



2017 ANNUAL REPORT



AAHIVM gives HIV frontline practitioners the support, resources and educational opportunities they need for providing optimal care for those living with HIV disease.

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A Message from the Executive Director

Many of you remember the early years of the HIV epidemic. A diagnosis was simply a death sentence. And now look at how far we've come! Our accomplishments far exceed our setbacks. However, in many ways, 2017 felt like a year of setbacks for the HIV community due to a number of policy challenges. For much of the year, we fought repeatedly to preserve the Affordable Care Act and the 20 million Americans who attained health insurance coverage. Though successful in overcoming "Repeal and Replace," subsequent administrative and regulatory actions, plus the repeal of the "Individual Mandate," has increased the number of uninsured. Proposed funding for major programs that support those living with HIV was slashed. The 340B program was also under attack in 2017 and that attack continues in 2018.

However, these challenges illustrate how important it is to have a group like AAHIVM advocating daily on behalf of HIV care providers across the country. In fact, AAHIVM saw substantial growth in the size and influence of the Academy during 2017. Accomplishments include:

- For the first time ever, membership in the Academy exceeded 1600.
- The Academy's Credentialing program now credentials over 2900 HIV practitioners. An increase of over 300 in 2017 alone.
- Our educational programs also saw substantial increase. Our on-site workshop programs increased from 7 to 22—with 3 separate series: HIV and Aging; the care of Transgender and non-conforming patients; and a new Grand Rounds program focusing on educating general medicine providers about routine testing and PrEP.
- We also updated our members-only Core Curriculum program.
- We continued our series of members-only CME Webinars on a variety of HIV topics.

All of these accomplishments were made possible thanks to our outstanding staff: Bruce Packett, Aaron Austin, Holly Kilness-Packett, Amber McCracken, Ericka Nanalig, Dan Ebeling, Haley Gucker and Vanessa Ducher. We also ushered in new members of our teams with the New Year. Ms. Anna Forbes, with nearly 3 decades of HIV advocacy work, has joined the Academy as our new Public Policy Director and Ms. Eryn Greaney, with two years of HIV Peace Corps work in Africa, is our new Programs and Policy Manager.



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I would also like to acknowledge the generous time committed this year by our Board of Directors, Committee and Chapter chairs and those members serving on the many AAHIVM committees. Thanks to their steadfast dedication, guidance, and professional insight, the Academy can better represent the needs of frontline HIV care providers nationwide in a rapidly changing world.

Every year brings its share of successes and setbacks. I am optimistic that 2018 will be a good year for the Academy, with accomplishments far outweighing the challenges.

James M. Friedman
Executive Director, AAHIVM



About The American Academy of **HIV** Medicine

WHO WE ARE

The American Academy of HIV Medicine is a professional organization that supports the HIV practitioner and promotes accessible, quality care for all Americans living with HIV disease. Our membership of HIV practitioners and credentialed HIV Specialists™, HIV Experts™, and HIV Pharmacists™ provide direct care to the majority of HIV patients in the US.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

AAHIVM believes in giving HIV frontline practitioners the support, resources and educational opportunities they need for providing optimal care for those living with HIV.

WHAT WE DO

Educate

AAHIVM's educational and professional development programs help HIV care providers remain current with HIV's rapidly evolving treatment landscape. AAHIVM helps members access a variety of CME opportunities on both HIV and non-HIV topics – most of them free or discounted to AAHIVM members – through a diverse mix of educational vehicles: including online courses, seminars and articles, clinical and practice management periodicals; publications such as *Fundamentals of HIV Medicine*, regional workshops and meetings, and conferences.

Credential

The Academy's provider credentialing program is the only one of its kind in the US, offering certification is achieved by meeting experience and education requirements, as well as successfully completing a comprehensive exam on HIV-specialized medical care. This program is offered independent of AAHIVM membership.

Connect

AAHIVM is the only network of frontline HIV care providers inclusive of physicians, physician assistants, nurses, nurse practitioners and pharmacists, offering numerous opportunities for peer-to-peer connection.

Advocate

AAHIVM leverages the unique perspective and the powerful collective voice of HIV health care providers to address policy issues having impact on HIV care practice and HIV care delivery. The AAHIVM policy department works with both state and federal policymakers to advise them on issues such as reimbursement, care & treatment, drug accessibility, workforce and prevention education.

