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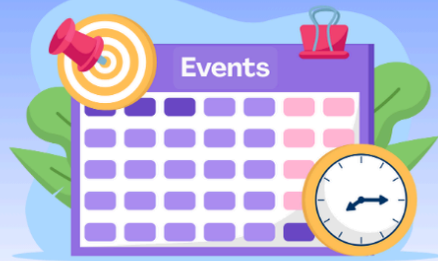
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Dr. Mae Tidd Awarded the CFAR GAP Award!

Dr. Tidd, Assistant Scientist and CHARM EIS Core Investigator, was selected for this award for her statewide implementation science study evaluating pharmacist-delivered HIV prevention in Florida. The project examines how community pharmacies are adopting HIV testing and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) following the 2024 John W. Rhee Act, which authorized pharmacists to conduct HIV testing and, under collaborative practice, initiate and/or dispense PEP. Using a mixed-methods design, the study team will assess community pharmacy adoption and implementation of HIV testing and PEP services and pharmacist certification to provide PEP across Florida, while also identifying the implementation determinants and strategies that influence the adoption and implementation of these services in community pharmacies statewide.



Upcoming Events

February 25th, 2026 2pm ET

Dissemination & Implementation (D&I) Conference Debrief

Join us for an upcoming event where EIS Core Leadership, **Drs. Willy Prado, Alyssa Lozano, and Mae Tidd**, will share key insights and takeaways from the **2025 Dissemination and Implementation Conference**. This event will be hosted completed over Zoom and will function as a panel facilitated by EIS Core Director **Dr. Audrey Harness**.

Please **scan the QR code** in the image or **click the link** below to register.

https://miami.zoom.us/meeting/register/QcxBus2VR5q_t56Kauagow

Questions? Contact **Alex Porras**
(axp2629@miami.edu)

April 10th, 2026 8:30 am-3pm ET

2026 Implementer-Researcher Symposium

Join us for the a 1-day training on implementation science research and practice. This event will present attendees with the opportunity to establish and strengthen relationships between implementers & researchers.

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**E. IMPLEMENTATION
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2025 D&I Conference Debrief

Wed, February 25th, 2-3 PM

**Audrey Harkness**
MODERATOR
Associate Professor
and EIS Core
Director

**Willy Prado**
PANELIST
Professor &
EIS Core
Co-Director

**Alyssa Lozano**
PANELIST
Research Asst.
Professor &
EIS Core
Co-Investigator

**Mae Tidd**
PANELIST
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Scientist &
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This is a 1-day training on
Implementation Science research
and practice, sharing individual
expertise, and establishing or
strengthening relationships
between implementers and
researchers to support shared
work.





Applications now open! Scan the QR
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May 18th-21st, 2026

2026 Weeklong Training Seminar

Join national and local implementation science experts, UM researchers, and EIS core leadership for a week of IS training, in-person consultations & networking, implementer-researcher partnership building, and more!

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Featured Publications

HIV Treatment Disruption and Viral Suppression Among Venezuelan Immigrants Living with HIV in Miami: A Comparative Analysis

Yue Pan, Viviana E. Horigian, Jorge Saavedra, Elizabeth Alonso, Xinyi Liao, Valeria Botero, Allan E. Rodriguez & Daniel J. Feaster

INTRODUCTION

Venezuelan immigrants living with HIV (VILH) in Miami represent a growing and understudied population that may face substantial barriers to continuous HIV care due to prior treatment disruptions, migration-related stressors, & limited healthcare access.

OBJECTIVE

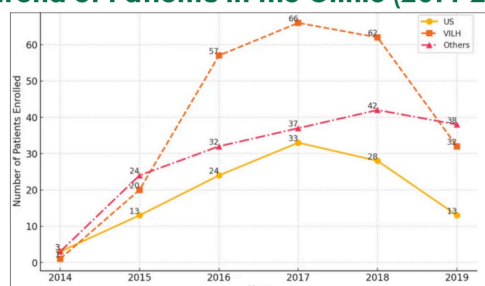
This study compared HIV treatment trajectories, medication histories, and viral suppression among VILH, U.S.-born people living with HIV (PLWH), and other foreign-born PLWH in Miami.

RESULTS

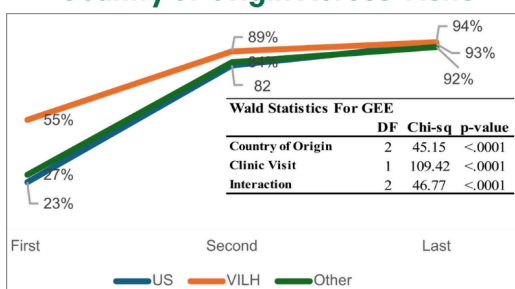
Demographics

- N=528 participants (22% US Born, 45% VILH, & 33% other PLWH)
- 90% of participants were male
- All VILH participants identified as Hispanic/Latino, but only 21% of US-born PLWH and 76% of other PLWH did.

