

**Understanding HIV/STD Risk and Enhancing PrEP Implementation Messaging in a Diverse  
Community-Based Sample of Gay, Bisexual, and Other Men Who Have Sex with Men in a  
Transformational Era (MIC-DROP)**

**Attachment 5c. In-Depth Interview Consent English**

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**Emory University**  
**Oral Consent and Script/Information Sheet**  
**For a Research Study – Interview Sub-study Addendum**

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**PROTOCOL NO.:** None  
WCG IRB Protocol #20225896  
STUDY00005355

**SPONSOR:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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**STUDY-RELATED**  
**PHONE NUMBER(S):** 404-712-8630 (24 hours)

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You will be asked to fill out a tax form, including your Social Security or Taxpayer Identification Number, in order to be reimbursed, depending on the amount and method of payment. Some payment methods involve mail coming to your

house, which may be seen by others in your household. You can decline payment if you are concerned about confidentiality, or you can talk to the study team to see if there are other payment options.

### **How will you protect my private information that you collect in this study?**

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### **Costs**

There will be no costs to you for participating in this study, other than basic expenses like transportation. You will not be charged for any of the research activities.

### **Withdrawal from the Study**

You have the right to leave a study at any time without penalty. The study team also have the right to remove you from in this study without your consent for any reason. The study team may remove you from the study if they believe it is in your best interest or if you were to object to any future changes that may be made in the study plan.

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Certain offices and people other than the researchers may look at study records. Government agencies and Emory employees overseeing proper study conduct may look at your study records. These offices include the Office for Human Research Protections, the funder(s), the Emory Institutional Review Board, the Emory Office of Compliance, and WCG IBR. Study funders may also look at your study records. Emory will keep any research records we create private to the extent we are required to do so by law. A study number rather than your name will be used on study records wherever possible. Your name and other facts that might point to you will not appear when we present this study or publish its results.

**People Who will Use/Disclose Your Information:**

The following people and groups will use and disclose your information in connection with the research study:

- The Principal Investigator and the research staff will use and disclose your information to conduct the study.
- Emory may use and disclose your information to run normal business operations.
- The Principal Investigator and research staff will share your information with other people and groups to help conduct the study or to provide oversight for the study.
- The following people and groups will use your information to make sure the research is done correctly and safely:
  - Emory offices that are part of the Human Research Participant Protection Program and those that are involved in study administration and billing. These include the Emory IRB, the Emory Research and Healthcare Compliance Offices, and the Emory Office for Clinical Research.
  - Other researchers and centers that are a part of this study.
  - Government agencies that regulate the research including: Office for Human Research Protections.
  - Public health agencies.
  - Research monitors and reviewer.
  - Accreditation agencies.

Sometimes a Principal Investigator or other researcher moves to a different institution. If this happens, your information may be shared with that new institution and their oversight offices. Information will be shared securely and under a legal agreement to ensure it continues to be used under the terms of this consent.

**Contact Information**

If you have questions about this study, your part in it, your rights as a research participant, or if you have questions, concerns or complaints about the research you may contact the following:

Contact study coordinator Rebecca Moges-Banks at 404-712-8630 or principal investigator Patrick Sullivan at 404-727-2038.

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Do you have any questions about anything in the informational sheet? Were there any parts that seemed unclear?

Do you agree to take part in the study?

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**INVESTIGATOR:** Keith Horvath, PhD  
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