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His Health, Too: Improving Health Outcomes Among Black Trans* MSM

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AGENDA

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His Health Background

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- **His Health** is a united community of advocates and healthcare providers passionately committed to raising the standard of care for black gay men.
- We believe that shifting the HIV epidemic among black gay men is a shared responsibility for patients, providers, and administrators operating at every level of our nation's health care systems.



His Heath will launch in the summer of 2016

For Providers, Patients, Consumers



Identify, evaluate, and highlight promising care models that advance HIV care linkage and retention among Black MSM

Design CME units to accelerate delivery of high quality HIV care for Black MSM patients

Disseminate technical assistance (TA) and CME training to provider and patient audiences

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While visibility and research on the healthcare needs of Black gay men and the transgender community have increased in recent years, Black transgender men who have sex with men (TMSM) remain neglected in conversations about alleviating the HIV epidemic and improving health outcomes among Black MSM.

His Health, Too brings together experts and community members to discuss:

- the experiences of Black TMSM navigating the healthcare system,
- major health and health care disparities faced by the community,
- the impact of inadequate health care services on HIV education and prevention; and
- recommendations for public health professionals to provide more adequate care for Black TMSM

A photograph of four young Black people (three men and one woman) standing outdoors and talking. The man on the far left is wearing a floral shirt and glasses. The man in the center is wearing a white shirt. The woman next to him is wearing a red and black patterned shirt. The woman on the far right is wearing a white shirt and has long dreadlocks. They are all smiling and looking at each other. The background is a blurred city street with buildings and trees. A semi-transparent red banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the text 'Why is this important?'.

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Why is this important?

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“I was like, ‘what do you do for cis gay men?’ And they were like ‘oh, well for men who have sex with men we do an anal swab and a urethral swab’... and I was like ‘why did you never offer any of those to me?’ and they were like ‘well, you’re not a man who has sex with men’.”

—TMSM Sexual Health Study participant (quoted in Scheim et al., 2014)

Key Definitions & Language

Transgender, or “trans”

an umbrella term for people whose gender identity differs from what is typically associated with the sex they were assigned at birth

Female-to-male, or “FTM”

individuals assigned female at birth who identify as male. also: a female-to-male transsexual, a transgender man, a trans man

Cisgender, or “cis”

a person who is not transgender

Gender Identity

one's internal, personal sense of being a woman, man, or as someone outside of that gender binary; not necessarily visible to others

Gender Expression

how one chooses to express one's gender identity to others through behavior, clothing, hairstyle, voice, body characteristics, etc.

HRT

hormone replacement treatment that, for transgender patients, introduces hormones associated with the gender that the patient identifies with (testosterone for trans men and estrogen for trans women)

Keep In Mind....

- Being transgender is not like being lesbian, gay, or bisexual. Being lesbian, gay, or bisexual relates to a sexual orientation. Being transgender relates to issues of gender identity. Transgender people are of various sexual orientations.
- Transgender people may or may not alter their bodies hormonally and/or surgically; being transgender is not dependent upon medical procedures.
- There is little seroprevalence data for trans men in the U.S.

Questions to Consider

- How are the needs of Black TMSM different than the needs of cis MSM?
- What has been the impact of inadequate health care services on HIV education and prevention for Black TMSM?
- What recommendations do Black TMSM and healthcare providers who work with the community have for public health professionals to provide more adequate care for Black TMSM?

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