Message from the Chairman of the Board



As I enter my second year as chairperson of the National Board of Directors for AAHIVM, it has been a pleasure to see the Academy continue its dynamic growth and activity. With our outstanding Academy staffers working in conjunction with our National Board of Directors, Committee Chairs and Regional Steering Committees, 2017 was a busy year on multiple fronts.

Our credentialing program remains strong with nearly 3,000 HIV Specialists™, HIV Experts™ and HIV Pharmacists™ in our ranks. Our membership numbers also continues to rise, giving us an even greater collective voice for advocating for the needs of frontline HIV care providers across the country.

On the public policy front, the Academy actively worked at the national and state levels on behalf of our providers and patients in an increasingly difficult political

environment where funding streams are constantly threatened and policy ever changing. Our public policy platform was updated to stay current with changing issues, such as generics and medical marijuana.

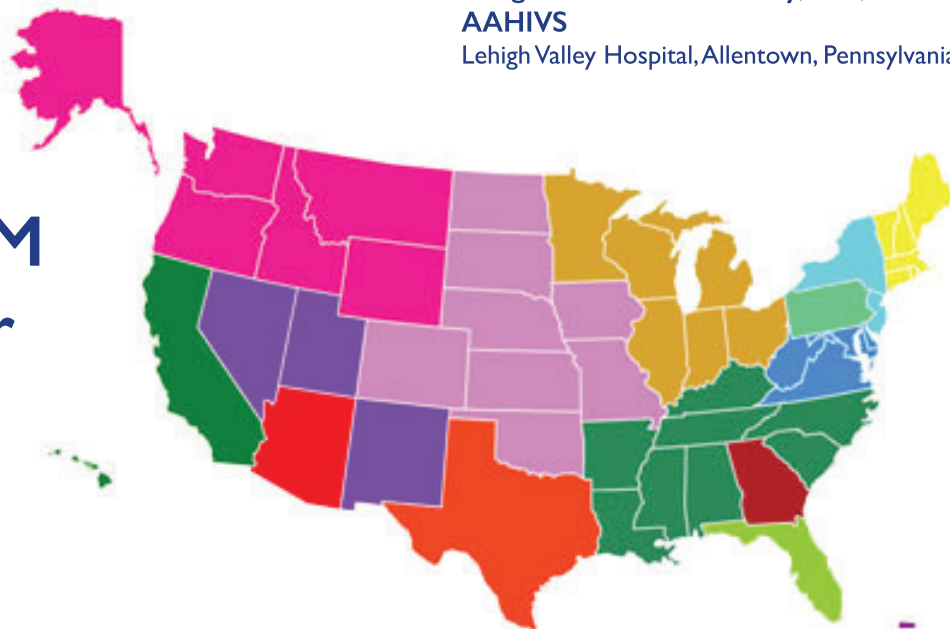
Education remained a top priority with an ever expanding number of workshops on multiple topics presented in cities across the country. A new hard copy and electronic edition of *Fundamentals of HIV Medicine* was published, as well as an updated online core curriculum. Our HIV and aging website, HIV-Age.org, continued to add resources and free CE for those working with older HIV patients. Our magazine, *HIV Specialist*, covered issues ranging from spirituality and religion to HIV behind bars-issues affecting our patients and providers on the front line every day.

On many fronts the Academy with its many talented staffers and volunteers, continued to support its mission of providing the resources and educational opportunities needed by frontline providers to deliver optimal care. I'm so proud to have been given the opportunity to lead this outstanding organization.

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AAHIVM Chapter Map



Northwest	Texas	Great Lakes
California/Hawaii	Southeast	Pennsylvania
Arizona	Florida	New York/New Jersey
Southwest	Georgia	New England
Mountain Plains	Mid-Atlantic	Puerto Rico

Policy Update

2017 was a busy and challenging year for HIV advocates, and yet AAHIVM responded to the challenges dynamically through increased advocacy efforts at both the federal and state level in order to actively engage our Members. The AAHIVM Policy Department worked to leverage powerful partnerships, create key opportunities, and utilize new tools that will allow the organization to continue these efforts into the coming years.

