



Dear Colleague,

NASTAD, National Coalition of STD Directors (NCSA), and the National Network of STD Clinical Prevention Training Centers (NNPTC) are proud to announce the launch of the [MSM Sexual Health Standards of Care](#). These standards strive to equip providers and health departments with a tool that defines high-quality, culturally competent, LGBT-affirming care for the whole person. The MSM Standards of Care builds on a foundational set of materials developed by NASTAD and NCSA including, [Providing Optimal Care for Your MSM Patients](#) and [Addressing Stigma: a Blueprint for Improving HIV/STD Prevention and Care Outcomes for Black and Latino Gay Men](#).

The recommendations included in the MSM Sexual Health Standards of Care come from a wealth of clinical and programmatic experience and tackles the disease burden disproportionately faced by MSM. While the standards primarily are aimed at oddslot providers, they are also a tool to educate communities to empower MSM to seek the quality sexual health services they deserve.

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Thank you,

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