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CIRA Talk: "Resilience in HIV and Aging Research in Response to Crises: Lessons from Ukraine"

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"Resilience in HIV and Aging Research in Response to Crises: Lessons from Ukraine"

OVERVIEW

In this talk, our team will give an overview of our current HIV/AIDS research in Ukraine, paying special attention to how we've been adapting to ongoing crises (first COVID-19 pandemic, and now the war started by Russia) in terms of both our research questions/foci and of methods we could use. We will share some findings on how older people with HIV (OPWH, defined as ≥ 50 years) cope during the war with daily life challenges and HIV and non-HIV care; and how HIV and addiction clinicians have adapted their care provision processes to start creating a 'New Normal' in response to the crisis.

Our team members will comment on challenges to conducting research during crises and strategies we have employed for overcoming these challenges and opportunities we unexpectedly uncovered. We will reflect on our efforts to maintain productivity and communication with research collaborators throughout these global crises, and discuss the key lessons we have learned. Finally, we will share some considerations in developing and conducting HIV/AIDS-related research in humanitarian contexts (e.g., funding, methodological, ethical, logistical) that may be helpful to other teams working under conditions of extreme duress.

PRESENTERS

Julia Rozanova, PhD

Associate Research Scientist in Medicine (AIDS)

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Julia Rozanova received her PhD in Sociology and subsequently trained in Social Gerontology and Implementation Science, completing a postdoctoral fellowship with Dr. Frederick Altice at Yale School of Medicine. With Yale colleague Sheela Shenoi and colleagues from the European Institute on Public Health Policy in Kyiv, she has conducted research at the intersection of HIV, addiction, and aging in Ukraine since 2017. Her work has been supported by the American Medical Foundation, CIRA pilot grant, MacMillan Center for International Studies, FLAGS, NIDA (K01DA047194), NIA (R21AG072961 and 3R21AG072961-02S1), and NIMH (R34MH130260).

Sheela Shenoi, MD, MPH

Associate Professor of Medicine (Infectious Diseases)

Yale School of Medicine

Sheela Shenoi is an Associate Professor of Medicine in the AIDS Program of the Section of Infectious Diseases and Associate Director of the Office of Global Health at Yale University School of Medicine. She conducts clinical research on tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS with a focus on resource-limited settings. She evaluates strategies to improve diagnosis, linkage and retention in care, in prison settings and exploring the role of community-based services to facilitate implementation. She prioritizes prevention strategies and integration of HIV and TB services.

PRESENTERS (Continued)

Oleksandr Zeziulin, MD

Senior Researcher

European Institute of Public Health Policy, Ukraine

Dr. Zeziulin is a senior researcher at the European Institute of Public Health Policy and has a leading role in developing research protocols and creating data management and data quality control and assurance plans, data exchange mechanisms, standard operational procedures and data collection tools. He is extensively involved in developing numerous proposals and reports on the effectiveness and efficacy of various public health innovative approaches geared towards diseases prevention, treatment and patient management. He has served as a PI in multisite projects with mixed methods design, performed statistical data analysis and results dissemination. His current professional focus is on the application of implementation science approaches in linking HIV care with integration of mental health services in non-specialized settings. Another part of his current concentration is designing access to and data collection strategies in hard-to-reach HIV bridging populations (HIV infected young women) and older people with HIV (OPWH).

Irina Zaviryukha, MD

Senior Researcher

European Institute of Public Health Policy, Ukraine

Dr. Irina Zaviryukha is a senior researcher at the European Institute of Public Health Policy in Kyiv, Ukraine. She is a medical doctor with specialization in anesthesiology, and also trained in conducting randomized clinical trials. During her participation in the study "HIV and Aging in Ukraine", Irina contributed to and lead the development of in-depth interview tools and questionnaires, data analysis, and synthesis and interpretation of results. Irina played a central role in the conception, implementation, and analysis of a qualitative study engaging older people with HIV (OPWH) and their caregivers. She presented findings from this work and received awards from international conferences, including the International AIDS Society 2018, 2021, and 2022. During the war in Ukraine, Irina developed and, in collaboration with Kyiv HIV clinics, implemented a successful phone fieldwork data collection strategy among OPWH and HIV and addiction clinicians. She is a co-investigator on two grants funded by the National Institute on Aging and the National Institute on Mental Health (USA), and her contributions focus on fielding peer navigation and decision aid interventions for older people with HIV with and without comorbid addiction.

PRESENTERS (Continued)

Tetiana Kiriazova, PhD

Senior Researcher

European Institute of Public Health Policy, Ukraine

Tetiana Kiriazova graduated from I.I.Mechnikov Odessa National University; in 1992 got her PhD degree in neurophysiology. She has more than 20-year experience in research and training in the field of HIV, TB, and addictions in Ukraine and internationally. As 2009-2010 H. H. Humphrey Fellow at "HIV/AIDS Policy and Prevention" program at Emory University and the 2012-2013 NIDA INVEST Research Fellow at Boston Medical Center, Dr. Kiriazova received specialized training in HIV and addiction research and qualitative research methods, including Fellow Immersion Training in Addiction Medicine at Boston University.

MODERATOR

Luke Davis, MD, MAS

Associate Professor of Epidemiology (Microbial Diseases) and of Medicine (Pulmonary)

Yale School of Public Health, Yale School of Medicine, CIRA

Luke Davis, MD, MAS is an epidemiologist and pulmonary/critical care physician whose research employs implementation science to improve the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of tuberculosis (TB), the leading cause of infectious death in low-and middle-income countries. Dr. Davis serves as scientific advisor for the Center Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS (CIRA)'s international research activities. Dr. Davis is associate faculty member of the Center for Implementation and Prevention Science at the Yale School of Public Health.