The year began with a new President in the White House and a new Congress with plans to change the work of their predecessors. Congress began immediately with concurrent efforts to “repeal and replace” the Affordable Care Act by both the House and Senate. One proposal – the American Health Care Act, was estimated to result in 22 million more uninsured persons, had it passed. Although Congress was ultimately unsuccessful at fully repealing and replacing the ACA, repeated attempts throughout the entirety of the year dominated much of the focus of the policy work for 2017.

The President also took actions of great concern to HIV advocates early in his tenure. The President did not appoint a new head of the White House National Office of AIDS Policy (ONAP), or place any staff within that office, while making concerning appointments to other health agencies. The White House also released a so-called “skinny” budget which proposed alarming cuts to public health programs. By June, these actions had raised such concern among HIV advocates that six members of the President’s Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA) resigned citing an inability to work with the new Administration.

In response to these developments, the AAHIVM Policy Department engaged in a significant level of advocacy activity in 2017, both as an organization and through its members and with other partners. AAHIVM responded to the policy proposals by Congress and the Administration with press releases, and public statements highlighting the needs and interests of HIV patients and providers.

AAHIVM also stepped forward into a higher level of visibility for our issues by joining with several other national HIV organizations to run an ad in a national political newspaper – Politico – stating our support for access to quality healthcare for all Americans.

AAHIVM also joined with other HIV organizations to organize the first national HIV call-in day, encouraging

our Members to join with patients and stakeholders across the country to call their representatives in Congress to weigh in on these important issues. A toll-free hotline was established to directly connect our callers with their Congressional offices. The effort was such a success that subsequent call-in days were organized throughout the rest of the year in response to each threat to the ACA and to funding of HIV programs.

Finally, the AAHIVM Policy Department engaged the regional chapters of the organization to undertake an expansive advocacy effort directed at contacting each member of Congress with letters from the AAHIVM Members in their state, drawing attention to the needs to HIV patients as they sought to change the health system legislatively.

The AAHIVM Policy Department unveiled a new campaign to highlight the vital work of the organization in response to these many challenges for our Members, called “All Together Now!” The ATN campaign provided a forum to alert our members to advocacy opportunities, such as the call-in days.

THE AAHIVM policy department also expanded our work to bring timely important information about political developments, policy efforts, and advocacy opportunities to our members in their inboxes, through the Weekly Advocate email. A new Policy Update section was created in the Advocate focused on providing focused news and information about relevant developments in Washington.

Finally, when AAHIVM unveiled its new website in 2016, the Policy Department developed and revitalized a revamped Policy section of the website, organized around increased participation by our Members in local advocacy activities and efforts, and designed to present relevant local policy news to our members.

The end of the year brought a new addition to the Policy Department. Ms. Anna Forbes, a leader in the HIV health policy arena for over 25 years, replaced outgoing Public Policy Director of nine years, Holly Kilness Packett, after Holly moved on to take a new policy role at GSK on behalf of ViiV Healthcare. Holly’s work and dedication have shepherded the AAHIVM Policy department through almost a decade of effort, and she will be missed. However, Anna is sure to continue the vital advocacy and policy work of the organization into the future.



2017 Programmatic Highlights

Fundamentals of HIV Medicine

AAHIVM released the new 2017 *Fundamentals of HIV Medicine*, a comprehensive clinical care publication for the treatment of HIV/AIDS. Authored by more than 50 expert clinicians, the textbook offers the most up-to-date overview of the latest HIV treatments and guidelines, including chapters on immunology, HIV epidemiology, gerontology, substance abuse treatment, and infectious disease medicine. *Fundamentals of HIV Medicine* also includes online access to CME.

AAHIVM Core Curriculum

AAHIVM launched *Core Curriculum in HIV Care, Prevention and Treatment*, a web-based learning resource covering both the basics of HIV and the latest advances in clinical care. This online resource, available only to AAHIVM Members, is designed to assist care providers new to the HIV field seeking baseline knowledge on prevention, testing and transmission, as well as provide experienced HIV practitioners with insight into more complex topics and clinical advances. It can also be used as a study resource for the HIV Specialist™ and

HIV Pharmacist™ Credentialing exam, as well as a teaching tool for students, fellows and residents. Each module includes downloadable pre-reads, narrated slide presentations, and self-assessment questions.

