

American STD Association

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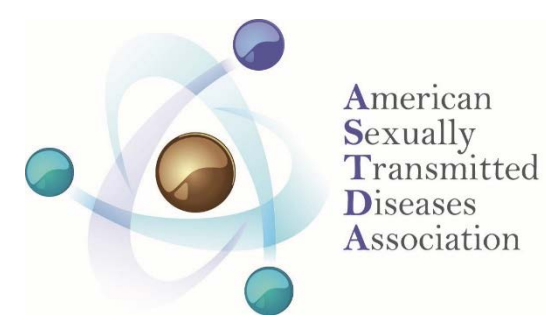
Research Grants to my Institution

- Abbott Molecular
- BD Diagnostics
- binx Health
- BioFire
- Cepheid
- Hologic
- NeuMoDx
- Rheonix
- Roche Molecular
- Speedx

Salary/Consulting Honoraria

- University of Alabama at Birmingham
- NIH
- FDA
- BD Diagnostics
- BioFire
- Roche Molecular

ASTDA



- Volunteer member organization since 1948
- Only US association focused on **research** and **clinical practice** related to STIs
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases journal

ASTDA's Mission:

to foster scientific knowledge, develop leadership and champion practice in the field of sexually transmitted infections



ASTDA Objectives

- To control, prevent, and ultimately eradicate sexually transmitted infections (STI)
- To ***support research*** in all aspects of STI including medical, epidemiologic, laboratory, social and behavioral studies
- To recognize outstanding contributions in STI control and prevention
- To ***disseminate*** authoritative information concerning STI
- To develop the ***current and future generations*** of STI professionals
- To promote ***social justice*** as an antidote to the structural determinants of STI risk

ASTDA Commitments

- We demand ***rigorous science*** adhering to the highest ***ethical standards***.
- We promote a ***sex-positive sexual health*** framework.
- We are committed to an STI ***workforce*** and ASTDA membership comprised of professionals with a wide range of roles and experiences.
- We value a ***culture of inclusion, equity, safety, professionalism, and respect***.
- We recognize ***social justice*** as a core value for addressing STI.

Gaps in current control efforts

Funding & Regulatory Support

- Federal funding for research
 - Technology development
 - Implementation studies
 - Must NOT get lost in HIV funding
 - Need STI specific review process
- Funding for services
 - Increase funding for STI-specific services/clinics
 - Research on efficient service delivery
 - Services covered as HIV prevention tool (e.g. PrEP)
- Less burdensome pathway for regulatory review of new technologies
 - Diagnostics available only ex-US
 - Incentives for new therapeutic development
 - Implementation & reimbursement requirements

Workforce Development

- Specialized clinical workforce
 - Move toward primary care – limited field of content experts
- Researchers
 - No obvious path to success for physician scientists
 - Training grants, K and R awards quite difficult, particularly compared to HIV
 - Academic institutions need to recognize value of non-federally funded research
 - Development of new technologies primarily being done by engineers

Cross-Sector Collaboration

- Synergy comes from transdisciplinary work
- Old paradigm of Public Health-Academia embeddedness
 - Some RFA/FOA include requirement that academia collaborate with public health agencies
 - Grants to public health agencies should strongly favor applications with academic collaborations
- De-emphasizing industry collaborations to our detriment
 - Getting ***what the field needs*** from pharma and diagnostic companies
 - Managing ethics and transparency

ASTDA Activities

- Partnering with related organizations and agencies
 - NCSD, ASHA, CDC, NIH
- Practical career development workshops at national and international meetings
- Annual 1 ½ day workshops focused on Workforce Development and Academic/Public Health/Industry collaborations
 - Intensive network building and mentoring
 - Developmental pipeline strategizing
 - Research project discussions

Questions & Comments

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