
POSTER PRESENTATIONS

1. Poster 1

Presenter(s):

- **Cherie Blair, MD, PhD**, *Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, Department of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA*

Presentation Title: HIV, Methamphetamine Use, and Pulmonary Hypertension: From Blue Skies to an Integrated Research Agenda

Summary: This project was funded by the 2021 CHIPTS Kickstarter Grant. We will present findings from a joint UCLA/CHIPTS and Stanford symposium to develop a collective research agenda to identify and address the overlapping behavioral, biomedical, and social contexts of HIV, methamphetamine use, and pulmonary hypertension

2. Poster 2

Presenter(s):

- **Ekrem Cetinkaya, MS**, *Medical Student, Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine*
- **Eshani Choksi, BS**, *Medical Student, Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine*
- **Surayya Miller, MBS**, *Medical Student, Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine*
- **Nishawn Rahaman, MS**, *Medical Student, Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine*
- **Krzysztof Zembrzuski, BA**, *Medical Student, Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine*

Presentation Title: Risk Factors for HIV Progression Among Males Ages 18-35 in Essex County, New Jersey: A Literature Review

Summary: This presentation summarizes various risk factors that were identified in literature, that affect HIV progression and poor prognosis. We chose the 18-35-year-old male population in Essex County, New Jersey, as we believe that this population specifically faces extensive socioeconomic disadvantages that have contributed to the extremely high prevalence of HIV in this region. We believe that highlighting the risk factors that predispose this population to poorer outcomes is imperative in facilitating change to allocate more resources and attention to individuals in this area.

3. Poster 3

Presenter(s):

- **Homero E. del Pino, PhD, MS**, *Associate Professor, Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science and Research Health Scientist, GRECC (Geriatric Research, Education & Clinical Center), VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System*
- **Petra Durán, BA**, *Clinical Coordinator, Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science*
- **Angel Martínez, MS**, *Volunteer, Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science*
- **Edwin Rojas, MPH**, *Research Assistant, St. John's Well Child and Family Center*

Presentation Title: Engaging the Siblings of Latinx MSM in Promoting PrEP Use

Summary: The siblings of Latinx MSM are an overlooked source of social support in HIV prevention strategies. We will share findings from our community-partnered study that aims to engage siblings in the promotion of PrEP.

4. Poster 4

Presenter(s):

- **Gabriel G. Edwards, MD, MPH**, *Assistant Project Scientist, UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine, Division of General Internal Medicine & Health Services Research*
- **Carolyn Belton, MSHS**, *Patient Care Manager, AIDS Healthcare Foundation*

Presentation Title: Services for Re-Entry Populations: Community-Focused Development of a Policy Brief

Summary: This presentation describes the process of creating a policy brief on community re-entry services for individuals leaving incarceration. The brief was a collaboration between academics and community members, in response to an ongoing initiative to create policy recommendations around alternatives to incarceration in Los Angeles County.

5. Poster 5

Presenter(s):

- **Kevin Frost**, *Undergraduate Student at University of Southern California, Director of External Affairs at Harm Reduction Los Angeles*
- **Sid Ganesh, BA, BS, PhD candidate**, *Department of Population and Public Health Sciences and the Institute for Prevention Research at the Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California, Cofounder and Codirector at Harm Reduction Los Angeles*
- **Tucker Avra, DVM, Medical Student**, *David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, Cofounder and Codirector at Harm Reduction Los Angeles*

Presentation Title: 1st Annual Harm Reduction in Clinical Praxis CME Conference

Summary: Birthed in the HIV epidemic in the US, Harm Reduction is a social justice movement and a framework for resource allocation that centers intersectional communities most impacted by the racist and anti-immigrant War on Drugs. The 1st Annual Harm Reduction in Clinical Praxis CME Conference was hosted by Harm Reduction Los Angeles in conjunction with the USC CME office at Keck School of Medicine on September 25, 2021,

with a focus on offering interventional, institutional, and structural tools specific to improving care and outcomes for people who use drugs.

