

MRSA & Gay Men: A Community Conversation

PART I: A Community Conversation

Tuesday,
January 22
7 – 9pm

Where:
Magnet
4122 18th Street
SF, CA 94114



Featured Panel:

Chris Hall, MD
Magnet's Medical Director

Chip Chambers, MD
*Co-author of recent report on MRSA
in the Annals of Internal Medicine*

Steven Tierney, Ed.D, CAS
*Deputy Executive Director,
San Francisco AIDS Foundation*



Magnet will host a community conversation following recent reports of MRSA (methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*) infection among gay men in San Francisco and elsewhere.

The panel will discuss MRSA /USA300 (staph) and practical ways to recognize, prevent, and treat it in gay men. A question and answer session will be held as well as a facilitated conversation of the media's representation of MRSA and gay men.

The Community Conversation: Part I, is co-sponsored with the San Francisco AIDS Foundation (www.sfaf.org), the STOP AIDS Project (www.stopaids.org) and Strength in Numbers San Francisco (www.SINsf.org)

PART II: A Community Forum

Wednesday,
January 30
7 – 9pm

Where:
The LGBT
Community Center
Ceremonial Room,
(4th floor)
1800 Market Street
SF, CA 94103



Featured Panel:

Erica Pan
*Communicable Disease
Control and Prevention,
SF DPH*

Rick Loftus, MD
*Local Physician &
Community Advocate*

Chip Chambers, MD
*Co-author of recent report on MRSA
in the Annals of Internal Medicine*

Other Community Health Advocates

A facilitated discussion among community members, doctors, the Department of Public Health, and community health advocates on MRSA / Staph Infections.

- How concerned should you be about MRSA?
- What are the signs and symptoms?
- What can you do to prevent getting it or passing it on?
- What are the City and Department of Public Health plans to address this?
- How should media and advocates respond to health issues to not pathologize gay men's sexuality?

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For more information visit: www.stopaids.org or contact Hunter Hargraves, STOP AIDS Project, 415-575-0150 x 232 or hhargraves@stopaids.org