



WAVE

Number of members constantly increasing
80 in 2018 → 140 in 2023

- ID Clinicians, Community Representatives, Researchers
- 95% are women

Region balance - 36 countries from all EACS regions

Europe East 25

Europe North 41

Europe South 32

Europe West 25

RoW 17

Key to success?

- Organised in thematic sub-groups engaging members by general calls for action
- Offering possibility to carry out projects of own interest
- Terms of references defining Vice-Chair and Scientific Committee election process (open to all)

Chair: Yvonne Gilleece, United Kingdom

Vice-Chair: Annette Haberl, Germany

Honorary Secretary and Focal Point to the Guidelines Panel:
Anna Koval, Ukraine

Scientific Committee:

Karoline Aebi-Popp, Switzerland

Sergii Antonika, Ukraine

Ben Collins, United Kingdom

Bojana Dragovic, United Kingdom

Anna Hachfeld, Switzerland

Mariana Mardarescu, Romania

Ellen Moseholm, Denmark

Cristiana Oprea, Romania

Maria Jesus Perez Elias, Spain

Agata Skrzat-Klapaczynska, Poland

Marta Vasylyev, Ukraine

Nina Weis, Denmark



WAVE 2022-2023

BREASTFEEDING

➤ Survey on guidelines and management of HIV and breastfeeding

- Respondents from 25 countries
- Abstract presented at HIVGlasgow 2022
- Paper under review

➤ Regular educational meetings („jours fixes”)

Presentation of recent publications, cohorts and initiatives

Attendance in average: 40 persons

WAVE members involved:

Annette Haberl, Germany

Fiona Lyons, Ireland

Amy Keane, Ireland

Lila Haberl, Germany

Nneka Nwokolo, UK

And national respondents

WAVE 2022-2023

HPV

➤ Literature review (under review)

Screening of HPV-related anogenital cancers in women living with HIV in Europe.

➤ Survey on screening for HPV-related anal cancer in people living with HIV in Europe aiming to provide insight into the clinical practices and protocols followed by healthcare professionals across different international setting will be launched soon.

WAVE members involved:

Yvone Gilleece, UK

Karoline Aebi-Popp, Switzerland

Hazal Albayrak Ucak, Turkey

Dagny Krankowska, Poland

Maria Mazzitelli, Italy

Eva Orviz, Spain



WAVE 2022-2023

HEALTHCARE PERCEPTION

Tool analysis performed in 2022

Feasibility survey sent out to 25 countries (WAVE members), 22 responses received

➤ Healthcare perception survey is being conducted in 20 countries, translated in 16 languages

Currently almost 500 women (out of 1000 expected) responded (survey closes on 31 December)

WAVE members involved:
Ellen Moseholm, Denmark
Iolanda Botez, Romania
Umbelina Caixa, Portugal
Gordana Dragovic Lukic, Serbia
Jo Josh, UK
Panagiota Lourida, Greece
Asa Mellgren, Sweden
Caroline Sabin, UK

And 22 national survey coordinators



WAVE 2022-2023

MENOPAUSE

➤ Literature reviews:

1. How menopause data is collected in European and non-European HIV observational databases (published)
2. Existing menopause guidelines (HIV+ and HIV-) and existing tools for menopause assessment and clinical care (expected to be finished by December)



REVIEW ARTICLE | [Open Access](#) |

Collection of menopause data in studies of women living with HIV: A systematic literature review

Emma Eileen Graham , Lina Michala, Anna Hachfeld, Ellen Moseholm, Women Against Viruses in Europe (WAVE), European AIDS Clinical Society

First published: 30 September 2023 | <https://doi.org/10.1111/hiv.13552>

Anna Hachfeld and Ellen Moseholm shared last authorship.
[Correction added on 5 October 2023, after first online publication: the name of Anna Hachfeld was corrected throughout the article.]

