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**Research &
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Estudios y Recursos

for Latino/a HIV/AIDS Prevention

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This brochure lists CAPS research with Latino/as and helpful resources produced by CAPS. You might use it to:

- Stay up-to-date on research and learn what we found out from research
- Use the materials in trainings/presentations
- Advocate for services/funding
- Write grants
- Develop new or modify existing HIV prevention programs
- Evaluate current programs
- Connect with CAPS to develop new projects. Lead researchers (PIs) are listed for each study. Contact us below to connect.

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Research with Gay Men and Men Who Have Sex with Men and Women

Multi-Level Prevention in Culture and Context for Latino MSM

http://www.caps.ucsf.edu/research/portfolio/2009/Binson_D-MultiLevelPrevCultContextLatinoMSM2009.pdf

Project staff: Diane Binson PhD, William J. Woods PhD (PIs); LeRoy Blea MPH (Co-PI); Margery Lazarus (Co-I); Robert Siedle-Khan (Project Director), Gabriel A. Ortiz and Mateo Rutherford (Interviewers)

This is a culturally sensitive, multi-level HIV prevention program for Latino men who have sex with men (MSM) who do not self-identify as gay. The program addresses critical aspects of HIV prevention both for the individual and for the environments of public places where sex takes place. The project is a collaboration between CAPS and the City of Berkeley, CA AIDS Office, Department of Public Health.

Bit of Research: In "straight" venues, men communicated sexual interest through body language and ritualized exchanges that did not jeopardize their public expression of a heterosexual identity. In mixed venues with both straight and gay-identified men, men relied on trusted networks of men in whom they confided their preferences, plus non-verbal communication of their interests.

Partner Management Among Latino Men Who Have Sex with Men

http://www.caps.ucsf.edu/research/portfolio/2010/Galindo_Partner-Management_2010.pdf

Project Staff: Gabriel R. Galindo DrPH MPH CHES (PI)

This project will work with Latino MSM to understand "partner management," a term used to describe a process in which men initiate behaviors to maximize their sexual pleasure and minimize the risk involved.

Social Sexual Networks and HIV Risk: Men of Color

http://www.caps.ucsf.edu/research/portfolio/2009/Choi_K-SocialSexualNetworksRiskMofC2009.pdf

Project staff: Kyung-Hee Choi PhD MPH, George Ayala PsyD (Co-PIs); Jay Paul PhD, Matt Mutchler PhD, Steven Gregorich PhD

This study seeks to understand HIV risk behaviors by examining how social discrimination impacts sexual risk among MSM of color. It describes sexual

partnership patterns and explains the association between social discrimination, social networks, sexual partnerships and HIV risk among African American, Asian and Pacific Islander and Latino MSM in Los Angeles, CA.

Bit of Research: Many African American, API and Latino men reported strong ties to their communities of color, families and the church – environments in which they also commonly reported experiencing homophobia and a sense of being unwelcome due to their sexuality. Some MSM reported feeling accepted by specific family members, including mothers, grandmothers, and siblings.

Past research

Hermanos de Luna y Sol (Rafael Diaz, PI)

<http://www.caps.ucsf.edu/projects/HLS/>

The program “Hermanos de Luna y Sol” (HLS) was designed as a culturally-appropriate HIV risk-reduction intervention that targets immigrant, Spanish-speaking gay and bisexual men in the San Francisco, California Mission District. HLS has been in existence for 12 years and is currently being evaluated in a randomized trial through the César E. Chávez Institute at San Francisco State University.



Bit of Research: HLS was highly successful, reducing by 52% the number of men who never use condoms for anal intercourse. Even though HLS increased the number of men (from 22% to 34%) who are strongly and firmly committed to condom use for anal sex, the prevalence of such firm commitment is still relatively low. Many men continue to participate in situations that make safer sex difficult to practice, such as anonymous sexual encounters in public places and sex under the influence of alcohol and drugs. It is possible that men’s less than firm commitment to condom use reflects their awareness of the difficulties encountered in their attempts to maintain safer sex practices over time, especially in difficult circumstances.

The Trayectos Study/El estudio Trayectos (Hector Carrillo, PI)

<http://www.caps.ucsf.edu/projects/Trayectos/>

Trayectos is an ethnographic study in San Diego, California that focuses on the lived experiences of self-identified gay and bisexual Mexican immigrants and their sexual HIV risk.

Bit of Research: “Sexual migration” is motivated, fully or in part, by the sexualities of those who migrate. Such men may feel that

their situations in Mexico do not allow them to be openly gay. The great variety of same-sex behaviors that the men in Trayectos had while living in Mexico strongly challenges the assumption that only the pasivo/activo model is available there, or that what people understand in the US as “gay” does not exist in Mexico.

Technical Assistance and Capacity Building

Strengthening Capacity to Deliver HIV Research Counseling and Testing in International Biomedical Prevention and Treatment Trials

http://www.caps.ucsf.edu/research/portfolio/2009/Myers_J-StrengthCapacityHIVCinIntlBiomedtrials2009.pdf

Project staff: Jonathan Fuchs MD MPH (PI); Janet Myers PhD MPH (Co-PI); Sarah Colvario BA CHES, Ed Wolf BA, Christie Villa BA, and the HIV Research Counseling and Testing Working Group

In this project we will develop, pilot and evaluate a curriculum for improving HIV research counseling and testing (HRCT) skills among staff working in international prevention and treatment clinical trials. We are developing a novel self-directed learning (SDL) curriculum including a DVD/e-Learning approach and an enhanced component for training supervisors to support on-going HRCT. This will be piloted with a sample of trial sites in Peru and South Africa.

