



THE PRIDE STUDY

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LANDMARK LONG-TERM HEALTH STUDY OF LGBTQ AMERICANS LAUNCHES
Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer participants enroll via Internet

San Francisco, California: [The Population Research in Identity and Disparities for Equality, or PRIDE, Study \(TPS\)](#), the first longitudinal study of a cohort of LGBTQ adults in the United States, launches May 16, 2017. Since 2015, more than 18,000 participants have enrolled and contributed to the study's development during *an extensive pilot phase*. Their input resulted in expanded electronic access, a customized dashboard for participants to view data, and enhanced security features.

Participants can join via smartphones, tablets, laptop or desktop computers, or over the phone, which will make it easier to report their health over the span of their involvement. All information is protected with state-of-the-art security.

TPS community partners and advisors are concerned that gains made in including sexual orientation and gender identity questions on national surveys will soon be rolled back, making TPS a crucial player in efforts to understand the health of these communities.

[Insights Could Lead to Better Care for the LGBTQ Community](#)

"We need to know what's happening with people's health, the good and the bad, in order to do a better job of helping them," said Ward Carpenter, MD, Director of Primary Care Services at the Los Angeles LGBT Center and founding member of the study's advisory committee. "This study truly represents a sea change for understanding LGBTQ health, and will create the map that helps us improve healthcare and influence policy in the future" say Principal Investigators [Juno Obedin-Maliver](#), MD, MPH and [Mitchell Lunn](#), MD.

The PRIDE Study:

- Was designed and implemented by members of the LGBTQ community
- Includes adults who identify as LGBTQ, and live in the US and US Territories
- Collects data about identities, health conditions, and healthcare experiences
- Provides state-of-the-art data security at physical, platform, database, and individual levels
- Includes community and participant input at all stages
- Needs diverse voices to collect quality data and do meaningful research

The unique *community forum feature* (in which study participants vote on their top health questions) generated 53,000 votes and 3,400 conversations during the pilot phase. Among the top issues participants would like researched were depression and anxiety, teen suicide, and the role of family support in health.

The PRIDE Study and affiliated PRIDENet (a national network of LGBTQ-serving organizations) are based at the University of California, San Francisco and funded by the [Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute](#). Learn more at www.pridestudy.org or by calling 415-476-2221 or 855-421-9991 (toll-free).

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