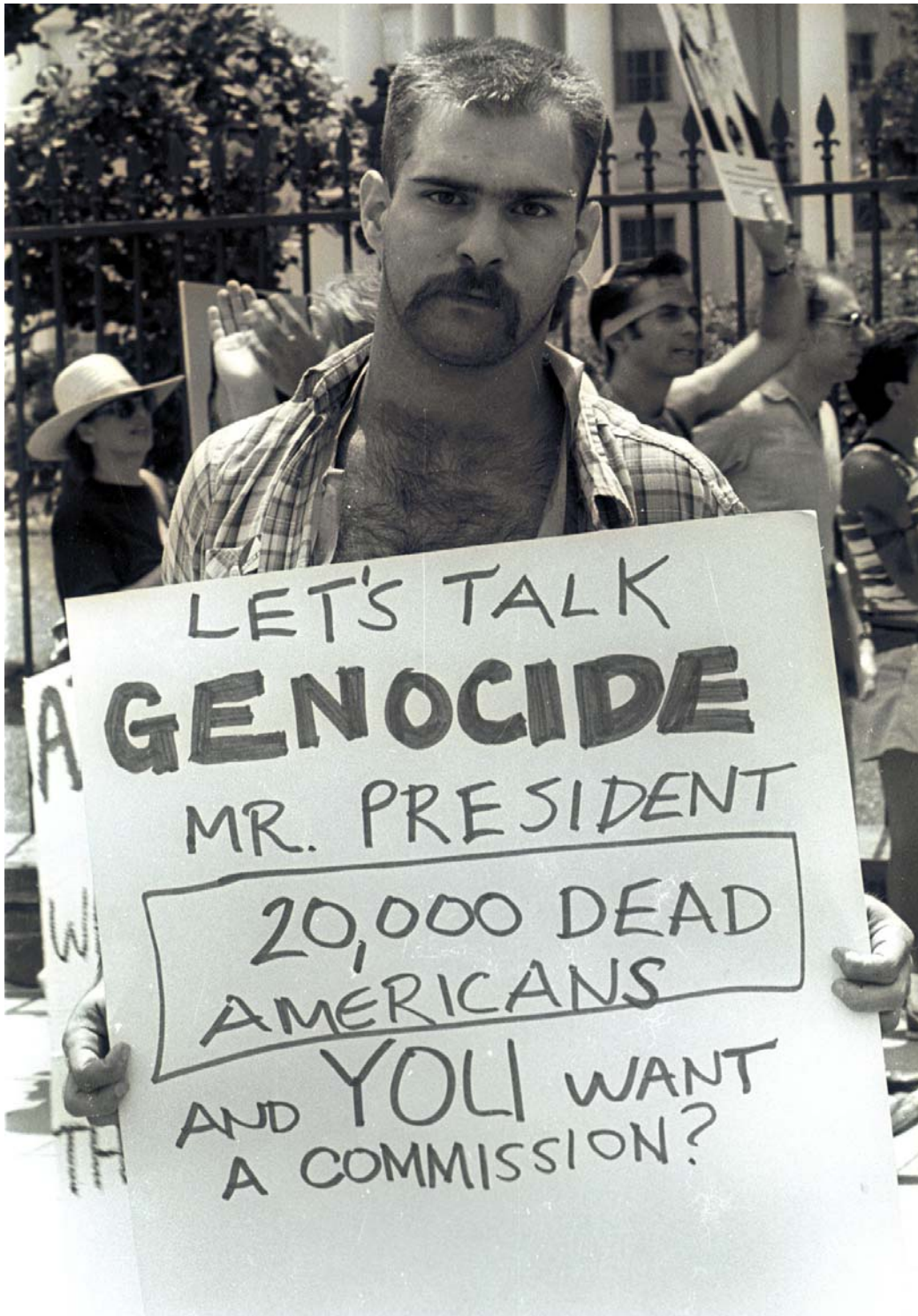
Community of Hagar starts Friends Program

