

## International Travel Research to Inform Prevention (I-TRIP)

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### Project Description

I-TRIP studies sexual risk behavior in the context of international travel among gay and bisexual men from the San Francisco Bay Area.

The specific aims are:

1. To measure the prevalence of sexual risk behavior during international travel among gay and bisexual men from the Bay Area
2. To document the prevalence of ART drug resistance among gay and bisexual international travelers from the Bay Area
3. To examine the informational, motivational and behavioral skills correlates of safer sex disinhibition during international travel

Our study will employ a mixed-methods approach combining quantitative and qualitative components to assess sexual risk behavior and potential correlates of behavioral disinhibition. We will use Respondent-Driven Sampling (RDS) to recruit a representative cross-sectional survey of 1,000 gay and bisexual men in San Francisco and the greater Bay Area who travel internationally.

### Significance

International travel poses multiple challenges to the prevention of HIV and sexually transmitted diseases in the US and worldwide. In foreign settings, prevention efforts may be hindered by destination-specific information, differing motivations and lack of behavioral skills necessary for risk reduction behaviors. This study seeks to better understand the health needs gay and bisexual men encounter while traveling internationally.

**Project Recruitment Dates:** May 2008 - August 2011

**Project End Date:** August 2011