NIH HIV-Related Stigma and Discrimination Research

PLHIV Stigma Index Webinar Series
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NIH Stigma Scientific Interest Group:

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HIV-Related Stigma Research as a Priority at the National Institutes of Health

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Abstract
The National Institutes of Health (NIH) recognizes that, despite HIV scientific advances, stigma and discrimination continue to be critical barriers to the uptake of evidence-based HIV interventions. Achieving the Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America (EHE) goals will require eliminating HIV-related stigma. NIH has a significant history of supporting HIV stigma research across its Institutes, Centers, and Offices (ICO)s as a research priority. This article provides an overview of NIH HIV stigma research efforts. Each ICO articulates how their mission shapes their interest in HIV stigma research and provides a summary of ICO-relevant scientific findings. Research gaps and/or future opportunities are identified throughout, with key research themes and approaches noted. Taken together, the collective actions on the part of the NIH, in tandem with a whole of government and whole of society approach, will contribute to achieving EHE’s milestones.

Keywords  HIV - Stigma/discrimination - Prevention - Treatment - Government
NIH HIV-Related Stigma Research Activities

NIMH, the Stigma Action Network, the UN Programme on HIV/AIDS, and the STRIVE program consortium published a special issue in JIAS on HIV-related stigma:
• Challenges to prevention and treatment
• Communities needs
• Prevalence and drivers

White House Meeting on HIV Stigma, 2016
• Interventions, Measures, Actions
• Emergence of the importance of Intersectional Stigma
NIH Health-Related Stigma Research Activities

Topic: Stigma Reduction
Science of Stigma Reduction: New Directions for Research to Improve Health
Workshop | Journal Publication

Convening U.S. and LMIC researchers, policymakers and program implementers focused on reducing health-related stigma across disease areas, populations and settings.

Workshop Convened June, 2017
U.S. and LMIC researchers, policymakers and program implementers, with a focus on reducing health-related stigma.

BMC Medicine 2019

Collection on: Stigma Research and Global Health

- Articulate research gaps and opportunities that reflect evolving global disease burdens, scientific advances and social/cultural dynamics
- Define key priorities for research
- Catalyze new scientific approaches
NIH OAR and NIMH Administrative Supplement to (1) collaborate with GNP+ on expanding sampling strategies and analytic plans for planned stigma indices to be implemented by GNP+ and local implementers in 31 countries around the world; and (2) support technical capacity among GNP+ and local implementing partners on sampling strategies, stigma measurement approaches, shared dissemination products including reports and peer-reviewed manuscripts from data collected in 31 countries around the world.
NIMH and NIH Partners Expand Approaches to Address Stigma

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Overview: The three-phase HIVIS workshop was co-organized by the NIH Office of AIDS Research (OAR) and the National Institute of Mental Health Division of AIDS Research (NIMH DAR). Co-chaired by Dr. Goodenow (Director, NIH OAR) and Dr. Rausch (Director, NIMH DAR), the workshop included more than 100 participants representing research, community, program and policy, and other sectors. The workshop aimed to advance HIV prevention and treatment science, inform the Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) initiative, and bolster HIV efforts worldwide.

Read the full summary from the HIV-Related Intersectional Stigma Research Advances and Opportunities Workshop.

National Institutes of Health Office of AIDS Research
National Institute of Mental Health Division of AIDS Research

HIV-Related Intersectional Stigma
Research Advances and Opportunities Workshop
July - September 2020

Workshop Summary
NIH Office of AIDS Research (OAR) and NIMH HIV-Related Intersectional Stigma

ADDRESSING INTERSECTIONAL STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION TO IMPROVE HIV-RELATED OUTCOMES

RESEARCH
An Expended Definition
Coing Intersectional Stigma
Methods and Measurement

PEOPLE AND PLACES
Syndemic Frameworks
Intersectional Populations
Spaces and Places

INTERVENTIONS
Community Coalitions
Monitoring
Resilience and Prevention

AIDS 2022
29 July - 2 August

TITLE
Launch of the 2022 AJPH Special Issue: Addressing HIV-related intersectional stigma and discrimination to improve outcomes and inform public health efforts

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Stigma plays a fundamental role in the development and perpetuation of health inequities in the context of a range of diseases including cancer, epilepsy, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection, mental illness, and obesity. Stigmatized individuals can be excluded from effective or quality treatment and care and may be subject to human rights abuses, which in turn can lead to healthcare avoidance and adverse health outcomes. Stigma is associated with increased psychiatric morbidity, particularly depression and anxiety, and it has repeatedly been associated with decreased quality of life and poorer functioning across conditions. Coping with having a stigmatized identity and accompanying discrimination can have deleterious effects on their own. Although research across disciplines finds that drivers of stigma are similar, current research is siloed by disease or population, limiting opportunities for research that builds upon the progress made across disciplines.
COMMENT

Choosing appropriate language to reduce the stigma around mental illness and substance use disorders

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