

CA Medical Monitoring Project Newsletter



The Medical Monitoring Project

What is MMP?

The Medical Monitoring Project (MMP) is a surveillance project designed to produce nationally representative data on people living with HIV/AIDS who are receiving care in the United States. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in collaboration with the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), and state and local health departments is conducting



Project Goals

The goals of MMP are to provide nationally representative estimates of clinical (quality of care, access to and use of HIV care, treatment) and behavioral (use of prevention services, medication adherence, and levels of ongoing risk behaviors) outcomes among persons living with HIV infection.

Importance of MMP

MMP can provide information about the behaviors, treatment, and health status of people living with HIV/AIDS. These data can be used in making local and national policy decisions and in HIV/AIDS funding and treatment services.

Project Participation

Maximum participation by providers and patients will increase the likelihood of obtaining information that is truly representative of patients in care for HIV. The success of MMP depends on the providers and patients selected to participate. Providers and patients who were not selected to participate in the project can still help by encouraging others to participate.

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MMP in California

The California Medical Monitoring Project (CA MMP) is carried out by staff from the California Department of Public Health Office of AIDS and Stanford University. Data collection in California first began in 2007 and is expected to run through the summer of 2014. MMP has two components: a personal interview and medical record abstraction. Each year, our interviewers/abstractors personally contact all randomly selected facilities and invite them to participate in MMP. HIV-infected patients

are then randomly selected from these participating facilities and are invited to take part in the interview with our trained staff. The interview takes approximately 45 minutes and includes questions concerning their medical history, use of medical and social services, and risk behaviors. Participants are compensated for their time. Our staff also conducts the medical chart abstractions which collect additional information from the patient's medical chart and complements the data from the interview.

Information collected during Interview	Information collected during Chart Abstraction
Demographics	Demographics
Access to healthcare	AIDS-defining and other illnesses
Adherence to medications	Insurance status
Risk behaviors	Laboratory values
Access to prevention services	Prophylaxis
	Antiretroviral and other prescribed medications
	Substance abuse/Mental health
	Reproductive health
	Mortality data
	Referrals to other clinics/services

Activities, 2007-2008

During the 2007 and 2008 MMP data collection years, our interviewers/abstractors were busy traveling throughout the State conducting the patient interviews and medical chart abstractions. Here is a quick look at the success we have had in California (excluding San Francisco and Los Angeles counties) and what the Medical Monitoring Project has accomplished from all 26 project sites.

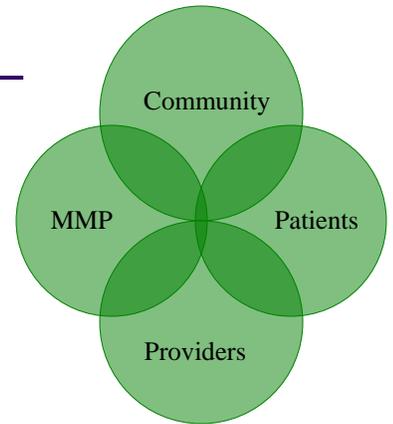
	2007		2008	
	Total # Participating Facilities	Total # Interviewed Patients	Total # Participating Facilities	Total # Interviewed Patients
CA MMP	38	148	26	93
National MMP	726	4096	595	2918

Currently, our staff is gearing up for the 2009 MMP data collection cycle. Some of you may have already been contacted about being selected to participate this year as well. We look forward to the possibility of working with you and your staff. As a participating provider in MMP, we also want to emphasize the importance of encouraging your patients to take part as well. This is their chance to share their experiences of living with HIV/AIDS. If you choose, however, not to participate, your patients will not be able to take part in this project, and you will not be replaced with another provider in the sample.

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THANK-YOU!!

The CA MMP would like to thank the hard working medical providers and staff from the facilities that made the 2007 and 2008 MMP data collection cycles a success. We could not do this without everyone's time, effort and dedication! We recognize how valuable your time is and sincerely appreciate your support and involvement in this project.



Provider Advisory Board

The California MMP has a Provider Advisory Board (PAB) made up of medical providers involved in the care and treatment of persons living with HIV/AIDS in California. The PAB is intended to represent large, medium, and small HIV care facilities in both rural and urban locales. Offering the provider's perspective, PAB members:

- Advise local and national MMP staff on aspects related to the development and implementation of MMP.
- Provide input on facility and patient recruitment strategies and increase project awareness among the medical community.
- Inform local providers about MMP, encourage providers to participate and serve as a local resource for those HIV providers approached to participate in MMP.

Members of the PAB are offered the opportunity to receive national recognition for serving and on advisory board or a CDC sponsored study, and collaborate with HIV care providers in the State and throughout the US.

If you would like more information regarding joining the PAB, please feel free to contact Sophia Vourthis by phone or email at (650) 726-9521 or sophiav@stanford.edu.

Community Advisory Board

The CA MMP Community Advisory Board (CAB) is made up of local representatives from the community that serve as a link between MMP staff and patients who participate in the project. Members of this board are a diverse group of individuals concerned about the wellbeing of HIV-positive persons in the community and the quality of care they receive. As community advocates, CAB members:

- Provide input in patient recruitment, questionnaire development, and data dissemination.
- Promote MMP by informing the HIV/AIDS community about MMP and its significance to public health and its potential to improve services for people living with HIV/AIDS.
- Act as a local resource for patients approached to participate in MMP, and convey the patient's perspective regarding MMP to local staff.

Members of the PAB have a unique opportunity to take part in a national project that will help direct future resources for HIV-infected patients in local communities in California, as well as across the US.

If you or someone you know may be interested becoming a member of the MMP Community Advisory Board, please feel free to contact Sophia Vourthis by phone at (650) 736-9521 or by email at sophiav@stanford.edu

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