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Dear Methods Core seminar participants,

Our first seminar in August is scheduled to take place in two weeks.

This August, the Methods Core invites Sam Dilworth and Dee Chakravarty to present a discussion covering the survey software products Qualtrics and REDCap; these products are free to UCSF employees and could be the answer to your data collection needs!

In preparation for their seminar, they have crafted a brief online survey, where they hope to hear about your experiences with one or both of these products; it shouldn't take more than 5 minutes to complete and your input is greatly appreciated!! The link to their short survey is here: [short survey](#). No need to retake the survey if you had previously completed it.

**Title:** To 'Qualtrics' or to 'REDCap'? That is the question...

**Presenters:** Samantha E. Dilworth, M.S. and Deepalika Chakravarty, M.S.  
Center for AIDS Prevention Studies (CAPS)  
Department of Medicine, UCSF

**Date:** Tuesday, August 28, 2018

**Time:** 12 noon - 2:00 pm

**Location:** AmfAR Conference room MH-3700  
550 16<sup>th</sup> Street (at 4<sup>th</sup> Street), 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Mission Bay, SF 94158

**Abstract:** As part of the MyResearch suite of applications, UCSF has made available two different online survey software packages: Qualtrics and Research Electronic Data Capture (REDCap). These applications are available to the UCSF Research Community and its collaborators at no extra cost. This talk will present an overview and comparison of these two applications by using examples of their real life implementation in research projects. Topics will include primary features, benefits, shortcomings, and IT-support options. The goal is to enable investigators and data analysis personnel to decide if one or both of these tools can be useful for their research studies.

Bios:

Sam Dilworth is a long-time CAPS statistician/data manager, having worked on a wide array of projects at CAPS and SFGH. Her adventures in HIV-prevention research run the gamut, from studies on a cohort of homeless women, to harm-reduction among meth-using MSM, to longitudinal research with gay couples. As a data manager, she has extensive experience with programming surveys, maintaining databases for, and producing analysis-ready datasets from multiple data collection/survey software packages, including Qualtrics, RedCAP, QDS, CASIC, and Survey Monkey. Her statistical qualifications afford her the benefit of knowing how best to capture the data in terms of how it is needed for data quality, precision, and analysis. She has consulted with and advised other researchers on survey software solutions; created protocols for survey testing, data collection, and data management; and is driven to find, master, and apply the best survey software available for the needs of the study.

Ms. Chakravarty is a biostatistician at CAPS experienced in survey programming, survey data management and statistical analyses of HIV related data from diverse populations. She has been the statistician and data manager on numerous longitudinal studies including multi-site HRSA-funded demonstration studies as well as NIMH-funded studies on gay couples. She has programmed and managed surveys for Computer Assisted Survey Instrument (CASI) administration using QDS, REDCap and Qualtrics. She has created databases to facilitate the day-to-day recruitment tracking and similar administrative aspects of longitudinal dyadic studies. She has also developed data collection and data management protocols, trained appropriate personnel and supervised data collection.

Please let Estie Hudes know if you are planning to attend the seminar and, if you are coming from outside of Mission Hall, whether you need to be put on the building security list.

Hope to see you many of you on August 28,  
--Estie

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For building entrance at Mission Hall., please RSVP to Estie Hudes ahead of time.

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