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Section 2: Network Steering Committee

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The Steering Committee (SC) is the main governing body of the Microbicide Trials Network (MTN). This committee is responsible for setting research priorities, policy development and implementation, procedural decisions and resource allocations. The SC is chaired by the MTN Principal Investigator (PI) and is composed of members from the Leadership and Operations Center (LOC), Statistical and Data Management Center (SDMC), Laboratory Center (LC), and representatives from the U.S. National Institutes of Health (Table 2.1).

Table 2.1 Steering Committee Membership and Voting Rights

Role in MTN	Voting
MTN PI	YES
MTN LOC (FHI 360) PI	YES
MTN LOC (University of Pittsburgh [Pitt]) Director of Operations & Fiscal	YES
MTN SDMC PI	YES
MTN LC PI(s) (one vote)	YES
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases/Division of AIDS (NIAID/DAIDS) Representative	YES

The SC meets by conference call monthly. Voting on proposed protocol concepts, protocol chair(s), protocol site(s) selection, ancillary studies and data requests is open to all members of the SC with voting privileges, as listed in Table 2.1. SC members are asked to abstain from voting on matters in which they have a conflict of interest, to mark their ballots with “abstain” and, as needed, update their financial disclosure statements accordingly.