HIV-Age.org

HIV-Age.org, the go-to online site for clinicians seeking best practices for managing the care of older people living with HIV, continued to grow in 2017. Developed by AAHIVM, ACRIA and the American Geriatrics Society (AGS), the site now offers free online CME/CE based upon the learnings from the report *Recommended Treatment Strategies for Clinicians Managing Older Patients with HIV*. Originally released in 2011 and updated in 2016, the report has emerged as the premier resource for managing HIV in older adults.

AAHIVM also partnered with ACRIA to disseminate a newly published HIV and aging brochure, *Staying Health with HIV as You Age*. The booklet was first distributed in July at the International AIDS Conference in Durban, South Africa and is now available in the U.S. nationwide.



All of Us Research Program

AAHIVM partnered with the All of Us Research Program, part of the National Institutes of Health, to join in efforts to raise awareness about the program. The All of Us Research Program aims to engage one million or more volunteers across the country to help build one of the largest, most diverse datasets of its kind for health research. Participants will share information over many years in a variety of ways, through surveys, electronic health records, physical measurements, blood and urine samples, and wearable technologies. Researchers of all types, from citizen scientists to investigators in academia and industry, may request free access to the data, which will be de-identified to protect participant privacy. Their analyses may yield new insights about how individual differences affect health and disease, potentially leading to more tailored treatments and prevention strategies in the future.

Education Series on Transgender Health

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it is estimated that nearly one million adults in the United States identify as transgender or gender non-conforming (TGNC). From 2009 to 2014, 2,351 TGNC people were diagnosed with HIV in the United States. Among the 3.3 million HIV testing events reported to CDC in 2013, the percentage of transgender

people who received a new HIV diagnosis was more than 3 times the national average.

However, healthcare providers currently do not receive consistent or comprehensive training regarding transgender patients. To address this knowledge gap, AAHIVM launched an education series across the country entitled *Care for Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming People in the Clinic: Integrating Gender-Affirming Care and HIV Prevention and Care for TGNC People*. The series keynote was led by Asa Radix MD, MPH, FACP, AAHIVS, Senior Director of Research and Education at Callen-Lorde Community Health Center.

PrEP and the HIV Workforce

AAHIVM utilized its vast network of HIV Specialist HCPs across the country to launch in-person CME/grand rounds medical trainings entitled PrEP and the HIV Workforce: Expanding the Knowledge Network. This program reaches clinics, providers (particularly general/family practice HCPs) and patients who need understanding and training regarding the effectiveness, guidelines, special populations and availability of biomedical prevention interventions, when and how to screen for HIV disease (assess for risk) and how best to refer/link to care when additional specialization is required for treatment.



2017 Programmatic Highlights cont.

Workshop Series

Effective HIV treatment strategies have led to tremendous clinical success and projections of long term survival. But patients with HIV are more likely to live with chronic pain and disability. Heightened concern for addition related morbidity, mortality and health care costs, has created an urgent need to properly evaluate and manage chronic pain while addressing the potential for the misuse of prescription narcotics. AAHIVM addressed this issue through our 2016-2017 workshop series *Opioids and Addiction: How to Manage Pain and Addiction in the HIV Clinic Setting*. The workshops were given in major cities across the country and the keynote address was delivered by Charles P. Reznikoff, MD, director of addition services at the Hennepin County Medical Center and assistant professor of Medicine at the University of Minnesota School of Medicine.

AAHIVM also began a second workshop series in 2017, *Optimizing HIV Care for an Aging Population*. Led by Meredith Greene, MD, AAHIVS, Medical Director of the University of California San Francisco's Home Health & Care at Home, the series addresses the need for HIV providers to increase their capacity to care for older adults with HIV.

Guide to Hepatitis C Testing

AAHIVM's Institute for Hepatitis C partnered with the American College of Physicians (ACP) to release the brand new *Guide to Hepatitis C Testing*. The Guide to Hepatitis C Testing is designed to help clinicians screen patients for hepatitis C (HCV). The Guide includes a summary of the latest testing recommendations, along with diagnostic, billing, and laboratory codes for testing. It provides resources for referrals to HCV-experienced providers and information on patient interactions, education, and case examples.

AAHIVM / Institute for Technology in Health Care HIV Practice Award

The goal of this award is to acknowledge persons who have created, adapted and/or used innovative technology in their HIV practice and will share that technological knowledge with others in the practice of HIV medicine to improve patient care. This award is made possible by an annual gift to the Academy by the Institute for Technology in Health Care.

