



The 25th International AIDS Conference

This year's theme was "Put people first!"

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Held biennially, the International AIDS Society's (IAS) International AIDS Conference brings together scientists, policymakers, health care professionals, people living with HIV, funders, media, activists and others to showcase community-led efforts and scientific advances in the fight against HIV and AIDS. This year's 25th iteration of the confab (AIDS 2024) took place in Munich from July 22 through 26. The theme was "Put people first!"

Attended by over 11,000 participants and featuring 40 abstract sessions, 50 speaker sessions and 22 workshops, AIDS 2024 also served to introduce to the world IAS's new president, Beatriz Grinsztejn, MD, PhD, a Brazilian infectious disease physician and researcher who has led or participated in many global research studies on HIV prevention and treatment. Grinsztejn currently cochairs the HPTN 083 study evaluating injectable cabotegravir for pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) in HIV-negative gay men and trans women.



Marc Franke, Paul Edmonds and Adam Castillejo, three of the seven individuals cured of HIV following stem cell transplants for cancer, pose with POZ's science editor, Liz Highleyman, as they display issues of the magazine featuring their stories. [Liz highleyman/X](#)

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