

Issues, Challenges and Recommended Solutions in Recruiting and Interviewing Multi-Cultural Population of HIV/AIDS Patients†

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Abstract

HIV/AIDS surveys have been conducted for a variety of purposes and on a diverse set of populations with established records of successes and disappointments with different approaches. This round table discussion will focus on the issues and challenges faced in locating, recruiting, tracking and interviewing multi-cultural HIV/AIDS patients receiving care in outpatient clinics. Recognizing the socio-economic and cultural diversity of the target clients population, the session will also discuss the use of culturally sensitive approach to track and interview patients. Finally, the approach taken to maintain the methodological rigor of survey evaluation, which includes adapting a flexible interview protocol, maintaining the objectivity of the interviewer; independence of the interviewer from job roles; and protecting client confidentiality, among others will be explored.

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