

Ryan White Program Information Sheet

Objective: To provide comprehensive, compassionate and state of the art treatment for HIV

What is the Ryan White Program? Ryan White was a child who died of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) in 1990 after suffering discrimination and bigotry. The US Department of Health and Human Services (USDHHS) has established the Ryan White Program to enhance delivery of medical and psychosocial care to individuals and families living with HIV through grants to states, medical institutions and community organizations. The MedStar Health Research Institute and Medstar Washington Hospital Center (MHRI/MWHC) section of Infectious Diseases (ID) receives grants from the Ryan White Program.



Enrollment: All DC area residents (including Maryland and Virginia) diagnosed with HIV with proof of income at or less than 500% of Federal Poverty Levels are eligible for Ryan White services, regardless of ability to pay. New patients should contact Kimberly French to enroll at: 202-877-0679 or Kimberly.R.French@medstar.net



Services: The MWHC ID Section offers culturally competent care in HIV, General Infectious Diseases, and Travel Medicine for people of all races, ethnicities, sexualities, and gender identities. The Ryan White Program supplements this care by offering assistance in the following areas for lower income clients living with HIV: case management, transportation assistance, dental care, safer sex education, partner counseling and testing, psychological and substance abuse counseling, inpatient to outpatient care transitions, and home health care. For families, we assist with linkage to women's health services, pediatric services, and family services at Georgetown University, Children's National Hospital and community organizations.



Important Phone Numbers

To schedule an appointment call 202-877-0333.

To refill medications call 202-877-2836.

For medical & nursing assistance, call 202-877-0333.

Refills can only be approved if you have been seen by a physician within the last 12 months.

Medical Staff 2022-2023

All staff are trained in General Infectious Diseases, HIV, and Transplant Care.

- Glenn Wortmann, MD, FIDSA, FACP
Chief of Infectious Diseases
- Leon L. Lai, MD
Ryan White C-D Program Director
LGBTQIA Disparities
- Christian Woods, MD, FACP, FCCP, FIDSA
General Infectious Diseases and
Pulmonary/Critical Care
- Sheena Ramdeen, MD, MPH
Antimicrobial stewardship
- Saumil Doshi, MD
Fellowship Program Director
- Adam Klein, DO
Transplant Infections Director
- Hosein Kafimosavi, DO
Ryan White A-DIS Program Director

Fellows 2022-2023

- Rafael Ruiz Gaviria, MD
- Patricia Rondain, MD
- Shirin Davari, MD
- Sichen Liu, MD (NIH)
- Bennet Waxse, MD (NIH)

Ryan White Staff

- Allison Daly, MSW, LICSW Part C/D
Program Manager, 202-877-5391
- Antonio Pineda, Part A/DIS Program
Manager, 202-877-7412
- Chizoba Anako DNP, APRN, FNP-BC,
AACRN, Women's Health Program
Manager, 202-877-4691
- Emma B. Arons, PsyD, psychologist
- Edith Sowe, MSW, LGSW, Intensive
Case Management, Inpatient
Consultations, Mental Health
- Ziara Battle, MSW, LGSW, Intensive Case
Management, Inpatient Consultations,
Mental Health, 202-877-3599
- Kimberly French, Treatment Navigator
(General), 202-877-0679
- Janet Keys, Treatment Navigator
(Mental Health), 771-200-0411
- Maria Leiva, Treatment Navigator
(Outreach) 771-200-0176
- Luza-Herrera, Irvin D
Community Navigator
771-200-0176
- Carmela Miglionico, Disease
Intervention Services and Partner
Contact Tracing, 202-877-2131



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Registration: Please have your insurance card, photo ID, referrals and any other necessary insurance information with you. All new patients should report to the clinic 30 minutes prior to your first appointment to initiate your medical record and sign all necessary forms. Existing patients should arrive 15 minutes early to sign in and register for your appointment. Proof of income is required to access assistance from the Ryan White Program and is re-evaluated twice per year.



General Information: Please speak to your MWHC ID physician or call Kimberly French at 202-877-0679 for services and eligibility. Greater Metropolitan DC area residents with HIV with proof of income at or below 500% of Federal Poverty Level are eligible for Ryan White Services. We work closely with the National Institutes of Health (NIH), George Washington University, Georgetown University, MWHC Women's Health Services, and Children's National Hospital to provide our patients access to coordinated care and clinical trials. Phone and automated refills are provided contingent upon adherence to medical visits.



Paperwork: Many of our patients need our help filling out forms to access various services. Please understand that we need a minimum of 1-2 weeks to complete paperwork. It is the responsibility of the patient to get paperwork to us 2 weeks before any due dates or expirations. Some paperwork requires a face to face physical examination - if that is the case, such paperwork needs to be brought to the next available clinic visit in order for it to be completed.



Client Advisory Board (CAB): We depend on patient input to improve our services and better address the needs of our community and often have openings on the board. If you have the time (a few hours every 3 months) to volunteer, please contact Kimberly French at 202-877-0679 to be put on the list of interested clients.

Clinic Schedule

Main Clinic Number: 202-877-0333
All clinics are staffed by RW staff

MONDAY 1 PM to 5 PM

- Patricia Rondain, MD
- Bennet Waxse, MD

TUESDAY 8 AM to Noon

- Shirin Davari, MD

TUESDAY 1 PM to 5 PM

- Saumil Doshi, MD
- Hosein Kafimosavi, MD

WEDNESDAY 3 PM TO 6 PM

- Leon Lai, MD
- Sheena Ramdeen, MD

THURSDAY 8 AM TO NOON

- Rafael Ruiz Gaviria, MD
- Sichen Liu, MD

THURSDAY 1 PM TO 5 PM

- Glenn Wortmann, MD
- Adam Klein, MD

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINICS:

Groups and Individual Therapy
Appointments are VIRTUAL and by appointment only for Ryan White Eligible Patients with referrals by their physicians. To inquire, please call Ziara Battle at 202-877-3599.

PATIENT PORTAL: We encourage all clients to enroll in the MWHC Patient Portal as this enables more efficient and rapid care coordination online. All physicians and Ryan White providers can be contacted through the patient portal.