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An emphasis has been on creating novel biotechnology platforms to develop and test HIV vaccines, and developing the clinical and social environment conducive to running HIV vaccine trials. SAAVI works and collaborates with key national and international partners, and has both an internal research and development arm aimed at investigating and developing novel candidate vaccines, as well as extensive and widespread clinical infrastructure for testing both our own and vaccines developed internationally.

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