

Amadou Diagne

Gilead Sciences, Inc.

Education/ Professional Activities

Amadou Diagne completed one year of studies at the School of Medicine and Pharmacy of the University of Dakar in Senegal (West Africa), before transferring to the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he graduated with B.Sc. degrees in Bacteriology and Nutrition.

He later joined the Epstein-Barr Virus (EBV) research group of the McArdle Laboratory for Cancer Research at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, working as a Research Specialist.

In 1986, Amadou co-founded the UCLA AIDS Institute Virology Laboratory which he ran until 1996. While at UCLA, he collaborated with the AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG) on several projects including the standardization of quantitative culture techniques to measure viral load (VL) and the evaluation of experimental treatments on VL in HIV/AIDS patients as well. He also helped develop techniques for studying viral pathogenesis and tropism, while setting up training programs in basic virology laboratory techniques for post-doctoral and graduate students at the UCLA School of Medicine.

Amadou has co-authored several peer-reviewed papers published in journals such as Nature, AIDS, Journal of Infectious Diseases and the New England Journal of Medicine. He has also given oral and poster presentations at National, Regional and International HIV/AIDS conferences. He is also responsible for the isolation of JRCSF and JRFL; dual tropic HIV viruses that have been characterized and are widely used in HIV research today. Amadou has been a Medical Science Liaison specializing in HIV since 1999.

In 2003, Amadou joined the Medical Affairs Team of Gilead Sciences as a Medical Science Liaison covering the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic and Central regions.

Honors/Awards

Amadou is the recipient of Awards from the Right Foundation and The Faith Community Partnership of Philadelphia/Wilmington for services to the HIV/AIDS Community. He is on the Medical Advisory board of MANNA, a Philadelphia-based ASO and the Board of Directors of SACAIDS a New York based ASO.

Media Experience

- Interview with Medical Science Liaison Quarterly, February 2005
- Live interview on Philadelphia AM radio "HIV/AIDS in African Immigrants in West Philadelphia"; 2002
- Guest DJ at KCRW-FM: "The African Roots of Latin Music"; Los Angeles 1998
- Live call-in Interview to discuss issues in HIV/AIDS at WHA Public Radio; Madison, WI 1993.
- Technical Consultant on "And The Band Played On"; an HBO motion picture chronicling the AIDS Epidemic; Los Angeles, 1992
- Live call-in program to discuss HIV/AIDS issues in the African American Community at KACE-FM radio; Los Angeles, 1991
- Roundtable table participant of HIV/AIDS experts to discuss HIV/AIDS issues in Africa on a Radio France Internationale program broadcast throughout French speaking West Africa and the West Indies. Marrakech, December 1991.
- Live interview with NPR HIV/AIDS correspondent Brenda Wilson at the International AIDS Conference to discuss global HIV/AIDS issues. San Francisco, June 1990

Public Speaking Experience

I have spoken extensively to diverse audiences ranging from highly educated academic audiences to audiences with limited or little formal education.

Target audiences are diverse communities including African American communities, Latinos, Women and recent Immigrant African communities.

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