Lifelink founded

Damien Ministries founded

Protests

May 31st AIDS activists demonstrate at White House, arrested by police wearing yellow rubber gloves



June 1987 Protest at the White House



1987 March on Washington, PWA with friend

1988: 35,508 New AIDS cases in the US; 20922 deaths

NATIONWIDE

Medical

CDC reports show incidence of HIV in African Americans is twice that in whites

Women become fastest growing group of HIV+

1st trials of an AIDS vaccine

FDA approves new HIV test

Opening London conference on AIDS, Princess Royal distinguishes between “innocent victims” and others

London Declaration on AIDS emphasizes education, free exchange of information, and safeguarding human rights and dignity

Federal government distributes 107 million copies of *Understanding AIDS* by the Surgeon General

Policy/Politics

US bans AIDS discrimination in federal employment

AMA recommends breaking confidentiality to warn sexual partners

US Congress prohibits use of federal funds to support needle exchange programs

Organizations/Support

Names Project AIDS Quilt returns to the National Mall in October

December 1st, first World AIDS Day

Protests

Major ACT UP demo at FDA by 1000 protesters demanding speedier processing of new drug applications

DC

Medical

WWC opens on site pharmacy, opens aerosolized pentamidine clinic

AIDS conference in Anacostia in February

Policy/Politics

Northern Virginia landlords are unwilling to rent space to WWC; WWC sues landlords in VA

DC government increases AIDS funding by 58%

Organizations/Support Progressive Life organizes

Us Helping Us incorporates for holistic treatment

Inner City AIDS Network (ICAN) organized to provide direct services

Washington Area Consortium on HIV Infection in Youth (later known as Metro Teen AIDS) forms to educate youth

Mauro Montoya organizes IMPACT to support black and Hispanic PWAs

Protests

ACT NOW AIDS activist coalition stages massive protests at FDA in Rockville

Protests at DC Council meeting over rollback of insurance protection

Oppression Under Target (OUT) organizes to protest AIDS policies: stages Kiss-In at Dupont Circle and protests at the White House

1989: 42,768 New AIDS cases in the US; 27,680 deaths

NATIONWIDE

Medical

Burroughs Wellcome lowers AZT 50% price in wake of demonstrations

Growing evidence that AIDS-related viruses are becoming resistant to drugs

Concern over poppers as a risk for HIV

ddl becomes second drug available for treatment of AIDS

Policy/Politics

INS relaxes but doesn't cancel ban on HIV+ visitors

Fair Housing Law found applicable to PWAs

Congress blocks use of Federal funds for needle exchange programs beginning FY 1990

Reagan budget cuts Medicare support

HIV+ Dutch man jailed in Minnesota for entering the US

Organizations/Support

Barbara Bush hugs Person with AIDS Quilt returns to the Mall

Protests

AIDS activists stage Night of Rage on the Mall during Quilt display

Senate bans AIDS education that "promotes" homosexuality

ACT UP/NY demonstrates during service in St. Patrick's cathedral

ACT UP/NY besieges New York city hall

DC

Medical

Virginia opens AIDS resource centers

21 anonymous HIV testing sites in Virginia

Policy/Politics

Howard University Hospital settles AIDS discrimination suit

MPD creates and AIDS advisory panel

Mayor stops Tenant Assistance Program and seeks 38% cut in annual AIDS budget

Organizations/Support

Rev. Harold Burris establishes Impact-DC to help PWAs with physical, social, educational, financial issues; Burris tried to organize compassionate (rather than "blaming") African-American church support for PWAs

Abundant Life Clinic organizes

Food and Friends organizes to provide food for PWAs

Protests

OUT protest at DC Council building blocks doors

1990: 48,732 New AIDS cases in the US; 31,436 deaths

NATIONWIDE

Medical

CDC reports possible HIV transmission during dental procedure

Policy/Politics

1st National Conference on Women and AIDS held in Washington, DC, in December (Colevia Carter, organizer)

