

How can you help?

Patients, providers, and the community play a huge role in making MMP a success. Patients and providers who participate represent other patients and providers who were not chosen.

If you **are** chosen, you are encouraged to participate. The success of the MMP depends on you!

If you **are not** chosen, you can still help by encouraging others to participate.

Remember, these data will be used to represent patients getting care for HIV in your state and across the country. MMP results can have a big effect on future HIV prevention, care, and quality of life for persons living with HIV/AIDS.

Everyone's participation is essential. Together, we can learn much more about the ever-changing nature of HIV infection.



Q & As



- **How are providers and patients chosen?**

Providers and patients are randomly chosen to participate.

- **Is the information collected kept confidential?**

Yes, all information collected will be kept confidential including facility, provider and patient names. Facility, provider and patient names are not sent to CDC and will not be used in any reports.

- **Can patients decline or withdraw from participating?**

Yes, patients may decline or change their minds about participating at any time. However, patients selected represent other patients in care, so their participation is important.

- **Who will be conducting the project in the local areas?**

State and local health department staff will conduct all data collection activities.

- **Where can I learn more about the MMP?**

Patients and providers can contact their state or local health department for more information about the MMP.

For more information, go to
www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/treatment/index.htm



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MEDICAL MONITORING PROJECT



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What is the MMP?

The Medical Monitoring Project (MMP) is a patient survey to learn more about the experiences and needs of people who are getting care for HIV. It is sponsored by several government agencies. The MMP will help answer the following questions:

- How many people living with HIV/AIDS are getting care for HIV?
- How easy is it to access care and use prevention and support services?
- What needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS are not met?
- How is treatment affecting people living with HIV/AIDS?

Why is the MMP so important?

The MMP is important because it is the most complete project of its kind. It will provide information about the behaviors, treatment, and health status of people living with HIV/AIDS.

How will this information be used?

This information will be used to help people living with HIV/AIDS. It will be shared with HIV prevention community planning groups, Ryan White CARE Act advisory and planning councils, and with people who provide care for people living with HIV/AIDS. This information can be used to make policy decisions (local and national) and to decide how money and treatment services can best be used to benefit people living with HIV/AIDS in the local project areas.

Where is the MMP?

The MMP is taking place across the United States in 19 states, 1 US territory, and 6 cities. Health departments, providers, and patients at these 26 sites are working together to make the MMP a success.

States		MMP Sites	Cities
	Territory		
California	New Jersey	Puerto Rico	Chicago
Delaware	New York		Houston
Florida	North Carolina		Los Angeles
Georgia	Oregon		New York City
Illinois	Pennsylvania		Philadelphia
Indiana	South Carolina		San Francisco
Maryland	Texas		
Massachusetts	Virginia		
Michigan	Washington		
Mississippi			

How can patients and providers participate?

In each participating area, a sample of clinics and providers will be randomly chosen. These providers will work with their state or local health department to contact randomly selected patients. Patients must be 18 years or older and getting care for HIV/AIDS. Patients will be confidentially invited to participate in an interview by MMP staff from the health department. Participants will be compensated for their time.

Is privacy protected?

Privacy and confidentiality are very important and will be strictly guarded. Names of patients, providers, and clinics will not be sent to CDC. Information about each patient, provider, or clinic will not be released or used in any reports.

How are other people taking part in MMP?

There are two types of groups that play a special role in the project; one for patients and the other for providers.

For patients: A national community advisory board (CAB) is made up of community members from each project area, who will help look out for the best interests of the community and serve as a link between MMP staff and patients who participate. The national CAB will be able to share information about the project and give feedback about how patients are recruited, how data are collected and about how the project is seen by the community.

For providers: A national provider advisory board (PAB) is made up of providers who give HIV care. They are experts in HIV care and treatment. Members of the PAB will represent other providers from medical facilities of all sizes, large, medium, and small in participating areas. The PAB will allow providers to give input on the project, how data are collected and what important questions the MMP can answer related to health care.

