

Jennifer E Cohn, MD

Academic Preparation

Masters in Public Health Candidate, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, expected date of completion 2011

Fellowship in Infectious Diseases, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia PA, expected date of completion 2009

Residency in Internal Medicine, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia PA, June 2007

M.D., University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Philadelphia PA, May 2004

B.A., Human Biology, Brown University, Providence RI, May 1999
Honors thesis: HIV risk and modifiers in adolescents with PTSD
Advisor: Lundy Braun, Ph.D.

B.A., Psychology, Brown University, Providence RI, May 1999
Advisor: Larry Brown, M.D.

Employment History

Instructor in Medicine, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Department of Medicine, 2008-present

- Director of the Global Health Residency Track

Campaign Coordinator, Health GAP (Global Access Project), 2003-2004

- Organized a grassroots campaign to highlight the issues of global AIDS during the 2004 Presidential Election
- Participating in researching and writing the campaign platform which encompassed issues including debt relief, funding for the Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria and intellectual property rights as they pertain to medications.
- Wrote press releases
- Media relations for events

Assistant Editor, AIDS Treatment News, 2001-2002

- Content and copy editing
- Researched and wrote articles for publication
- Helped create a new publication to serve people living with HIV/AIDS in prison, *The Critical Path Prison Health Newsletter*
- Wrote and received grants to support this work

Project Assistant, Philadelphia Injury Free Coalition, 2000-2001

- Facilitated standardized intervention sessions for youth and parents

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- Helped develop curriculum for Empowering Non-Violent Youths' Strengths In Our Neighborhood (ENVYSION) Project
- Developed and facilitated curriculum for a peer education project
- Helped coordinate and run "bike rodeos" to promote helmet use

AmeriCorps, Providence Community HealthCorps, 1999-2000

- Served in a community health center as the health educator
- Doula (professional labor assistant) for high risk and teen pregnancies
- Coordinated indigent pharmaceutical program
- Held health education trainings for staff

Co-Chair and Founder, Health Frontiers Consulting, 1999-2001

- Founded and coordinated an organization designed to help non-profits incorporate activism and community leadership into their mission and objectives
- Completed a neighborhood resources survey for the city of Providence

Research Assistant, Dept of Child and Family Psychiatry, RI Hospital, 1995-2000

- Contributed to several publications on HIV prevention in adolescents
- Helped develop and run standardized HIV interventions for psychiatrically diagnosed adolescents
- Maintained databases
- Utilized SPSS for analysis of data

Project Coordinator, Project HIV/AIDS Site-based Education (PHASE), 1997-1999

- Coordinated an HIV/AIDS education and advocacy program involving 12 college students and over 60 adolescents
- Founded the Community HIV/AIDS Outreach Strategy (CHAOS), a project designed to facilitate peer education training and community grass-roots activism

Histotech, Searle Pharmaceuticals, 1996

- Prepared paraffin and frozen sections
- H&E and special stains
- Assisted in prosecutions of small and large animals

Research Assistant, Chicago Medical Campus, 1994

- Assisted with a project researching gene therapy for alpha thalassemia
- Skills include running gels, Southern blots, transfecting and selecting cell lines for culture

Membership and Positions

Policy Chair, National Physicians Alliance, 2007-2008

A national organization of physicians working towards domestic and global health equity.

- Created, edited and approved policy statements and documents
- Organized health policy workshops and talks for meetings and conferences

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- Organized a campaign to promote universal health care during the 2008 Presidential election
- Created a candidate scorecard to rate the 2008 Presidential candidates based on the Institute of Medicine guiding principals on health coverage

Steering Committe, Health GAP (Global Access Project), 2003-present

A US-based organization dedicated to eliminating barriers to global access to affordable, life-sustaining treatment for people living with HIV/AIDS.

- Contracted with the WHO to create, carry out and analyze a survey in several countries in Sub-Saharan Africa regarding people living with HIV's perception of health care task shifting
- Contributed to writing and editing WHO guidelines on task shifting
- Worked on writing and editing several U.S. Congressional bills including the Africa Health Capacity Investment Act of 2007
- Created popular education tools about issues in U.S. policy and global AIDS
- Contributed to grassroots organizing and media efforts for Health GAP campaigns

Coordinator and Founder, Direct Action Interest Group, 2000-2003

American Medical Students Association (AMSA)

- Organized medical student activism and advocacy around issues of U.S. universal health care and global HIV/AIDS
- Participated in the founding and creation of the AMSA AIDS activism network
- Created popular education tools for medical students around AMSA campaigns