Ryan White dies; Ryan White CARE Act funds emergency AIDS relief

passage of Americans with Disabilities Act provides AIDS patients with protection from discrimination

US ban on entry of HIV+ people prompts widespread boycott of 6th International Conference on AIDS in San Francisco;

International AIDS Society announces no more International AIDS conferences in countries banning entrance of HIV+ people, consequently no further International AIDS conferences have been held in the US

Protests

1st International Candlelight Memorial, attended by Pres. & Mrs. Bush

DC

Organizations/Support

PETS-DC formed to help PWAs with pets

Joseph's House organizes to provide a home for homeless men with AIDS

Hola Gay Latino phone hotline started by ENLACE and Salud for outreach to Latino community

Protests

ACT UP organizes 1000 protesters at NIH in Bethesda

ACT UP/DEC organizes first AIDS Treatment Activist Conference

1991: 59,760 New AIDS cases in the US; 36,708 deaths

NATIONWIDE

Medical

Reports of rising HIV infection rates in young gay men Herpes determined to be co-factor for AIDS

AZT said to double survival time for PWAs

ddC, third retroviral drug, approved

Foscarnet approved for CMV retinitis

CDC redefinition of AIDS increases number of persons with HIV progressing to AIDS

Pentamidine prices drop

Bactrim found to be effective against PCP

Policy/Politics

Basketball star Magic Johnson announces he is HIV+, Freddie Mercury of Queen dies of AIDS

Planned 1992 International AIDS Conference venue changed to Amsterdam because of HIV+ ban in US 33 nations require HIV testing of foreigners

CDC cuts 40% of funding for African American gay and bisexual men

HHS removes HIV from list of banned foreign visitor diseases

Organizations/Support

Visual AIDS in New York City creates red ribbon symbol for AIDS support

Queer Nation organizes in New York City

Protests

ACT UP/NY demonstrates on set of CBS *Evening News*

5 African American board members of National Association of People With AIDS (NAPWA) quit

DC

Medical

Ryan White Act funds enable new WWC programs for transportation, interpreters, Spanish-speaking staff

Policy/Politics

DC government fails to use all AIDS funds allocated, slow in paying AIDS organizations

OAA fails to fill all positions allocated

Howard University Hospital found guilty of AIDS discrimination

Organizations/Support

Inner City AIDS Network closes down temporarily for lack of funds

Welmore Cooke, Theodore Kirkland, Ernest Hopkins, Stuart Washington (of Best Friends) organize first DC Black Pride to raise funds for AIDS work

First meeting of African American church leadership council on AIDS

DC CARE Consortium organized DC government pays health insurance for unemployed PWAs

Protests

OUT demonstrates at DC Public Health Service, White House

ACT UP takes over DC mayor's office

1992: 78,705 New AIDS cases in the US; 41,424 deaths

NATIONWIDE

Medical

AIDS conference reveals Persons with AIDS living for 12 to 13 years

High pricing on Foscarnet causes controversy

buyers clubs/bootleg sources provide ddC

FDA approves first combo: AZT and DDC

CDC revises definition of AIDS to include conditions seen in HIV+ women and intravenous drug users

Policy/Politics

INS continues screening out visitors to US with AIDS

33 nations require testing/screening of foreigners with AIDS

Organizations/Support

Second display of the Quilt on the Mall

Arthur Ashe announces he is HIV+

Protests

Large demonstrations by AIDS activists at Democratic convention

DC

Policy/Politics

OAA shortfall in positions continues

DC government issues five year plan on AIDS

Organizations/Support

AIDS Walk raises \$1 million

Dwayne S Brown Foundation for AIDS support debuts

Max Robinson Center opens in October



AIDS- Needle Exchange Washington, DC
September 1992

1993: 78,954 AICS cases in the US; 45,187 deaths

NATIONWIDE

Medical

CDC explores link between AIDS progression and nutrition

First reports of viral resistance to AZT

Researchers report HIV lies “dormant” and “hidden” in lymph nodes during first stages of infection

