

CDC I-Catalyst Project

NCHHSTP HIV Guidelines Interview Protocol Guide and Questions

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Background Information: The CDC Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention (DHAP) team in the National Center for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STD and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP), develops public health guidelines for health topics, such as HIV prevention and care services to health providers. The Guideline development process in the division is very resource-intensive and takes a long time (3-6 years), yet DHAP sees low uptake and adherence (implementation) among providers. The DHAP team is trying to explore strategies to improve the cost effectiveness of this process as well as characteristics of an evidence-based guideline are that most important to end users and how this may influence guideline impact (e.g., dissemination, acceptability, uptake, and adherence). As guideline developers DHAP wants to better understand what providers (users) think to help CDC in developing guidelines that are more 'user friendly' and evaluate things like the impact of format and presentation on implementation rates, and ultimately on patient outcomes. Users include clinical and non-clinical providers of HIV prevention and care services.

Interviewer to Respondent: Hi, my name is ...Thank you for your time. I'm from the CDC Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention (DHAP) team in the National Center for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STD and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP). I know you are busy, I only need about 30 minutes of your time. I am working on a project on HIV prevention and care, and want to ask some questions to learn more about you and your clinical or research lab activities related to HIV care. We will use this information to develop guidelines that are more 'user friendly' for health care and service providers. Thank you for participating in this data collection effort. We will use the opinions and impressions you provide only for analyzing the general trends and directions of strategic planning, implementation, collaboration and partnership development within your respective region and across regions. You will not be identified in any published reporting. Individual respondents will not be identified in reports except with their express permission.

1. What kinds of information do you use to help you deliver HIV prevention and care services?
 - a. How do you collect or seek this information (e.g. journals (e.g. MMWR, public health reports, textbooks, workshop/conferences, trainings, colleagues, online platforms (Medscape), decision support etc.)?
 - b. How do you decide which information source(s) to use?
 - c. What are your biggest challenges to gathering this information?

2. How do you stay up-to-date on HIV-related care and prevention guidelines?
 - a. How do you determine if something is considered an HIV guideline? What examples do you think of?
 - b. How do you collect or seek this information?
 - c. How do you decide which information source(s) to use?
 - d. How do you incorporate use of HIV guidelines in your practice (e.g. decision support, reminders/alerts)?
 - e. What are your biggest obstacles to gathering and applying this information day-to-day?
3. Tell me about your use of CDC guidelines or information. How do you determine when to seek information from CDC?
 - a. What kinds of information do you seek from CDC?
 - b. How have you incorporated CDC guidelines or information into your work?
 - c. What are your biggest obstacles to gathering and applying CDC guidelines or information day-to-day?
4. Do you have anyone else who you would recommend we should contact?
5. Is there anything else we didn't cover that you would like to discuss?

Thank you for your time.