



ASK THE HIV SPECIALIST™

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AAHIVM, TPAN COLLABORATE FOR “ASK THE HIV SPECIALIST™” COLUMN IN *POSITIVELY AWARE* MAGAZINE

The Washington, D.C.-based **American Academy of HIV Medicine** (AAHIVM) and the Chicago, IL-based **Test Positive Aware Network** (TPAN) are working together on “**Ask the HIV Specialist™**”, a new regular column in *Positively Aware*, TPAN’s national magazine for people living with HIV. AAHIVM is the only U.S. organization of medical professionals that credentials physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants as HIV Specialists.

To collect questions from *Positively Aware* readers for the column, TPAN has created an e-mail box, aahivm@tpan.com, and will promote it in the magazine and on its Web site. Academy-credentialed HIV Specialists™ will respond to the questions in subsequent issues. The premiere “Ask the HIV Specialist™” column will run in the March-April issue of *Positively Aware*, which is the first one of 2007. Questions are being accepted now.

“People living with HIV need to know that they can seek out an HIV Specialist™ for their care,” said AAHIVM Interim Executive Director Brian Hujdich. “With ‘Ask the HIV Specialist,™’ the Academy has the opportunity to not only inform patients about the availability of credentialed HIV Specialists™ but also to answer important treatment questions and enhance the provider-patient relationship overall. “

“*Positively Aware* readers are truly fortunate to have access to the wealth of knowledge and experience of AAHIVM’s HIV Specialists™,” said the magazine’s editor-in-chief Jeff Berry of TPAN. “Our readers can be confident in knowing their questions are being answered by HIV experts, who have demonstrated a real commitment to improving HIV care quality by participating in the Academy’s credentialing program.”

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