3TC authorized for “compassionate” use in AIDS patients not responding to other drug therapies

Policy/Politics

US House of Representatives renews INS ban on HIV+ /AIDS foreign visitors

Office of AIDS Research at NIH given responsibility for planning, budgeting & evaluation of AIDS research program at NIH

San Francisco man with AIDS forced off of American Airlines flight

First Office of National AIDS Policy created in Executive Office of the President

Organizations/Support

Llego receives CDC grant for AIDS education among Latinos

3rd March on Washington

Movie *Philadelphia* dramatizes AIDS story

DC

Medical

AIDS Resource Center opens at 1337 14th St NW

Max Robinson Center opens in SE DC

Policy/Politics

Caitlin Ryan stepped down as head of AHA

Organizations/Support

The Womens Collective organizes to support women with HIV/AIDS

Whitman Walker Clinic posts first deficit

1994: 72,266 New AIDS cases in the US; 50,071 deaths

NATIONWIDE

Medical

Johnson & Johnson releases controversial home testing kit for HIV

Advances in understanding of Kaposi's Syndrome and weight loss in PWAs

Evidence that retroviral drugs don't halt central nervous system damage

Vaccines prove ineffective so far, NIH delays large scale vaccine trials

Acyclovir seems to prolong life with AIDS

10th International AIDS conference ends in gloom

Policy/Politics

HUD opens an AIDS Housing office

CDC releases high profile advertising supporting use of condoms

United Nations recommends creating UN Programme on HIV/AIDS

DC

Policy/Politics

DC directs AIDS funds to African American support organizations

DC Funds cuts undermine local AIDS support organizations

Protests in Arlington and Congress Heights against homes for PWAs

Organizations/Support

Tipper Gore participates in AIDSWalk

First Metro Teen AIDS conference

HIV Community Coalition forms

365 DAYS Foundation organizes

ICAN faces major losses and closes at beginning of December

Metropolitan Baptist Church holds first AIDS

1995: 69,307 New AIDS cases in the US; 50,876 deaths

NATIONWIDE

Medical

Protease inhibitors debut as AIDS treatment; FDA approves saquinavir

CDC reports dramatic increase in African American and Hispanic HIV infection levels

CDC reports AIDS now leading cause of death for Americans 25 to 44 years of age

Saliva test for HIV developed

Research supports early drug intervention for AIDS

New tests developed for tracking progression of AIDS

Policy/Politics

Federal AIDS funding declines

President Clinton creates Presidential Advisory Council on HIV and AIDS

Secret Service dons rubber gloves to search 40 gay officials

Needle exchange continues to be a controversial issue

Senate renews Ryan White CARE Act

First White House Conference on HIV/AIDS

Protests

ACT UP mounts major demonstration at NIH offices in Bethesda

DC

Medical

Max Robinson Center moves to new Anacostia location from Covenant Baptist

Policy/Politics

DC funding cuts hit testing and AIDS support organizations: plan to cut \$255,000, \$120,000 cut from WWC

DC CARE takes over administration of DC AIDS Drug Assistance Program

DC government agrees to pay AIDS support organizations funds owed for services

1st DC case of AIDS discrimination won by R A Hamilton

Organizations/Support

Youth Positive support group forms

Inner City Community AIDS Network (ICCAN) formed as successor to ICAN

Friends for Friends forms to provide AIDS education to lesbians Mothers March Against AIDS

1996: 60,613 new AIDS cases in the US; 37,646 new deaths

NATIONWIDE

Medical

NIH releases first comprehensive review of AIDS research

FDA approves first home test kit for HIV infection

FDA approves nevirapine, first non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor

Viral load test for tracking progression of infection developed

Combo therapies dramatically improve health, popularly labeled the "Lazarus Syndrome"

Policy/Politics

White House announces its first AIDS strategy: combating discrimination, research for cure and a vaccine, reduction in new infections, access to high-quality treatment for AIDS patients