International Research

Multilevel HIV Prevention Intervention with MSM and Transwomen in Peru

Project Staff: Susan Kegeles PhD (PI); Carlos Caceres MD PhD (Cayetano Heredia University, Peru); Andre Maiorana MA MPH; Kelika Konda PhD (UCLA).

This project seeks to develop a multilevel HIV prevention intervention for MSM and transwomen which is based on the Mpowerment Project and Hermanos de la Luna y Sol. We will work with a community advisory board in Peru to develop a “combination intervention” that addresses individual, interpersonal, social and structural level issues that are associated with sexual risk behavior and HIV testing.

Past International research

Chemoprophylaxis for HIV Prevention in Peruvian and Ecuadorian Men (Kim Page, PI)

<http://www.caps.ucsf.edu/research/portfolio/2008/Shafer-PREPPPeru.pdf>

This study conducted a randomized blinded clinical trial evaluating the safety and efficacy of chemoprophylactic therapy using once daily tenofovir 300 mg to prevent HIV-1 acquisition in high-risk uninfected MSM in Lima, Iquitos in Peru and Guayaquil in Ecuador.

Bit of Research: Recommendations for enrollment in a prevention trial included: 1) Very well trained staff (warm, empathetic, trustful and knowledgeable); 2) Provision of good information to the community using media, public talks presentations at schools and informative and creative educational materials in easily understandable way; 3) Counseling support for enrollment decision-making.

Feasibility of the Mpowerment Project in Argentina (Susan Kegeles, PI)

<http://www.caps.ucsf.edu/research/portfolio/2006/Intl11.pdf>

The project conducted formative research in Córdoba and Rosario, two cities in Argentina, to assess the feasibility of adapting an evidence-based community-level intervention developed in the US, the Mpowerment Project, for MSM in Argentina.

Bit of Research: While MSM might talk about their specific risk behaviors to intimate friends, talk about HIV in a larger group involved joking or wanting to know who to avoid who had HIV. HIV+ MSM did not disclose their HIV status for fear of being rejected sexually or socially. Many men considered their relationship as protection against HIV, but had not been tested and were not necessarily mutually monogamous.

NIMH Collaborative HIV/STD Prevention Trial in Peru (Susan Kegeles, PI)

<http://www.caps.ucsf.edu/research/portfolio/2008/Kegeles-Peru.pdf>

This randomized study tested a community-level popular opinion leader (CPOL) prevention intervention in five international sites. UCSF collaborated with UCLA and Cayetano Heredia University in Lima to test the intervention among men and women in lower income neighborhoods in Lima, Trujillo and Chiclayo, three cities in Peru.

Bit of Research: CPOLs were motivated to talk to their peers. CPOLs perceived that their participation had an effect on their own risk behaviors and saw their role as beneficial to their community.

CAPS Resources

Fact Sheets

<http://www.caps.ucsf.edu/pubs/FS/>

- **What are US Latinos' HIV prevention needs?**
<http://www.caps.ucsf.edu/pubs/FS/Latinorev.php>
- **What are the HIV prevention needs of Mexican immigrants in the US?**
<http://www.caps.ucsf.edu/pubs/FS/mexicans.php>
- **What is the role of rapid testing for US-Mexico border and migrant populations?**
<http://www.caps.ucsf.edu/pubs/FS/borderrapidtesting.php>

Monograph

- **Risk Across Borders: Sexual Contexts and HIV Prevention Challenges among Mexican Gay and Bisexual Immigrant Men**
<http://www.caps.ucsf.edu/projects/Trayectos/monograph/>

Survey Instruments

<http://www.caps.ucsf.edu/tools/surveys/>

Evaluation Manuals

<http://www.caps.ucsf.edu/pubs/manuals/>

- **Good Questions Better Answers: A Formative Research Handbook for California HIV Prevention Programs**
- **Working Together: A Guide to Collaborative Research in HIV Prevention**

Intervention Curricula

<http://www.caps.ucsf.edu/tools/curricula/>

CAPS Latino/a research and publications

<http://www.caps.ucsf.edu/articles/article.php?kw=latinos>

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CAPS recursos en español

Hojas de Datos

<http://www.caps.ucsf.edu/espanol/hojas/>

- ¿Qué necesitan los latinos en EE.UU. para la prevención del VIH?
<http://www.caps.ucsf.edu/espanol/hojas/splatinorev.php>
- ¿Cuáles son las necesidades de prevención de inmigrantes mexicanos/as en EE.UU.?
<http://www.caps.ucsf.edu/espanol/hojas/mexicanos.php>
- ¿Cuál es el papel de las pruebas rápidas para la frontera EE.UU.- México y las poblaciones migrantes?
<http://www.caps.ucsf.edu/espanol/hojas/rapidafrontera.php>

Instrumentos y Encuestas

<http://www.caps.ucsf.edu/espanol/instrumentos/>

Manuales

- A Buenas Preguntas... ¡Mejores Respuestas!: Un manual de investigación formativa para los programas de prevención de VIH de California
<http://www.caps.ucsf.edu/espanol/pubs/manuales/>
- Project EXPLORE Manual de realización
<http://www.caps.ucsf.edu/espanol/programas/pdf/EXPLOREManualdeRealizacion.pdf>

Reportes

- Fronteras de riesgo, hallazgos y recomendaciones del Estudio Trayectos
<http://www.caps.ucsf.edu/projects/Trayectos/monograph/>
- Investigación conjunta para la prevención del VIH con poblaciones encarceladas y sus familias
<http://www.caps.ucsf.edu/pubs/reports/pdf/encarceladaS2C.pdf>

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