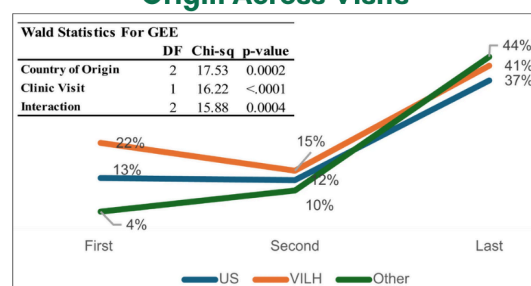
Trend of Patients in the Clinic (2014-2019)



Changes in Viral Suppression By Country of Origin Across Visits



Changes in ART Regimen by Country of Origin Across Visits



CONCLUSIONS

Viral suppression improved across all groups, with 89% of VILH achieving suppression at the last visit, compared to 86% among U.S.-born and other PLWH.

ART regimen changes and **drug resistance testing** varied by group, with VILH experiencing more frequent regimen modifications and higher resistance positivity early in care.

Pan, Y., Horigian, V. E., Saavedra, J., Alonso, E., Liao, X., Botero, V., ... & Feaster, D. J. (2025). HIV Treatment Disruption and Viral Suppression Among Venezuelan Immigrants Living with HIV in Miami: A Comparative Analysis. *AIDS and Behavior*, 1-11. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10461-025-04880-y>

CHARM Award Mechanisms



The CHARM Developmental Core welcomes the 2026 Pilot and Scholar Award Recipients

PILOT AWARDEES



Sofia Fernandez, PhD, MSW
Florida International University

Optimizing behavioral health care utilization among diverse populations with HIV through an equitable implementation science approach

Dion Allen, PhD
University of Miami

Modeling HIV Risk for Preexposure Prophylaxis Scale-up among Women Receiving Care in Reproductive Healthcare Settings: A Mixed Methods Approach



Lunthita Duthely, Ed.D., MS.CTL.
University of Miami

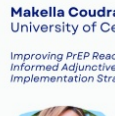
Culturally and Linguistically Adapting an Infant Feeding Choice Doula Curriculum for Women with HIV

SCHOLAR AWARDEES



Ariana Johnson, PhD, MPH
University of Miami

Machine Learning Models for Predicting Early Non-Retention in HIV Prevention and Treatment: A Multi-Level Data Integration Approach



Makella Coudray, PhD, MPH, CPH
University of Central Florida

Improving PrEP Reach Through Community-Informed Adjunctive Interventions and Implementation Strategies in the U.S. South



Lilian Bravo, PhD, RN
University of Miami

Mapping Friendship and Venue Networks to Address Suicide Risk among Hispanic Men at Risk for HIV



SCHOLAR AWARDEES



Simon Howard, PhD
University of Miami

The Role of Racial Discrimination in Preventive Care Engagement among Formerly Incarcerated Black Men



Edward Suarez, Jr, PsyD
University of Miami

Decoding the Therapeutic Alliance in Tele-Harm Reduction: Linguistic insights to strengthen HIV and mental health care for people who inject drugs



Highlighted Core Services

- **Peer Review:** CHARM organizes mock review meetings of grant proposals prior to NIH grant submissions. Each review consists of a one-hour Zoom meeting with up to three reviewers, who provide structured, constructive feedback to strengthen the proposal before submission. CHARM also provides Specific Aims Reviews for investigators who would like to receive feedback on an aims page under development to evaluate the key aspects of significance and innovation in early stages of the grant proposal process. Please contact **Yanexy Rivera** at ydc9@miami.edu for more information on dates.
- **Grant Ready with CHARM:** A comprehensive pre-submission support program designed to prepare investigators for NIH grant submission. The program includes Specific Aims review, Methods consultation as needed, and a full mock peer review. Editorial services are provided upon completion of the full program to ensure clarity, coherence, and compliance prior to submission. Please contact **Yanexy Rivera** at ydc9@miami.edu for questions or to participate in the program.
- **CLARO Measures Library:** The CHARM/CLARO measures library houses a multitude of measures translated into Spanish and other languages and can be used to identify and access measures for research studies.
- **Consultations:** Consultations can be requested via the **Research Navigation Portal** (see the [CHARM website](#) for more information).
 - The **Methods Core** supports researchers and community members via consultations regarding quantitative and/or qualitative research methods, designing a study, power analysis, data management, and more.
 - **EIS Core** leadership and co-investigators are available for 1-on-1 consultations to advise on Implementation Science Guidance, grant development, match-making with community stakeholders and implementers, finding a partner for specific implementation science work, and more.
 - The **MHD-CE Core** provides consultations on psychosocial assessment, community-engaged research methods, intervention development, IRB and human-subjects considerations, identifying community partners or stakeholders, engaging with the Community Advisory Board, recruitment support, and grant development related to mental health disparities or community engagement.
- **Implementer Consent-to-Contact Database:** One-time survey for South Florida implementers involved in implementing HIV and Mental Health services at various community organizations. Respondents answer questions about their needs, priorities, and interest in participating in implementation research.

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