SECTIONS

PDF TOOLS SHARE

Abstract

Objectives

An increasing number of women living with HIV are transitioning through midlife and menopause. Women living with HIV may experience earlier menopause and a higher symptom burden than women without HIV, but more evidence is needed. Data collection on menopause in women living with HIV is scarce and often not standardized. We sought to assess how menopause data are collected in cohorts and studies of women living with HIV.

Involved:

Anna Hachfeld, Switzerland
Ellen Moseholm, Denmark

13 WAVE members

6 community representatives



WAVE 2022-2023

MIGRANT WOMEN

- Literature review
Late HIV diagnosis among migrant women living in Europe – a systematic review on barriers to HIV testing
- Publication of the results of the survey among stakeholders in 15 countries (under review)
Barriers to HIV testing and possible interventions to improve healthcare among migrants, especially migrant women, in Europe
- Workshops for NGOs to co-produce the format of the project (interviews with migrant women) and its tools (interview scenario, questionnaire etc.)

Review > IJID Reg. 2023 Mar 21;7:206-215. doi: 10.1016/j.ijregi.2023.03.006. eCollection 2023 Jun.

Late HIV diagnosis among migrant women living in Europe – a systematic review of barriers to HIV testing

Melvina Woode Owusu ¹, Dagny Clea Krankowska ² ³, Panagiota Lourida ⁴, Nina Weis ⁵ ⁶

Affiliations + expand

PMID: 37128290 PMCID: PMC10148112 DOI: 10.1016/j.ijregi.2023.03.006

[Free PMC article](#)

Abstract

Objectives: HIV transmission persists in Europe, with migrants accounting for over two-fifths of new diagnoses. Over half of all women in Europe are diagnosed late - particularly migrant women. Therefore, an updated understanding of migrant women's needs is crucial to inform inclusive and relevant HIV research, services, and policies.


WAVE members involved:
Nina Weis, Denmark
Dagny Krankowska, Poland
Panagiota Lourida, Greece,
Maria Mazzitelli, Italy
Shiobhan Mary Quirke, Ireland

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PrEP

REVIEW ARTICLE

PrEP for women in Europe: a systematic literature review

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European AIDS Clinical Society (EACS)

Abstract

Background: Prevention of HIV transmission is fundamental to ending the HIV epidemic. Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) with oral tenofovir-emtricitabine (TDF-FTC) is an established HIV-prevention method; however, most PrEP services in Europe have been targeted at men who have sex with men (MSM). A survey in 2021 by Women Against Viruses in Europe (WAVE) showed considerable variation in PrEP access and guidance for women throughout Europe. WAVE therefore commissioned this systematic review to provide insight into PrEP provision and barriers to uptake for women in Europe.

➤ Literature review (published)
PrEP for women in Europe

WAVE members involved:
Yvonne Gilleece, UK
Ben Collins, UK
Maria Jesus Perez, Spain



WAVE in Ukraine 2022-2023 webinars

- Attended also by clinicians from Western Europe
- Renomated specialists
- Different topics
- Attendance: in avarage 250 for live sessions and 250 for the recording (60% of live participants rewatch the session)

FORMAT

- Lecture and panel discussion
- Case based discussions
- Comparison of practice in different countries

Join us!

WAVE memembers involved:
Karoline Aebi Popp, Switzerland
Sergii Antoniak, Ukraine

Over 10 WAVE speakers





WAVE's Collaboration with External Conferences

- 3-5 May 2023 European Menopause and Andropause Society (EMAS)
1 hour symposium "Menopause in women living with HIV"

WAVE's Collaboration with External Research Groups

- WAVE Scientific Committee members are part of International Group on Breast/chest feeding in HIV formed after CROI 2023
- FEMIN and INFORM to be discussed at Scientific Committee meeting



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WAVE workshop

- Breastfeeding
- CVD
- HPV
- Menopause
- Migrant women
- PrEP

Panel
discussion

Publication
presentation

Q&A

Projects' current
and future
activities