

The Los Angeles County Commission on HIV and the UCLA Center for HIV Identification, Prevention, and Treatment Services invites you to attend

Preliminary Findings from Project MedNet: A Study of the Social Networks of African American Men and Women Living with HIV

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12pm to 1pm*

St. Anne's Maternity Home

Foundation Conference Room

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This presentation will share preliminary findings from Project MedNet, which is a study that aimed to understand how social networks influence the health and wellness of African American men and women living with HIV. The study sought to understand the social network factors that may lead to better or worse health outcomes, such as being on ART medication, adhering to medication, and regularly visiting one's doctor. It found that experiencing HIV-related discrimination and stigma from close others was associated with lower ART adherence. Those who were close to others who were on ART tended to have more positive outcomes (e.g. to take ART themselves and to visit their HIV doctor regularly). In contrast, people who were close to more drug partners were less likely to be taking ART and less likely to go to HIV care regularly.

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