



Effective Health Care

Discussions in HIV Care in Foreign vs Domestic Populations

Results of Topic Selection Process

The topic, *Discussions in HIV Care in Foreign vs Domestic Populations*, relates to differences in social stigma associated with HIV in other countries as compared to the United States, and potential cultural differences related to discussions of HIV and HIV status. While this is an important topic, it does not represent a healthcare intervention and therefore could not be further assessed and considered by the Effective Health Care Program. No further activity will be undertaken on this topic.

Nomination

Topic Number: 0670

Received On: 11/21/2012

Topic Name: HIV Discussions in Foreign vs Domestic Populations

Nominator: Individual

Nomination Summary: The nominator is interested in why individuals with HIV who live outside of the United States have more difficulty discussing HIV than those in the United States with the virus. The nominator is interested in subpopulations, including homosexual men, those with substance abuse, and those in recovery. This topic is important because of the social stigma associated with HIV. The nominator wishes to start an international conversation to reduce this stigma, and increase the knowledge of certain HIV treatments. The nominator hopes that an AHRQ systematic review will identify knowledge gaps and inform policy priorities in the foreign and domestic HIV population.

Key Questions from Nomination:

Key Question 1a: Why is it more difficult for Sub-Saharan and Southeast Asian populations with HIV to discuss their disease when compared to US populations with HIV?

Key Question 1b: In homosexual men and those in substance abuse programs or recovery?

Policy and/or Clinical Context from the Nomination: The nominator conducted research focusing on Black individuals born outside of the United States and how they perceive HIV. The nominator found that they would not discuss HIV, that there was an overarching social stigma associated with the disease, and that they were unaware of the different therapies that may provide more positive outcomes.

Original Nomination

Topic Suggestion Description

Date submitted: 11/21/2012

Briefly describe a specific question, or set of related questions, about a health care test or treatment that this program should consider.
For people born with HIV outside the US (particularly Sub-Sahara/Southeast Asia), why is it difficult for them to discuss HIV related issues, as compared to those born in the USA living with HIV? Especially men who have sex with men and people in substance programs or recovered.

Importance

Describe why this topic is important.
This group tends to be late entry into care and openness will enable others to screen and get therapy with fewer stigmas.

Potential Impact

How will an answer to your research question be used or help inform decisions for you or your group?
This will help the group to look at the disease differently and encourage screening.

Technical Experts and Stakeholders

Are there health care-focused, disease-focused, or patient-focused organizations or technical experts that you see as being relevant to this issue? Who do you think we should contact as we consider your nomination? This information will not influence the progress of your suggestion through the selection process, but it may be helpful to those considering your suggestion for further development.
No answer provided.

Nominator Information

Other Information About You: (optional)
Please choose a description that best describes your role or perspective: (you may select more than one category if appropriate)
Patient/Consumer, Other Health Care Professional, and Researcher
Please tell us how you heard about the Effective Health Care Program
Website
May we contact you if we have questions about your nomination?

No answer provided.