The role of gender in important health considerations in HIV. Presented by Women Against Viruses in Europe (WAVE), a subcommittee of the European AIDS Clinical Society (EACS)

We live in an era of effective treatment for HIV which, for many who can access treatment, will result in a normal life expectancy. Gender-related factors can, however, influence treatment outcomes, management decisions and the overall long-term wellbeing of people living with HIV.

The WAVE Working Group was established by EACS in 2017 to address this health disparity and to promote the health and wellbeing of all women living with HIV. WAVE organises workshops and seminars to improve education, guidelines and share knowledge on the complexities of optimising the healthcare of women with HIV.

Cis and transgender women remain disadvantaged with respect to access to, engagement and retention. In addition to comprehensive management of their HIV therapy women require support with management of comorbid conditions, life events such as conception, pregnancy, hormone therapy/transitioning and menopause as well as psychosocial support for mental health, partner violence and poverty. Menopause, in particular, is significantly undermanaged in women and even more so in women with HIV despite a significant increase in the risk of cardiovascular events and deterioration of bone health faced by many postmenopausal women living with HIV.

This session will broach the topics of Menopause and Gender Disparity outcomes in women living with HIV through case presentation, short plenaries and discussion led by experts in the field.

We hope you will join us and our WAVE team of speakers to bring the prominence deserved to these topics.
Tuesday 6 October 2020 (12.30-13.00)

90:90:90. Are the Differences Between Women and Men Changing?

Chair: Yvonne Gilleece, HIV & Genitourinary Medicine, Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust, Brighton, UK

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Rageshri Dhairyawan, Sexual Health and HIV Medicine at Barts Health NHS Trust London, UK

Wednesday 7 October 2020 (12.15-12.45)

Key questions in WLWHIV and ageing: menopause, frailty, and cancer screening management in clinical practice

Chair: María Jesús Pérez Elías, HIV Unit, Infectious Diseases Department, Hospital Ramón y Cajal, Madrid, Spain

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