

**Ending the Epidemic Task Force
Committee Recommendation
CR29**

Recommendation Title: Identify and Address Implementation Science Research Gaps and Continually Inform the Plan Implementers with the Latest Available Science, Evidence, and Policy

- a. Conduct at least three statewide HIV prevalence surveys in hospital emergency departments between 2015-2020 to
- b. Measure the baseline, interim, and final impact of the Plan.
- c. Develop and implement indicators for living well, including housing, employment, job opportunities, transportation, stigma and discrimination.
- d. Convene, at least annually, NYS Ending the Epidemic research, public health, and community consultations and conferences among key stakeholders to bring together quantitative and qualitative data from all sources to determine whether Plan metrics or indicators need to be modified, to monitor progress achieving the goals of the Plan, and to identify and address research gaps.

1. For which goal outlined in the Governor's plan to end the epidemic in New York State does this recommendation apply? *1,2 and 3*

2. **Proposed Recommendation: Identify and address implementation science research gaps and continually inform the Plan implementers with the latest available science, evidence, and policy.** Identify implementation science gaps and determine what resources are needed to carry out a comprehensive agenda to answer research questions to optimize program outcomes within the Plan. Treatment Action Group (TAG) and the American Foundation for AIDS Research (amfAR) have developed a community-driven research agenda to fill gaps in the HIV treatment cascade (<http://www.treatmentactiongroup.org/hiv/filling-gaps>). Implementing this agenda in the New York State context and broadening the implementation science agenda to include prevention, housing and supportive services will provide a stronger evidence base for optimizing resource allocation to achieve the goals and objectives of the Plan.
 - a. Conduct at least three statewide HIV prevalence surveys in hospital emergency departments between 2015 -2020 to measure the baseline, interim, and final impact of the Plan. Conduct at least three statewide HIV prevalence surveys between 2015–2020 to more directly measure the proportion of HIV-infected people who don't know their HIV status and to measure prospectively the effects of the Plan.
 - Conduct at least three statewide HIV prevalence surveys from 2015–2020 to monitor baseline, interim, and final results of the Plan.
 - To better understand epidemic dynamics in key populations conduct in-depth cross-sectional or prospective studies.



- Among transgender women, men who have sex with men, people who inject drugs, high-risk heterosexuals and others as needed.
- b. Develop and implement indicators for living well, including housing, employment, job opportunities, transportation, stigma and discrimination. NYS should develop and implement qualitative and quantitative indicators for HIV-positive persons living well, including housing, employment, job opportunities, transportation, stigma and discrimination. Measurements of stigma and discrimination should measure these indicators among providers, the general population, people at risk for HIV and people living with HIV.
- c. Convene, at least annually, NYS Ending the Epidemic research, public health and community consultations and conferences among key stakeholders to bring together quantitative and qualitative data from all sources to determine whether Plan metrics or indicators need to be modified, to monitor progress achieving the goals of the Plan, and to identify and address research gaps.

List of key individuals, stakeholders, or populations who would benefit from this recommendation

- People at risk for HIV
 - Individuals with HIV
 - Providers
 - Insurers
3. **Would implementation of this recommendation be permitted under current laws or would a statutory change be required?** Permitted under current law. Will require new resources.
 4. **Is this recommendation something that could feasibly be implemented in the short-term (within the next year) or long-term (within the next three to six years)?** Immediate and throughout the plan.
 5. **Please list the TF numbers of the original recommendations that contributed to this current version:** TF104, TF285, TF290.