Organizations/Support

President & Mrs Clinton visit the AIDS Quilt on the Mall; last time the Quilt is displayed in its entirety

DC

Medical

First syringe exchange program begins

Policy/Politics

DC government awards needle exchange contract 1st DC AIDS Ride raises \$4.5 million

Organizations/Support

Quilt on the Mall for the last time

Candlelight March on the Mall

1997: 49,062 new AIDS cases in the US; 21,630 deaths

NATIONWIDE

Medical

1st standardization of HIV guidelines

Beginning of a decline in AIDS deaths for the first time since 1981

Reports of serious side effects from use of antiretrovirals and developing drug resistance

Drug treatment adherence by patients becomes an issue

New CDC treatment guidelines recommend combo of 3 antiretrovirals

CDC finds gay and bisexual men comprise only 40% of New AIDS cases

Policy/Politics

Congress passes new prohibition of Federal funding of needle exchange but gives HHS more latitude in allowing funding following definition of criteria for safe syringe programs

National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors calls on governments to increase access to needle exchange programs

DC

Medical

WWC receives DC funding and begins needle exchange program

Policy/Politics

DC government fails to spend \$6 million in federal funds for AIDS

AIDS Drug Assistance Program funds restored by DC government

AHA launches new HIV prevention program for men of color

1998: 41,605 new AIDS cases in the US; 18,628 deaths

NATIONWIDE

Medical

1st full scale test of AIDS vaccine begins

Growing evidence of HIV mutation and resistance to drugs

NIH begins “stop therapy” studies

CDC reports African Americans comprise 50% of new cases

Lipodystrophy, fat redistribution, emerges as a side effect of drug combo therapy Drug adherence by PWAs emerges as a national problem

AIDSvax begins first human trials of potential vaccine with 5,000 volunteers

First case of infection by mutant drug-resistant HIV

FDA approves efavirenz, new non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor

Policy/Politics

Clinton increases AIDS budget nearly 9%

National Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS declares “no confidence” in Clinton

Latino leaders formulate national AIDS plan

Supreme Court rules HIV is a disability

HHS Secretary finds conclusive scientific evidence that needle exchange programs are an effective health intervention however the White House refuses to lift ban on federal funds for needle exchange

Organizations/Support

African American group, National Task Force on AIDS Prevention closes down

Protests

DC

Medical

WWC expands needle exchange program

Confirmation that CD4 counts and viral load are reliable indicators for AIDS progression in African Americans

Policy/Politics

Complaints that DC's AHA snubs local support groups

New controversy over tracking/HIV surveillance and listing of names

Congress blocks DC from using its own funds for needle exchanges beginning FY 1999

Ron Lewis made permanent head of AHA

Organizations/Support

AIDS Marathon raises \$2 million for WWC

Clinica del Pueblo launches HIV prevention program for Latinos

The Ummah Endowment organizes to support AIDS service organizations and people of color

1999: 38,640 new AIDS cases in the US; 18,491 deaths

NATIONWIDE

Medical

First evidence of new epidemic among young males in NYC

New drug combo appears effective: AZT/3TC/Sustiva

More evidence that long term use of retroviral drugs weakens immune response over time

AIDS becomes 4th most common cause of death worldwide

Abacavir, sixth nucleoside, approved by FDA

Indications protease inhibitors may cause mouth warts, kidney stones

CDC says bisexual women at greater risk for HIV

Policy/Politics

Increasing attention to the global effects of HIV/AIDS

National Intelligence Council identifies HIV/AIDS as a national security threat

Congress modifies local prohibition on needle exchange in DC to allow programs using private funds if funds are accounted separately from Federal funds

CDC report supports names reporting

Organizations/Support

50% of AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAP) cut services due to loss of funding

