

MACS/WIHS Combined Cohort Study Anniversary Quilt Panel

The Brooklyn site of the MACS/WIHS Combined Cohort Study, MWCCS, is proud to display this panel of the AIDS Quilt.

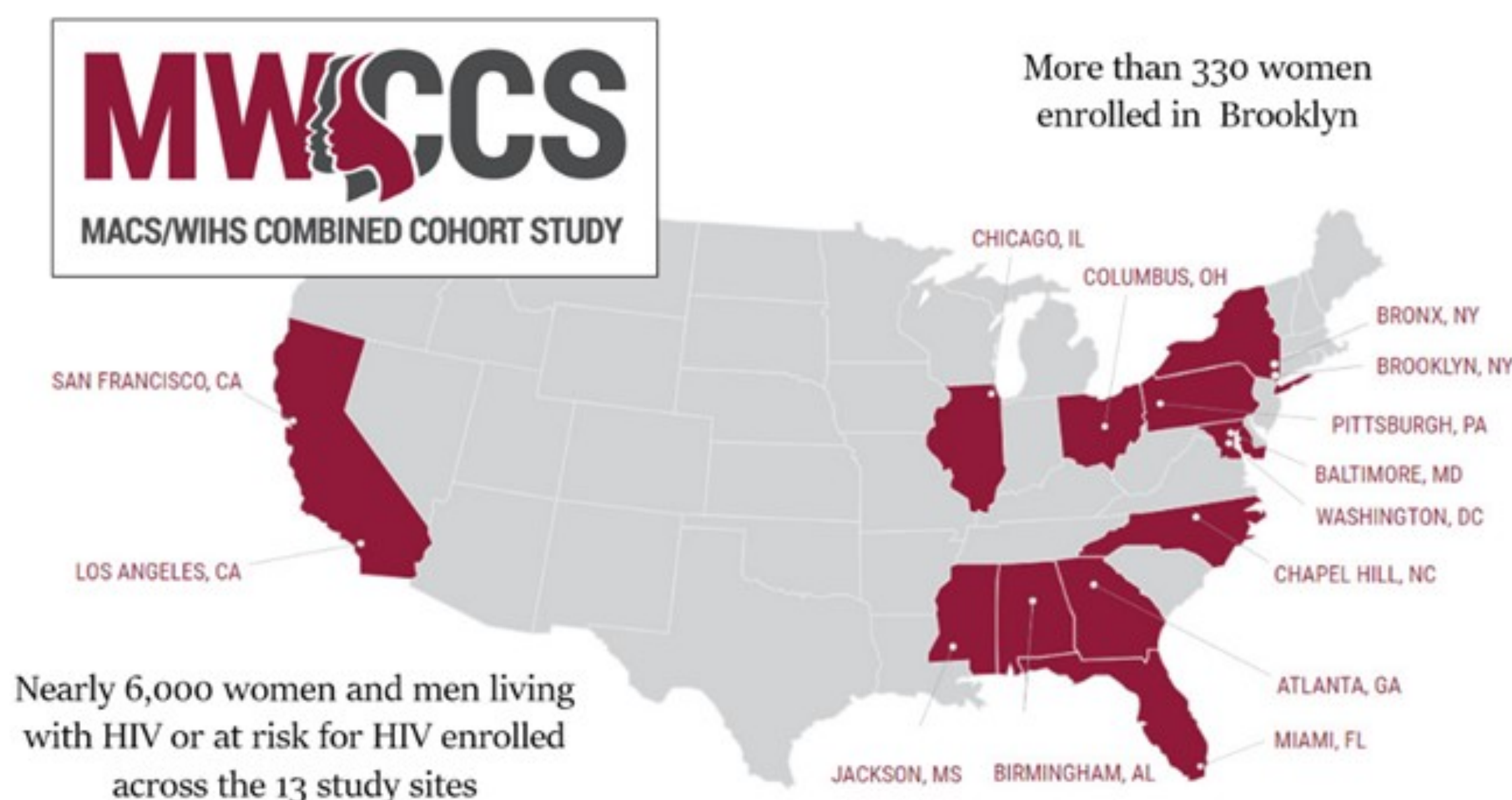
The panel was created in 2024 in recognition of the 30th anniversary of the WIHS (Women's Interagency HIV Study), the 40th anniversary of the MACS (Multicenter AIDS Cohort Study) and the



Study participants and research staff at all 13 MWCCS sites contributed to the panel which is now travel-

Drs. Deborah Gustafson and Tracey Wilson are the Principal Investigators of this National Institutes of Health funded study site at SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University.

The WIHS, a study of women for which Downstate was a site, and the MACS, a study of men, combined in 2019 to form the MWCCS, the longest running observational study of people living with HIV and people vulnerable to HIV. Over the last several decades nearly 12,000 people have participated in the study and nearly 6,000 remain in follow up across the US.



The MWCCS 2024 Anniversary quilt panel was designed by Miriam Omura, an Alabama-based textile and mixed media artist, in collaboration with study participants and research staff. In Ms. Omura's words:

"The idea of the panel is to represent the participants as stars shining against a dark night sky. The light of stars reaches us long after they have lived their lives, but we still get to enjoy their beauty in the night sky. The light of these participants has a lasting impact on all those involved in MWCCS. Despite the anonymity of the participants remembered in this panel, they still hold their individuality and their humanity to those who knew them. While we cannot acknowledge people by name, I hope this panel and design is reflective of the group of individuals as a whole. Each core site is represented on the panel by a larger star than those representing the participants. Those stars appear in that site's

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