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Our Mission

To end the HIV epidemic and its associated health and social disparities by conducting high-impact HIV prevention science and building capacity among researchers and communities to effectively address the epidemic.

Scientific Leadership

CAPS scientists are at the forefront of HIV research that has defined and continues to lead the next generation of HIV prevention and intervention efforts. The Center's 30-year rich history conducting social behavioral, intervention, and policy research as well as implementation science has positioned it as a well-respected, sought-after resource having significant impact at the local, state, national, and international level. The Center claims an active and dynamic faculty and HIV research focus that has evolved over time to address the complexities of the epidemic.

- Behavioral and biomedical prevention interventions and evaluation
- Expertise and training of next generation scientists
- Research to practice; science dissemination and implementation
- Optimizing engagement in the HIV continuum of care
- Preventing new HIV infections including treatment as prevention
- Reducing disparities among special populations

World-class scientists

push scientific boundaries of HIV prevention and treatment research, community engagement, implementation science and evaluation, reaching communities around the world to end the HIV epidemic.



Behavioral and Biomedical Prevention

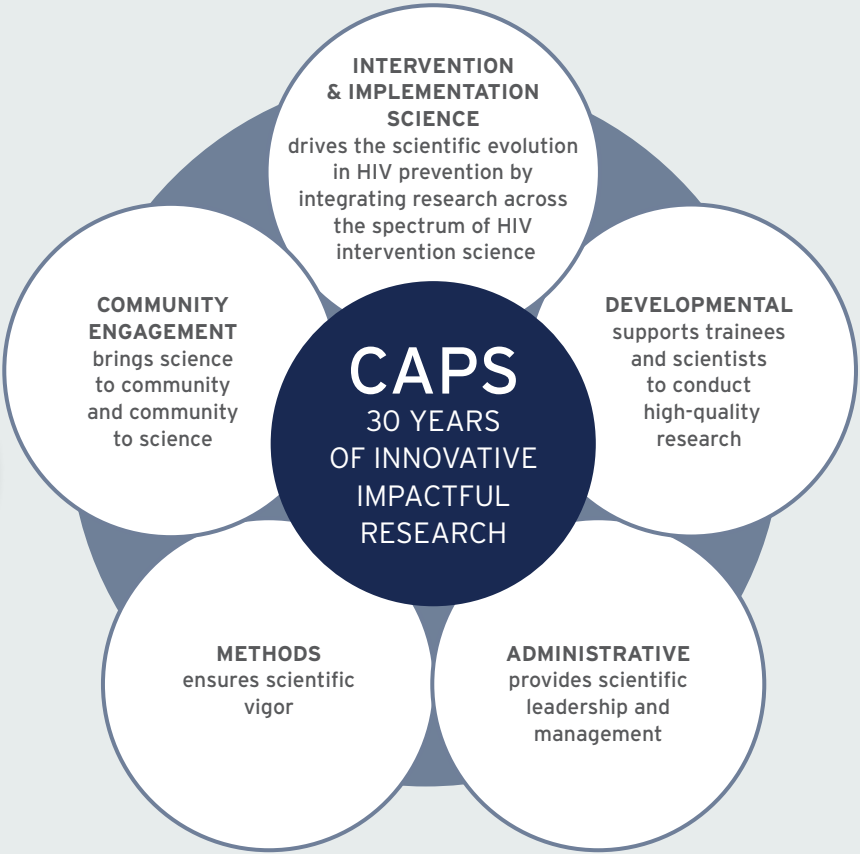
CAPS research is helping to understand PrEP efficacy, acceptability and uptake, as well as being used to facilitate the scale up of PrEP among gay and bisexual men, the transgender community, and heterosexual women.

An important step to HIV prevention is knowledge of ones’ HIV status. CAPS is a leader in documenting, understanding, and intervening on HIV testing behavior. For example, CAPS research shows the potential for leveraging and expanding uptake of a new technology, “HIV self-testing”, among diverse groups who are at-risk for HIV infection, such as:

- Gay bathhouse setting
- Young African American and Latino gay, bisexual, and other MSM
- Trans women
- MSM in South Africa

CAPS continues to be committed to developing HIV strategies that benefit vulnerable and stigmatized groups experiencing significant health disparities, including sex workers, MSM, the Trans community, and people living with HIV. CAPS’ leadership working with these populations to examine behavioral and biomedical prevention is indisputable locally, national and internationally. Many examples of the Center’s compelling work exist including its co-lead of UCSF’s Center of Excellence (CoE) for Transgender Health where significant accomplishments are evident, including:

