



HIV in Marginalized & Underserved Populations

*Target Audience: Primary Care Physicians, Internists,
Family Physicians, Obstetricians & Gynecologists*



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About the Program:

National statistics reinforce the fact that the HIV/AIDS epidemic is disproportionately affecting culturally-diverse minority populations in the United States. The September 2006 CDC guidance, *Revised Recommendations for HIV Testing of Adults, Adolescents, and Pregnant Women in Health Care Settings*, reports that of all racial and ethnic groups, African Americans account for the largest percentage of HIV or AIDS diagnoses in 33 states during 2001-2004. African Americans are also more likely to face challenges associated with risk factors for HIV infection.

Furthermore, the Hispanic/Latino population, a culture that is generally reluctant to acknowledge sensitive yet risky behaviors such as homosexuality, faces tremendous cultural and language barriers that complicate their ability to receive HIV health care. For Asian Americans, HIV testing rates are lower despite their risk factors for HIV infection. Low testing rates affect the stage of HIV disease at which diagnosis is made. And for women, HIV infection is growing rapidly in young women of color. Women, in general, face unique issues and special challenges that make it harder for them to prevent HIV infection. Each population faces distinct risk factors and barriers to getting HIV/AIDS care and this program addresses this concern.

Program Objectives:

Physicians who attend these one-hour seminars, developed by MSSNY's HIV, Hepatitis & STI Advisory Panel through a grant from the NYS Department of Health AIDS Institute, will learn:

- In the US, the HIV/AIDS epidemic disproportionately affects marginalized and underserved populations.
- The barriers these populations encounter when seeking HIV testing and treatment for HIV/AIDS.
- The physician's role in the delivery of effective, culturally-appropriate HIV/AIDS health care.
- The steps necessary to implement the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's, *Revised Recommendations for HIV Testing – 2006* into the primary practice setting in an effective, culturally-appropriate manner.

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