Dr. Kevin Fiscella, MD, MPH, of Jordan Health in Rochester, NY, was named the winner of the sixth annual 2017 AAHIVM/Institute for Technology in Health Care HIV Practice Award. Dr. Fiscella received \$20,000 in recognition of his innovative use of technology in caring for people living with HIV.

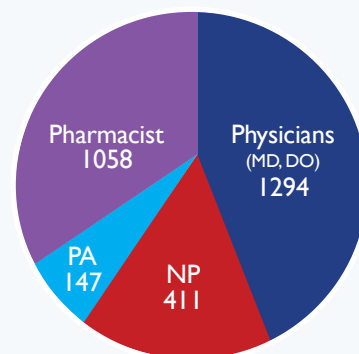


Academy Credentialing Program



The Academy continues to offer the only widely recognized, statistically sound and defensible measurement program available in HIV-focused medical care. Each year, hundreds of practitioners seek to demonstrate their expertise in HIV care by earning the HIV Specialist™ (AAHIVS), HIV Expert™ (AAHIVE), or HIV Pharmacist™ (AAHIVP) credential. To be eligible, candidates must hold a valid MD, DO, NP, PA or Pharmacist license and meet minimum experience and education requirements.

Credentialed Practitioners





Membership Spotlight:

Members of AAHIVM are part of a dedicated group of physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, pharmacists and other allied health care professionals committed to promoting excellence in HIV care through advocacy, education, professional development and direct peer-to-peer contact. Membership fosters a unified collective voice of HIV care providers nationally, giving strength to the causes most salient to the issues of HIV prevention and care.

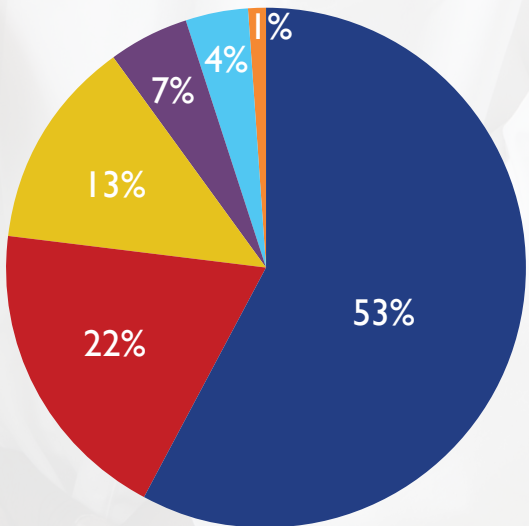
In 2017, we focused on recruiting student members, for whom annual membership is free of charge, to work to engage the next generation of the U.S. HIV workforce and encourage them to consider making HIV care a part of their future