DC

Medical

DC's ADAP clients triple in one year

Cornelius Baker becomes ED of WWC as Elliot Johnson leaves

WWC gets \$1.7 million to provide medication to the poor

Policy/Politics

Names reporting continues as a controversy between DC's AHA and gay activists/AIDS support organizations

Washington Hospital Center found guilty and fined for breaching confidentiality of a person with AIDS

Maryland State AIDS Administration cuts funds to Montgomery and Howard counties

Organizations/Support

DC's AHA, Clinical del Pueblo, Us Helping Us, Safe Haven, MetroTeenAIDS, Safe Haven, and Lleo receive CDC funds for supporting people of color

Protest

2000: 35,986 new AIDS cases in the US; 17,741 deaths

NATIONWIDE

Medical

CDC reports AIDS diagnosed in more African-American and Latino than white gay men

Nonoxynol-9 microbicide may increase likelihood of HIV infection transmission

International AIDS Conference in South African highlights disparity between nations in ability to cope with AIDS

New evidence d4T may cause liver dysfunction

Structured treatment, or drug holiday, therapy suggested as means to slow development of viral drug resistance

Oral sex reported to cause 7% of infections

Research community continues cautious about treatment interruption, renewed calls for early intervention treatment

Policy/Politics

White House declares HIV/AIDS a threat to national security

Institute of Medicine criticizes White House for failing to develop comprehensive and effective plan to combat HIV/AIDS, supports needle exchange, opposes names reporting

Organizations/Support

DC

Policy/Politics

DC man files suit against US Postal Service for AIDS disclosure

Episcopal Caring Response to AIDS closes and merges with Samaritan Ministry

Names reporting controversy continues

2001: 31,002 new AIDS cases in the US; 18,524 deaths

NATIONWIDE

Medical

Surgeon General Satcher calls for tolerance and frank discussion of sexuality but is largely ignored within the government

CDC reports, amid controversy, rising HIV infection rates among the young and African Americans

Supreme Court decision leads to closure of medical marijuana buyers' clubs

VIREAD approved for viral load reduction

Reports of drug resistant HIV increase, San Francisco reports 28.5% of new HIV infections are drug resistant

Policy/Politics

Controversy over fate of White House AIDS Office runs much of the year with the new Bush administration deciding to keep but downsize the office

Scott Evertz, a gay man, appointed to head White House Office of National AIDS Policy

Federal budget for 2002 includes no increase in Ryan White Act funds, overall AIDS funding is flat for '02

Controversy over pharmaceuticals pricing of AIDS drugs for Africa continues with ACT UP demonstrating at DC area Pharma office

Organizations/Support

While providing funds global fund to fight AIDS, malaria and TB, the federal government begins redirecting funds from prevention to treatment

AIDS prevention efforts go online to reach young Internet users

DC

Medical

Whitman Walker Clinic board removes the GLBT focus from its mission statement

DC Dept. of Health adopts "unique identifier" plan instead of "names" system

Closure of DC General Hospital affects large numbers of persons with AIDS

Maryland reports a rise in HIV infections despite needle exchange

4th annual Solutions meeting of AIDS service providers and community members

Local health organizations stop supplying free condoms

Policy/Politics

DC AIDS budget for 02 shows no increase

DC HAA pulls "Christian" AIDS pamphlet

Beginning of Pallotta AIDS Ride funds scandal

Organizations/Support

HCC re-opens under Sundiata Alaye

Black AIDS Awareness Day at Howard U focuses on impact of AIDS on the black community

ACT UP/DC draws attention to disappearance of condoms in clubs and other sites

AIDSWalk falls \$820,000 short of goal; Whitman Walker to cut \$1 million from 02 budget

2002: 31,805 new AIDS cases in the US; 17,557 deaths

NATIONWIDE

Medical

Doubts increase about “strategic interruption” AIDS therapy

Procedure making T-cells immune to HIV begins

Policy/Politics

Peace Corps ends ban on HIV+ volunteers

Federal budget again contains no increase for AIDS prevention or treatment

Organizations/Support

Ads appear in East Coast publications attacking Pallotta AIDS Ride

Controversy over who is culturally competent to lead prevention programs for African Americans and other minority populations

