



# WHITMAN-WALKER CLINIC

## HIV/AIDS among Latinas/os

### **Latinas/os account for only 13 percent of the U.S. population, but represent a disproportionate percentage of the HIV/AIDS cases**

- Latinas/os account for 19 percent of cumulative AIDS cases.
- In 2007, Latinas/os accounted for 20 percent of new AIDS cases reported that year (7,819 of 38,297 cases).
- In 2007, the Latina/o incidence rate per 100,000 population was 27.7, three times the rate for whites.

### **Latino men account for 19 percent of cumulative AIDS cases among men in the United States**

- Males account for the largest proportion (80 percent) of cumulative AIDS cases reported among Latinos.
- From the beginning of the epidemic in 1981 through December 2007, 155,560 Latino men have been reported with AIDS in the United States. Of these:
  - 44 percent were due to having sex with other men
  - 30 percent were related to injection drug use
  - seven percent were among men who had sex with men and used injection drugs

### **Latina women account for 19 percent of cumulative AIDS cases among women in the United States**

- Of the cumulative AIDS cases among Latina women:
  - 50 percent are attributed to heterosexual contact
  - 35 percent are related to injection drug use
- The rate of AIDS among Latina women is growing:
  - Latina women account for 20 percent of the cumulative AIDS cases among the Latino population, but in 2007 they represented 22 percent of the reported Latino cases.

Sources:  
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