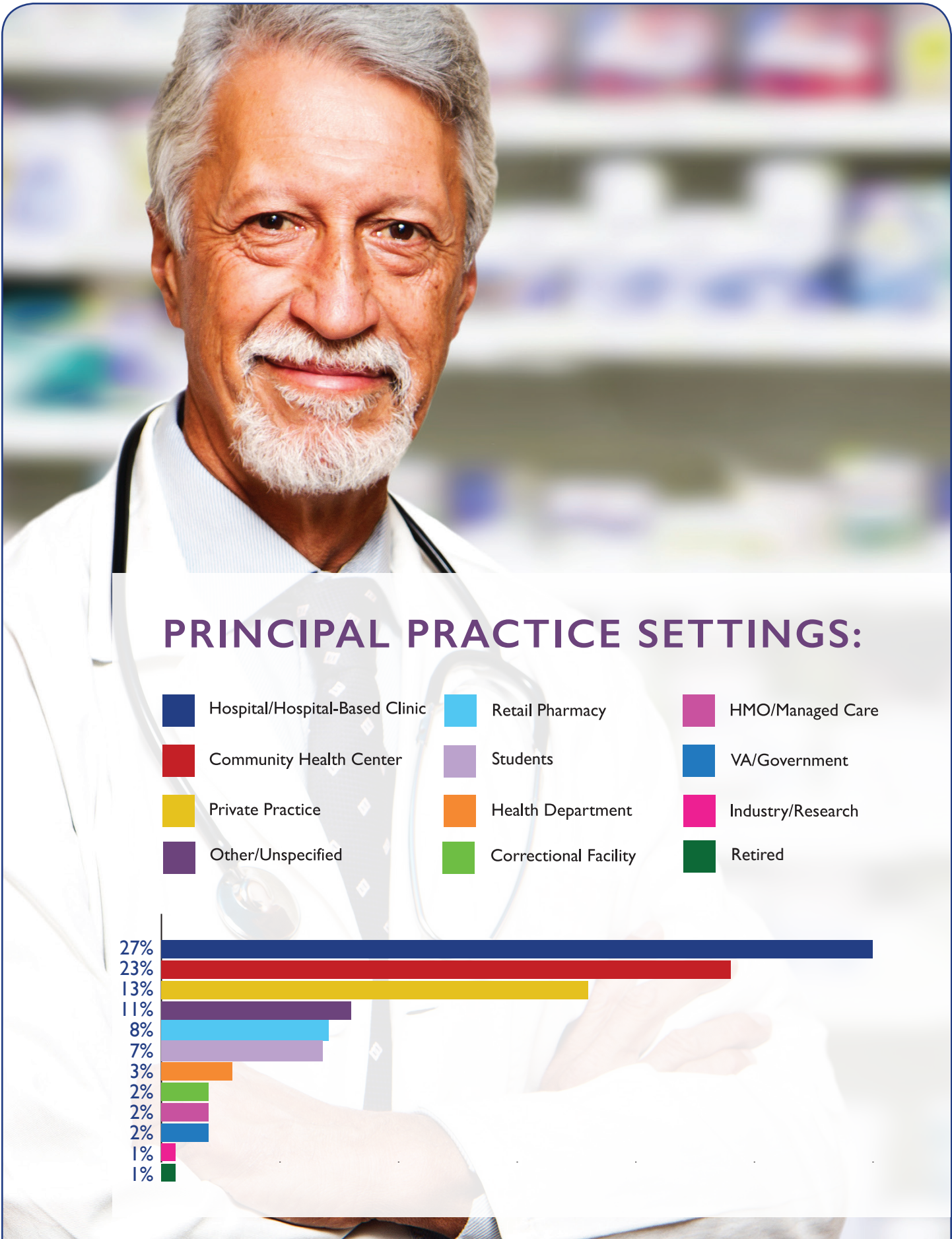
practices. We exhibited at the American Academy of Family Physicians National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students and we empowered our members to incorporate information about AAHIVM membership into talks given at medical student programs across the country.

We are pleased to report our membership grew in 2017, showing a 4.7% growth overall spread evenly among our 15 regional chapters. The majority of our members are physicians, but AAHIVM's membership represents the many disciplines of health care professionals needed to combat the HIV epidemic and to provide excellent care for people living with HIV.

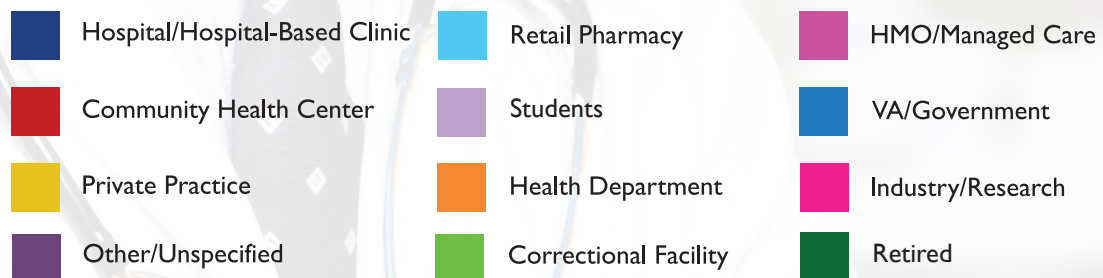
PROVIDER TYPES:

- Physicians (MD, DO)
- Pharmacists (PharmD, RPh)
- Nurse Practitioners
- Students
- Physician Assistants
- Other (DDS, Case Mgr., EMT, Clergy, etc.)





