

## Providing Prevention: An Intervention for HIV Medical Providers

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**Project Description:** This project features an intervention which will be delivered to HIV medical providers with the goal of training HIV primary care providers to conduct HIV transmission risk assessments in the clinical setting with their HIV-positive clients. Providers from 3 clinics will be randomly assigned to one of two groups. Behavioral outcome data will be collected from their clinic patients to assess the impact of the provider-initiated prevention discussion. The three clinical sites are located in the greater San Francisco Bay Area, including San Mateo and Sacramento. The sample will include 30 HIV primary care providers and 600 clinic patients.

**Significance:** Prevention falls within the domain of medical care, yet few medical providers are adequately trained to deliver health promotion and prevention content within the medical care encounter. Additionally, in order to decrease the number of new HIV infections, prevention interventions with HIV-positive individuals are needed. We believe that linking these two components may show an effect on the rate of new HIV infections. Moreover, HIV-positive individuals who have participated in our past research want to talk to their HIV care providers about preventing the transmission of HIV to others. Our hope is that this intervention will be successful in building the skill of the provider in this area and further that this collaboration between the patient and their provider will help decrease the number of HIV exposures.