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- Hispanics/Latinos in the US are disproportionally affected by HIV.
- Puerto Rico has some of the most worrisome HIV/AIDS statistics in the US and its territories.
- Stigmatization is a social condition. Stigma should be addressed from the structural social determinants that create and support it.
- HIV stigma impacts HIV prevention and access to care.





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- Social-construction of HIV as a negative condition.
- HIV stigma poses a major health risk.
- Healthcare professionals stigmatizing attitudes.
- Socio-structural barriers to develop inclusive policies.





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 Development of culturally appropriate research and interventions.

• Examples:









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Multisectorial response

- Populations made vulnerable in the forefront
- Culturally appropriate interventions
- Evidence-based
- Laws and policies require revisions

Transdisciplinary collaborations

- Inclusion of public health scientists, economists, planners, law experts, among others
- Capacity building
 - Across disciplines
 - Impact in curricula





