

HARP-PS

Introducing Our Project to the Communities of the Inland Empire

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The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute is a federally authorized, non-partisan, independent research sponsor. PCORI helps people make informed healthcare decisions, improving healthcare delivery and outcomes. They fund and promote evidence-based information from research guided by patients, caregivers, and the broader healthcare community. PCORI strives to make science accessible.

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UC Riverside

The University of California Riverside School of Medicine was founded in 2013 as the first new public medical school west of the Mississippi in 50 years. Through its Center for Healthy Communities, UCR promotes research to improve the health of the culturally and economically diverse communities in Inland Southern California, especially those that are medically underserved.

The HIV & Aging Research Project - Palm Springs

HARP-PS began in 2014 as a collaboration between interested medical professionals, researchers, and HIV advocates. Known originally as the Coachella Valley Community Research Initiative, the name was changed to better describe the group's work. Our activities are partially funded through a Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) "Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Award #4367."



Mission and Method

The grant was awarded for HARP-PS to identify areas of research that the HIV-affected communities of the Inland Empire believe to be most important, and to settle on one topic to pursue further.

To do this we have formed a pair of committees, who will work cooperatively to conduct focus groups in which members of the



Palm Springs

The Coachella Valley has long been a retirement and playground destination. It has a large community of people aging with HIV, including long-term survivors and people recently infected. Community norms support research and innovative healthcare. This combination provides an ideal environment for the study of long-term HIV infection and the complications of aging with HIV.

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community are invited to share and discuss their own ideas about HIV & Aging research. The groups will be led by members of the Steering Committee and Patient Partner Advisory Board. Please contact Chris Christensen to join a focus group.

The Patient Partner Advisory Board is made up of HIV+ members of the diverse communities in the Inland Empire. The PPAB keeps focus on patient needs for all decisions made during the project.

The Steering Committee is composed of “stakeholders”: researchers, medical providers, people aging with HIV, caregivers, and Community-Based Organizations. They will determine which of the suggested topics has the strongest response, is supported by all stakeholders, and will become the topic for future research.

National Stakeholders' Roundtable and Reunion Project Community Summit

To discuss research & policy needs of those aging with HIV, we will invite national opinion leaders to a Stakeholders' Roundtable at the Annenberg Center for Health Sciences at Eisenhower Medical Center in Rancho Mirage on March 30, 2018.

This will be followed on March 31 by a daylong Reunion Project summit on HIV & aging open to the entire HIV-affected community, regardless of HIV status. The Reunion Project first came to the Coachella Valley in November 2014. This one will include a report from the Stakeholders' Roundtable the day before, followed by a town-hall type discussion for the community to provide their input about they believe to be local research and service needs for optimal HIV care.