DC

Medical

Northern Virginia sees rise in STDs and syphilis

Policy/Politics

DC Budget for 03 flat on AIDS funding

DC HAA faulted for inefficiency, mismanagement, lack of oversight

Organizations/Support

DC Names Project disbands

Pallotta AIDS Ride continues losing support (79% of funds raised go to overhead), as the Whitman Walker Clinic & Food and Friends pull out

Funding for AIDS service organizations continues to drop

Cherry 7 provides no AIDS funding support

DC Care loses major grant funding housing for persons with AIDS

2003: 32,048 new AIDS cases in the US; 18,017 deaths

NATIONWIDE

Medical

New HIV tests promise quicker results: one step test is cheaper and just as accurate

CDC introduces new surveillance system for tracking HIV infections

Abbott increases price of Norvir by 400%

Policy/Politics

CDC funds redirected to treatment instead of prevention

US provides \$15 billion to global AIDS fund

DC

Medical

DC HAA reports 80% of new HIV cases are African American

New 20 minute HIV test offered locally

DC approves Fuzeon under AIDS drug program ADAP but limits it to 25 patients

Policy/Politics

DC council reduces funding for HAA because of habitual underspending

Dept of Health to distribute condoms in government buildings

Ron Lewis leaves HAA for Dept of Health position and is subsequently removed from that position

Lydia Watts heads HAA, HAA finance staff dismissed

Organizations/Support

Financial stress on AIDS support organizations reaches new levels

Rising numbers of uninsured HIV/AIDS patients further stresses cash-short AIDS health care providers

Metro Teen AIDS, Whitman Walker, lose funding and face financial crises, staff layoffs

2004: _____ new AIDS cases in the US; _____ deaths

NATIONWIDE

Medical

New Australian vaccine has potential to prevent AIDS in HIV+ people

Policy/Politics

Federal funds continue to be redirected to treatment with less going to prevention

AIDS activists in US and Africa rally against high drug prices

DC

Medical

Outreach to youth, transgendered, and others suffers from funding cuts

Policy/Politics

Lydia Watts takes over at HIV & AIDS Administration; finance dept staff of HAA dismissed

ACT UP and Housing Works activists invade Bush-Cheney headquarters in Arlington to protest AIDS policies

Organizations/Support

Whitman Walker Clinic funding crisis in mid-summer leads to cuts in services, institution of fees for services

Loss of funding forces Metro Teen AIDS to cut back services

In December Whitman Walker closed won housing for persons with AIDS, largely because of HAA's failure to make payments to cover rent. Whitman-Walker has \$1.4 million gap between cost of services and income

2005: _____ new AIDS cases in the US; _____ deaths

NATIONWIDE

Policy/Politics

CDC cites DC government HIVE and AIDS Administration for being “out of compliance with the 2003—2008 HIV Prevention Community Planning Guidance”

Black gays attack ‘neglect’ in prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS in African Americans

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Policy/Politics

HAA cuts funding for prevention programs

Youth AIDS Day march draws attention to prevention and outreach programs for youth

Revelation that HAA spent \$485,000 on World AIDS Day celebrations while cutting funding to community AIDS organizations causes an uproar of protest

Revealed that HAA cut \$3 million in services support while failing to spend \$3 million allocated to it

DC government cuts HAA budget and dismisses staff, funds transferred to other Dept of Health agencies

Appleseed report released in August lambastes DC’s HAA

Organizations/Support

Whitman Walker cuts G-Net prevention program because of funding cuts

Us Helping Us cuts transgendered program because of funding cuts

Funding crisis at Whitman Walker leads to layoffs, closure of suburban offices, and \$2.5 million reduction in budget; City Council and executive raise funds for the Clinic, amid criticism from other minority and women’s AIDS support groups



1987 March on Washington – Whoopi Goldberg with PWA