- Co-development of the TRANSIT, a field guide that will support the provision of Trans HIV services globally
- Development of the National Transgender HIV Testing Toolkit
- Implementation of a 2016 IAC 2-day Trans pre-conference agenda “No More Lip Service” – Trans access, equity and rights now!
- Development and implementation of Trans-specific research projects



Provide Online Resources to Optimize Outcomes

CAPS has an unprecedented local, state, national and global record serving as a research resource to health departments, community-based organizations, health providers, and HIV planning councils. Those most in need are targeted to take advantage of the Center’s unique complement of “real-time” information, tools, resources, and strategies available on the website <http://caps.ucsf.edu/resources>

- Access current HIV prevention research and factsheets
- Access reports, monographs
- Access intervention curriculum, how-to-manuals, and CBPR Toolbox materials
- Access and use adaptable survey instruments and scales
- Find evidence-based interventions
- Connect with CBOs and researchers
- Receive mentoring and find fellowships for post-doctoral, international and minority researchers
- Build capacity and support community collaborative research
- Receive training and access technical assistance on research and programs



CAPS assists scientists

to reach beyond scientific silos and work together, fostering scientific innovation, encouraging multi-disciplinary collaboration, enhancing excellence and relevance in research, and effectively disseminating research findings.

Prevention Science at Work

CAPS science targets and reaches populations that benefit from HIV prevention research and the Center's rich toolbox of resources. CAPS’ prevention strategies for most-in-need populations include:

- Men who have sex with men (MSM) of color in the U.S.
- Global MSM
- Incarcerated and recently released men and women
- Transgender communities
- Sex workers
- Reproductive age women and their children
- People who abuse substances
- HIV serodiscordant couples
- Adolescents and youth at risk of HIV infection
- People living with HIV



CAPS has effective partnerships and a diverse funding record.

The Center's national and global research and community engagement reputation is grounded in its commitment to work collaboratively with key research partners and diverse agencies and organizations that serve the HIV community.

Partnerships

<http://caps.ucsf.edu/partnerships>

Pacific AIDS Education & Training Center (PAETC)
Priscilla and Mark Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center
Division of HIV/AIDS
UCSF Center of Excellence for Transgender Health
UCSF Clinical and Transitional Science Institute (CTSI)
UCSF Gladstone Center for AIDS Research (CFAR)
UCSF Global Health Sciences (GHS)

Agencies and Organizations Served

<http://caps.ucsf.edu/agencies&organizationserved>

ASOs, CBOs & NGOs – local, national & international
Bay Area HIV planning councils
Bay Area HIV consortiums
Local & state health departments
World Health Organization (WHO)

Funders

<http://caps.ucsf.edu/funders>

National Institutes of Health and Centers
Alcohol Abuse & Alcoholism
Allergy & Infectious Diseases
Child Health & Human Development
Center Complementary & Integrative Health
Drug Abuse
John E. Fogarty International Center
Mental Health
Minority Health & Health Disparities
Nursing Research

Local, State and National Government
California HIV/AIDS Research Program
California Department of Health Services
Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
City & County of San Francisco
Health Resources & Services Administration
Substance Abuse & Mental Health Service Administration –
Center for Substance Abuse Treatment

Foundations and Corporations
The MAC Fund
The San Francisco Foundation
Until There's a Cure Foundation
William T. Grant Foundation

Next generation “early-career” HIV scientists look to CAPS’ flagship training programs to enrich and boost their research careers:

<http://caps.ucsf.edu/training>

Traineeships in AIDS Prevention Studies (TAPS) Postdoctoral Fellowship Program

Post-doctoral, post-residency, or post-clinical fellows and individuals recently completing doctoral degrees are mentored by CAPS faculty for 2-3 years, gaining added training in research methods, public health and HIV/AIDS, and their MPH.

In the last 10 years, scholars have produced 580 peer-reviewed publications and received funding as a PI for 220 grant awards.

Collaborative HIV Prevention Research in Minority Communities Program

Over three consecutive summers (six weeks each), the Visiting Professor Program (VPP) assists investigators conducting HIV-prevention research with minority communities to improve their research and obtain additional funding to support their work.

In the last 5 years, VPP scientists were awarded 27 multi-year research grants funded by NIH and other funders.

International Traineeships in AIDS Prevention Studies (I-TAPS)

Scientists from low- and middle-income countries receive six weeks of extensive training in AIDS prevention research and subsequent training in scientific writing.

Ninety-seven scholars, mostly from developing nations, have published 63 peer-reviewed articles.

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The Center for AIDS Prevention Studies (CAPS) at University of California San Francisco (UCSF) is a productive, vibrant, and innovative organization committed to conducting cutting-edge, high-impact HIV prevention research. It is the largest research center in the world devoted to social, behavioral, and policy-based approaches to HIV prevention.