Coordinator, Medical support for protests, 2001-2003

- Helped to organize medics to address injuries sustained during protests

Coordinator, United Community Clinic, 2001-2002

A free student run, interdisciplinary medical clinic for West Philadelphia

- Organized education initiatives for patients at the clinic
- Participated in overall coordination of clinic activities including staffing, supply management, supervision and education of volunteers

Co-Coordinator, Sexual Orientation Medical Awareness, 2001-2002

University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine

- Organized events and a seminar regarding the health and health care of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered patients

Co-Coordinator, International Health Seminar, 2001-2002

University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine

- Created and organized a seminar to highlight several contextual issues in global health

Member, AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP), 2000-present

- Wrote several successful grants
- Created and organized campaigns around issues in both global and domestic HIV/AIDS

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- Created popular education materials around ACT UP campaigns

Participant, Bridging the Gaps, 2001
University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine

Member, Domestic Violence Prevention Program, 1996-1998
Brown University

Awards

Global Health Fellowship for the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, 2008

Penn Pearls teaching award, 2007

Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award, 2004

Glasgow-Rubin medical student achievement award, 2004

Alpha Omega Alpha, 2003

Swearer Book award for excellence in community service, 1999

Honors, Thesis in Human Biology, 1999

Publications

Cohn J and Blumberg E (2008). Immunizations for renal transplant candidates and recipients. *Nature Clinical Practice Nephrology*. In publication.

Azfar R, Cohn J, Schaeffer R (2008). Trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole induced Sweet's Syndrome. *Archives of Dermatology*. In publication.

World Health Organization. (2008) Task shifting: Rational redistribution of tasks among health workforce teams: Global recommendations and guidelines.

Health Workforce Advocacy Initiative. (2008) Addressing the Health Workforce Crisis: A toolkit for health professional advocates.

Cohn J (2001) Homocysteine, HIV and heart disease, *AIDS Treatment News*, 370, 5-6

Cohn J (2001) Biological warfare: information for people living with HIV/AIDS, *AIDS Treatment News*, 375, 2

Brown L, Lourie K, Zlotnick K, Cohn J (2000). Impact of sexual abuse on HIV-related risk behavior of adolescents in intensive psychiatric settings. *American Journal of Psychiatry*, 157(9), 1413-1415

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Grants Received

Bread and Roses Community Fund, awarded to ACT UP Philadelphia, June 2008

Philadelphia Foundation, awarded to ACT UP Philadelphia, April 2005 and April 2006

RESIST Fund, awarded to ACT UP Philadelphia, November 2003, 2004 and 2008

Orthobiotech, The Critical Path Prison Health Newsletter, awarded to Prison Health Newsletter, March 2002

AMSA local projects grant, Sexual orientation medical awareness, awarded September 2001

Mitchel Kapur Foundation, awarded to Health Frontiers Consulting, November 1999

YES Grant, awarded to Community HIV/AIDS Outreach Strategy, August 1997

Presentations

New Therapeutics in HIV. Philadelphia AIDS Education Month, 2008

Health professional training in Sub-Saharan Africa: A survey of Batswana interns. American Public Health Association National Convention, 2007

Pills, patents and policy: How the US affects the AIDS pandemic. Guest lecturer, Drexel University Great Works Seminar, 2007

Expanding developing country health workforce: the role of US physicians, National Physicians Alliance annual meeting, 2007

Addressing IMF and other structural barriers to expanded AIDS and healthcare funding, International AIDS Conference, 2006

New Perspectives in Physician Advocacy: Civil Disobedience 101, AMSA Regional 1,2,3 Conference, 2006

HIV activism applied, AMSA AIDS leaders conference, 2005

Taking health activism out of the classroom, AMSA National Conference, 2005

Talking to power: HIV activism, Student Global AIDS National Conference, 2004

HIV and elections, National Association of People Living with AIDS Youth Conference, 2003

Health justice in practice, AMSA Northeast Regional Conference, 2003

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Patenting an epidemic: antiretrovirals and the WTO, Public hearing on the impact of the FTAA on public health and health care, 2003

Lobbying for change, Student Global AIDS Coalition Regional Conference, 2002

Activism and the medical student, AMSA Chapter Officers Convention, 2002

A history of medical activism, American Public Health Association National Convention, 2001

Hobbies

Baking

Sailing

Wishing I could have time to have a dog