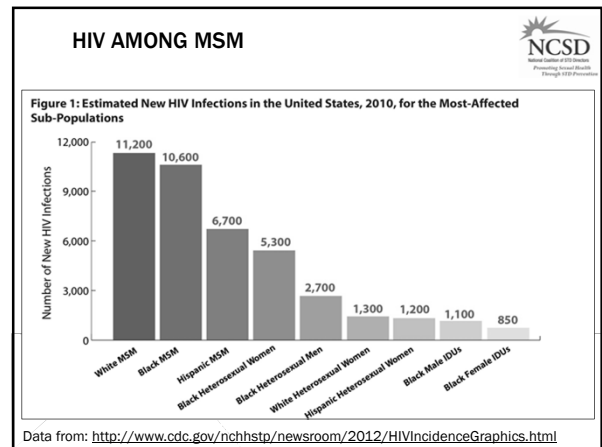
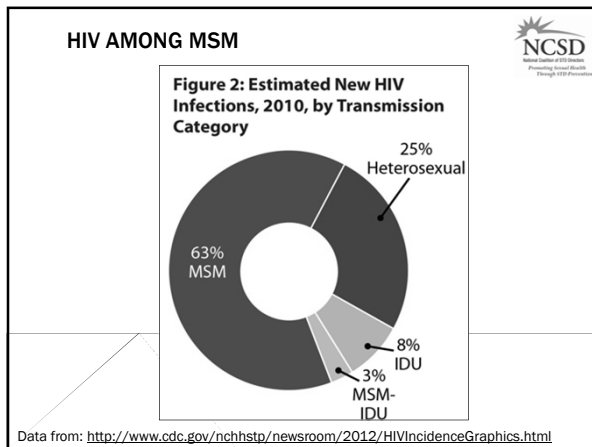
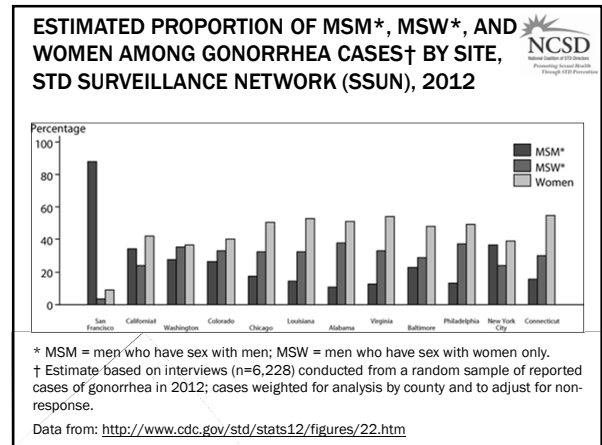
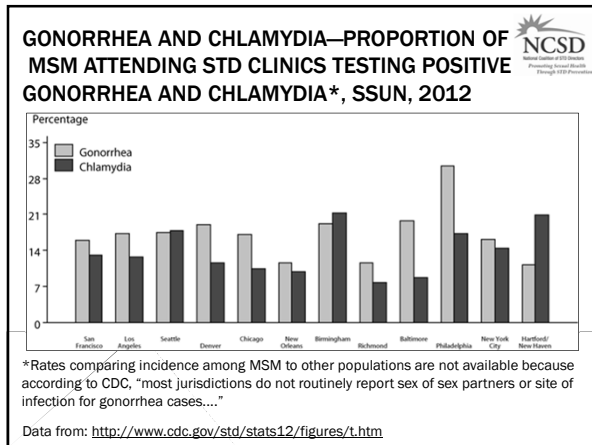
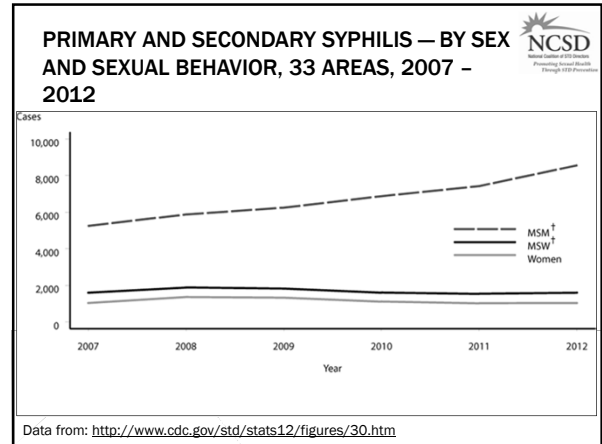




**Understanding the disproportional rate of STDs among MSM—a discussion of social determinants**






We are losing ground when it comes to gay men and other men who have sex with men and their sexual health.