PRINCIPAL PRACTICE SETTINGS:

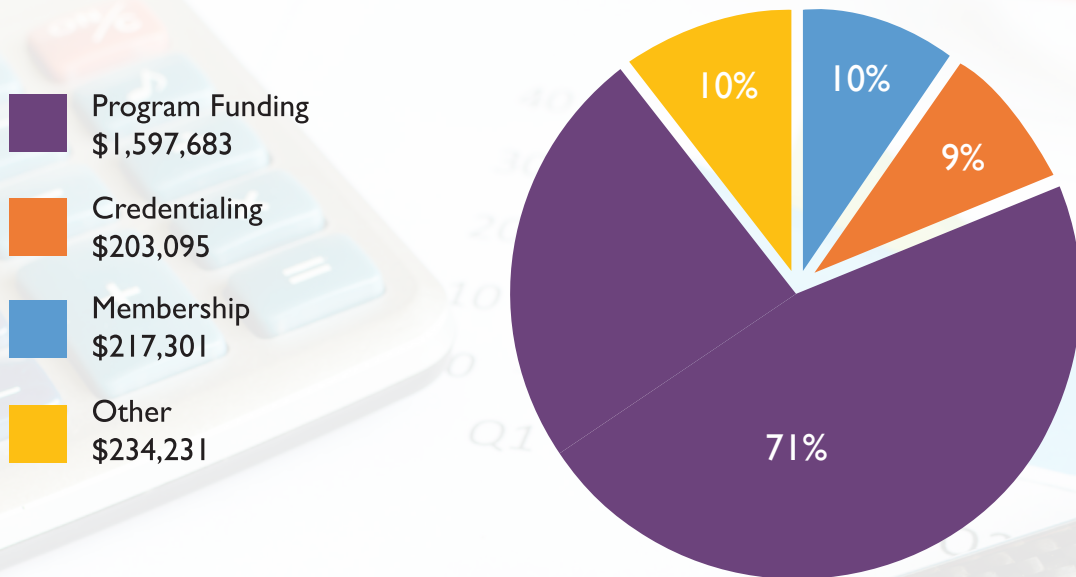




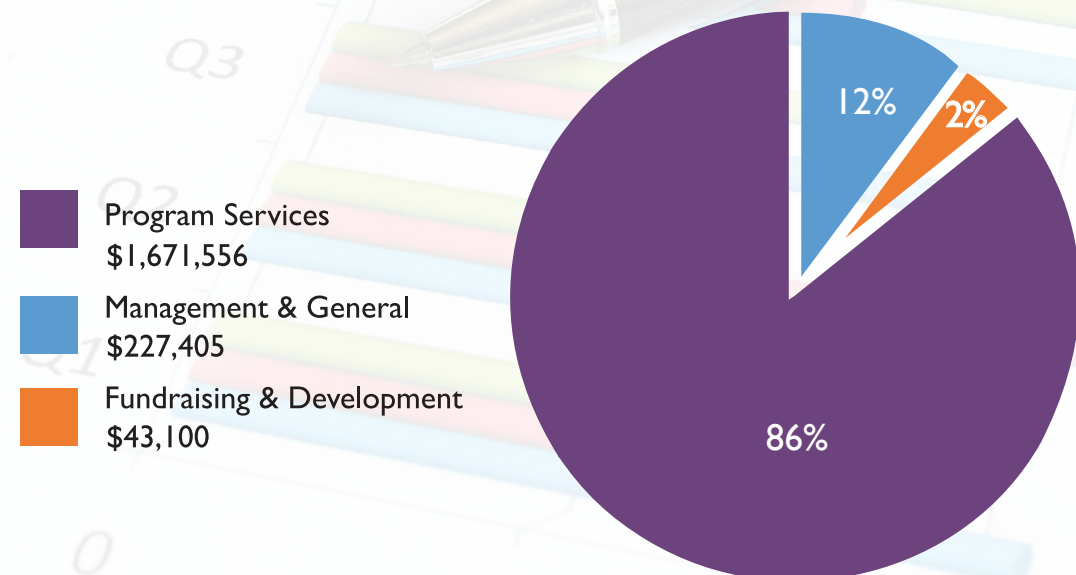
Financials

The following financial charts represent our overall 2016 audited income and expenses for AAHIVM. For more in-depth information, please contact AAHIVM Finance Director Ericka Nanalig at ericka@aaahvim.org.

American Academy of HIV Medicine Revenue Year Ended December 31, 2016



American Academy of HIV Medicine Total Expenses Year End December 31, 2016



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