6. Poster 6

Presenter(s):

- **Caleb Garcia, BS Candidate**, *Undergraduate Student, HIV Counseling and Testing Coalition at UCLA*

Presentation Title: UCLA's First Annual Sexual Health and Wellness Fair: Building a Healthier, Safer, & More Sex-Positive Campus

Summary: With the gracious support of the CHIPTS Kick Start Grant, the student-run HIV Counseling and Testing Coalition held its' inaugural Sexual Health and Wellness Fair. The primary goal of the Fair was to administer free HIV tests and provide client-specific risk-reduction counseling to students, staff, and faculty. Our organization also utilized the Fair as an opportunity to re-introduce ourselves to the campus community as a free and confidential testing, counseling, and educational resource after a long hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

7. Poster 7

Presenter(s):

- **Bill Le, BA**, *PrEP Education Specialist, APLA Health*
- **Ian Klinger, MA**, *Research Coordinator, APLA Health*
- **Matt Mutchler, PhD**, *Principal Investigator, APLA Health*

Presentation Title: Innovative Outreach Strategies for a PrEP study during COVID-19

Summary: The poster presentation will discuss how to increase strategies for outreach and recruitment during the COVID-19 pandemic to support PrEP uptake between YBMSM and their close friends. As time has progressed and mandated shutdowns and “stay at home orders” in Los Angeles County have been lifted or lessened, in-person events have slowly started reappearing. This has led to us developing a new hybrid strategy which we are currently working to employ to reach our target population during these challenging times.

8. Poster 8

Presenter(s):

- **Charles McWells, BA**, *HIV Prevention Services Manager, Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse and Instructor, Community Faculty at Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science*

Presentation Title: Velvet Jesus: An Edu-tainment Model for Behavioral Change Among At-Risk LGBTQ Adults of Color

Summary: "Educational Entertainment" (or "Edu-tainment") is an evidence-based model that uses film, television, theatre or other forms of performance art to convey health-empowerment messages. In this project, Black and Latinx LGBTQ adults participated in screenings of a motion picture that focused on homophobia, childhood trauma, mental health disorders, and HIV/AIDS. Following the screenings, audience members discussed

how their shared experiences mirrored the film plot, and developed alternative plot-lines in which the characters made healthier behavioral choices.

9. Poster 9

Presenter(s):

- **Dianna Polanco, BA**, *Research Coordinator, UCLA Semel Institute Center for Community Health*

Presentation Title: Do Chatbots Have a Place in Adolescent HIV Research? A Qualitative Study in Los Angeles and New Orleans

Summary: The purpose of this abstract is to assess usability chatbots in research. Focus groups were held to discuss the pros and cons of using chatbots in research studies.

10. Poster 10

Presenter(s):

- **Rebecca Ruiz, BS**, *HIV Project Empowerment Trainer, AltaMed Health Services*

Presentation Title: Virtual Training Significantly Increases Primary Care Providers' PrEP Knowledge

Summary: Several studies have shown that a lack of knowledge among primary care providers (PCPs) about pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) can be a barrier to HIV preventative care; when PCPs increase their knowledge about PrEP, they are more likely to initiate discussions about PrEP and prescribe it to their patients. We developed and conducted trainings among PCPs within a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) to increase provider comfort/willingness with prescribing PrEP.

11. Poster 11

Presenter(s):

- **Jimena Sandoval, BA**, *Case Manager, Bienestar Human Services, Inc.*
- **Ricardo Mendoza Lepe, PhD**, *Field Specialist and Research Coordinator, Bienestar Human Services, Inc.*
- **Ronald Brooks, PhD**, *Assistant Professor at Department of Family Medicine at UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine, and he is also Director of Research and Evaluation at Bienestar Human Services, Inc.*
- **Brendan O'Connell, MSW**, *Chief Operating Officer, Bienestar Human Services, Inc.*

Presentation Title: Homeless not hopeless: The impact of support systems in improving the quality of life of transgender people of color experiencing homelessness

Summary: Identifying the impact that social support connections, specifically from family members, have on trans people of color in facing risk situations and preventing future risk factors.