

- How we recruit participants?

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- We work hand to hand with **BCN Checkpoint**, a CBO for the detection of HIV and other STI in MSM
- It is based in Barcelona
- It is the most active Community Organization working with MSM in Spain (>4000 people tested in 2013)
- They inform about the PARTNER study to potential participants, stressing the importance of having data about the risk of HIV transmission among MSM
- Participants are visited there



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At Hospital level: key points

- To ask patients whether they have a partner
- In case they have, to inform them about the PARTNER study:
“We know there are couples who have decided not using condom, or at least not using it always...”
- To ask them about condom use with their partners
- To offer participating in the study, stressing the importance of having more data on risk of HIV transmission among gay couples

Obstacles

- Average duration of gay couples
- Fear of being judged by health professionals
- Concerns about risk of transmission
- “Conservative” opinion among health providers