Condom Awareness Pub Crawl: Young Adults Attitude, Belief, Motivation and Intent to Use Free Condoms

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1. Participants will be recruited from local downtown bars in San Marcos, Texas. Individuals who are at the local bars will receive a condom packet that will include a male condom, a business card with an internet address to participate in the study, and a list of creditable sexual health resources.

2. Trained volunteers from Eta Sigma Gamma-Delta Chi chapter will provide individuals with a condom packet and information about condom use. The condom packet will contain a male condom and a business card. The business card will have an internet address for participants to locate the survey. An electronic consent form will be presented to participants before taking the online survey. The participants will have to click on the electronic consent form box to access the online survey. All information obtained will be kept anonymous and accessed by researchers Brittany Rosen, Eta Sigma Gamma-Delta Chi chapter President, Sally Moody, Eta Sigma Gamma-Delta Chi chapter Vice President, Kelly Wilson, Ph.D., Eta Sigma Gamma-Delta Chi chapter Faculty Advisor and Assistant Professor of Health Education at Texas State University, and Jeff Housman, Ph.D., Assistant Professor at Health Education at Texas State University.

3. Volunteers from Eta Sigma Gamma-Delta Chi chapter will be trained in distributing condom packets to individuals at the selected locations in November 2009 and January 2010. Training will include protocol on the following: educating individuals about the use and effectiveness of condoms if used correctly and consistently, instructing individuals to visit the provided internet site to participate in the study, acknowledging and respecting the choice of an individual who does not accept the condom packet, and providing standard answers and creditable resources. After the condom packets are distributed, the individuals will access the electronic survey from the website. All data obtained from participants will be anonymous.

4. There are no potential physical risks for the participants completing the study because the survey does not involve any form of treatment, coercion, deception, or invasive procedures. There are minimal risks for participants because the information being obtained is anonymous. The social risks of this study are minimal. A participant might be concerned about the anonymity of his/her responses. Because of this potential risk, participants will be informed all information will remain anonymous and participation in the survey is voluntary. The data collected will be stored and protected in an online database for no more than 2 years. The psychological risk of participating in the survey is minimal. The survey may cause participants to reflect on their current and past behaviors regarding sexual activity and attitude, belief, motivation, and intent to use a free condom.

5. Procedures for minimizing risks will include clearly stating in the electronic consent form all information will remain anonymous, allowing participants to voluntarily stop the survey at any time, and providing list of creditable sexual health resources in the condom packet for individuals to obtain additional information regarding sexual health issues.

6. Potential benefits gained by the participants include the opportunity to express their opinions regarding attitude, belief, motivation and intent to utilize free condoms. Based on the data collected from the study, Eta Sigma Gamma-Delta Chi will assess barriers for young adults in the San Marcos community lack of motivation or intent to utilize free condoms. Other colleges and universities could benefit from the study by using the data to address similar issues regarding condom use in their communities.

7. After completion of the study, participants will have the opportunity to contact the researchers involved in this study, Brittany Rosen and Sally Moody, to receive the results of the study. Both email addresses are provided in the electronic consent form.

8. The potential risks involved in this study are minimal and the anticipated benefits to the participants, society, and the health education field are considered important. The data gathered from this study will provide insight into a university community and the attitude, belief, motivation, and intent to use free condoms.

9. There are no sites/agencies used in this study.

10. The relationship of this proposal to the Health Education program at Texas State University is Eta Sigma Gamma-Delta Chi chapter is a student organization at Texas State University and a national health honorary. The supervising faculty member of this study is Dr. Kelly Wilson, Assistant Professor of Health Education at Texas State University.

11. Dr. Kelly Wilson has approved all documents submitted to the Institutional Review Board at Texas State University.

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12. This study has not been reviewed or approved by another IRB.

13. Individuals who will have access to data during the study include Brittany Rosen, Sally Moody, Dr. Kelly Wilson, and Dr. Jeff Housman. Dr. Jeff Housman will have access to data because of his role as co-researcher. After completion of this study the results will be submitted for peer-reviewed publication and professional conference presentations.