**Why?**


- Generational shift
- Overall fatigue – condoms, prevention messaging
- Treatability of HIV
- Impression of all STDs, including HIV, as a nuisance or worse, an inevitable, right of passage
- Expansion of sex seeking opportunities – ManHunt, Adam4Adam, Grindr, Scruff, Growlr




**SILENCE ≠ DEATH**











Yet -- What about the larger context within which gay men and other MSM are living.



**CDC'S DEFINITION OF THE "SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH"**

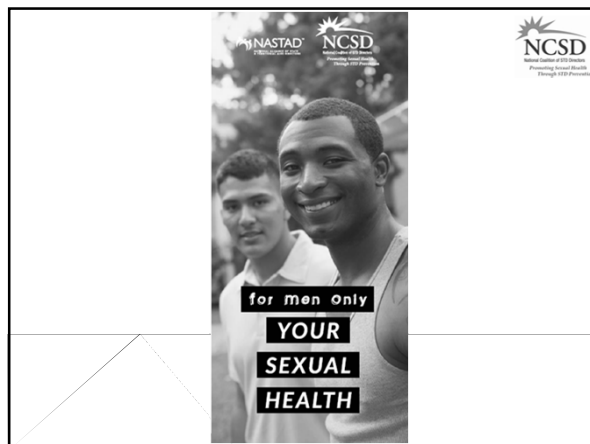
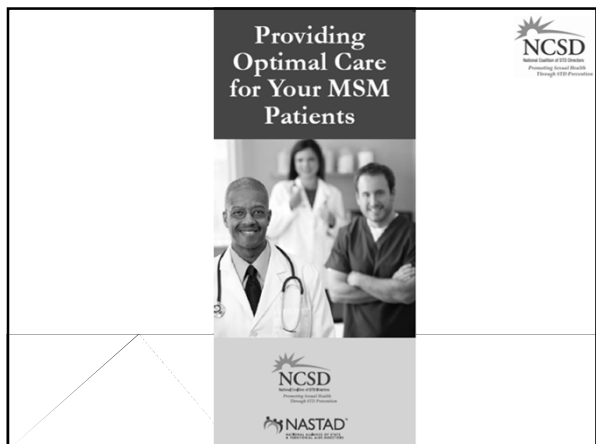
"The complex, integrated, and overlapping social structures and economic systems that are responsible for most health inequities. These social structures and economic systems include the **social environment**, physical environment, **health services**, and structural and **societal factors**. Social determinants of health are shaped by the distribution of money, power, and resources throughout local communities, nations, and the world."

Data from: <http://www.cdc.gov/socialdeterminants/Definitions.html>



**HEALTH SERVICES**

- **The Provider "Problem"**
  - Time pressures and priorities
  - Retirement of HIV specialists
  - Discomfort
  - Up to date knowledge
- **The Patient "Problem"**
  - Time Pressures and priorities
  - Provider availability
  - Discomfort
  - Knowledge of needs



**HEALTH SERVICES CONT'D**

NCS/D  
National Center of STD Control  
Promoting Sexual Health  
Through STD Prevention

- Ensuring our health department clinics and staff are MSM competent
- Continuity of safety net services – free and confidential
- Integrated services for MSM and referral mechanisms in place
- Exploring High Intensity Behavioral Counseling
- New Point-of-Care Diagnostics on the horizon for CT, GC, HSV, Syphilis

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**HPV and Anal Cancer**

- Prevention through vaccination
- Type specific DNA testing for high-risk types
- Pap testing
- High resolution anoscopy

**Warts**

**RAISING AWARENESS**

**THE ROLE OF SCHOOLS**

- Comprehensive sex education that incorporates LGBT people's lives
- LGBT-inclusive teacher preparation
- School Environment and Climate – GSAs and Anti-Bullying
- School-based or school linked Sexual Health Services

[www.glsen.org](http://www.glsen.org)  
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**Money and the Research Agenda – RST, EPT**

**Internalized stigma**

**Pornography and condoms**

**PrEP**

**“Condomless sex”**

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