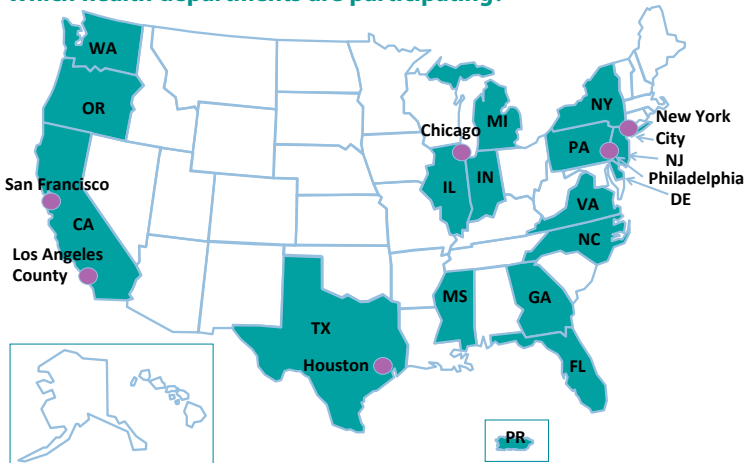


Frequently Asked Questions for Providers

What is the Medical Monitoring Project (MMP)?

MMP is a cross-sectional, locally and nationally representative sample survey that assesses the clinical and behavioral characteristics of adults with diagnosed HIV in the United States and Puerto Rico, regardless of HIV care status. Information gathered from MMP can be used to help improve the quality of HIV prevention, care, and treatment services for people with HIV throughout the United States. The project is conducted by state, territorial, and local health departments in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Which health departments are participating?



What should I say if my patient asks me about MMP?

You can tell them that:

- MMP is a legitimate, long-standing project run by the health department and CDC.
- Information from MMP is used by prevention planning groups, policy leaders, health care providers, and people with HIV to advocate for needed resources and improve the quality of those services.
- Participants receive a token of appreciation (typically a gift card).

Even if your patient is not interested in participating, ask them to contact their local MMP staff. This way the staff know to stop contacting them.

How were my patients sampled?

Like many other reportable health conditions, all HIV diagnoses are reported to public health departments. MMP samples adults with diagnosed HIV from this list of reported cases. Only sampled persons can participate. Sampled persons are contacted either directly by the health department or through their providers to obtain consent for their participation.



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Will my patient be compensated?

Your patient will receive a token of appreciation (typically a gift card) for taking part in MMP.

What kind of information is collected?

We collect information on various demographic, clinical, and behavioral characteristics. This includes, but is not limited to, the following information:

- Medical history
- Prescribed medications
- Medical and social services
- Clinic visits

More details on the questionnaire and medical record abstraction forms are available at: www.cdc.gov/hiv/statistics/systems/mmp/resources.html.

Why do you need to look at my patient's medical record?

Information from the medical record assists with assessing HIV treatment and quality of care at local and national levels. No identifying information (i.e., provider or client names) is maintained.

How has the information from the survey been used?

MMP data have been used to increase awareness and influence local and national policies on matters that impact people with HIV. At the national level, data have been used to assess adherence to clinical guidelines, inform CDC's anti-stigma campaign, and inform health care providers of ways to improve care for persons with HIV.

Locally, MMP data have been used to inform program planning, policy, and funding for services, including the Ryan White HIV/AIDS program.

Findings are routinely published in surveillance reports and medical journals and presented to community planning groups and at national conferences on topics such as HIV medication prescription, viral suppression, and health care coverage.

For more information about MMP products, please visit: www.cdc.gov/hiv/statistics/systems/mmp/resources.html.

How are the data secured?

MMP staff follow strict protocols to ensure the privacy and confidentiality of your patients' information. No individual identifiers, including patient or provider names or addresses, are sent to CDC, nor will they be released or used in any reports.

For more information on the minimum required data security and confidentiality standards, please see the guidelines here: www.cdc.gov/nchstp/programintegration/docs/pcsidatasecurityguidelines.pdf.

For any other questions, please contact your local MMP staff.

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