

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO
INFORMATION PAGE FOR RESEARCH SUBJECTS**

Mood and Discrimination in Lesbians

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A. PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

Leslie Cragin, CNM, PhD from the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences and Suzanne Dibble, RN, PhD, Director of the Lesbian Health Research Center (LHRC) in the UCSF Institute for Health and Aging are conducting a study to learn more about the emotions that lesbians experience and their feelings about discrimination. This study is being funded by UCSF and the American Psychological Association, Wayne F. Placek Award.

You are being asked to participate in this study because you:

- are self identified as a lesbian
- are over age 18;
- read and write English;
- have access to a computer

B. PROCEDURES

If you wish to be in this study, the following will happen:

- If you wish to participate double click on **“I want to join the study”** at the bottom of this page
- You will complete on line a few questionnaires telling us about yourself, your relationships and your feelings.
- It will take between 20 and 30 minutes for you to fill out the questionnaires.

C. RISKS/DISCOMFORTS

- As no clinical or medical procedures are being used, there are minimal personal risks of this study. There is a small potential for conflict to arise between yourself and others you tell about the study, should they not choose to participate. Please respect their choice. Participation in research is always voluntary and should never be coerced.
- If you experience any discomfort or simply wish to withdraw from the study, you may do so at anytime by simply not continuing with the survey.

Confidentiality Participation in research may involve a loss of privacy. It is technically possible but extremely unlikely for someone to identify the computer that you use to transmit the survey, but as we are not collecting any unique identifiers, there is absolutely no technical way to determine your identity. **No** identifying information

(name, address etc.) is collected in the questionnaires. We will not have your name and so it will not be used in any published reports about this study.

D. BENEFITS

Benefits to participants in the study are:

- There are no personal benefits to your participation in the study.

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Benefits to society are:

- Because not very much is known about mood states and feelings about discrimination in lesbians, having this information may benefit some lesbians, some health care providers and future researchers who study this topic.

E. ALTERNATIVES

Participation in this research is completely voluntary; the alternative choice is not to participate in the research. If you do not wish to participate simply close this web page.

F. COSTS

There are no costs associated with participation in the research.

G. PAYMENT

There is no payment for participation.

H. QUESTIONS

This study has been explained in this informational web page. If you have any other questions about the study, you may call Leslie Cragin at (415) 206-3652.

If you have any comments or concerns about participation in this study, you should first talk with the researchers. If for some reason you do not wish to do this, you may contact the Committee on Human Research, which is concerned with the protection of volunteers in research projects.

You may reach the committee office between 8:00 and 5:00, Monday through Friday, by calling (415) 476-1814, or by writing: Committee on Human Research, Box 0962, University of California, San Francisco/San Francisco, CA 94143.

I. CONSENT

You may print out a copy of this consent form to keep.

PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH IS VOLUNTARY. You have the right to decline to participate or to withdraw at any point in this study without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.

If you wish to join the study, you should double click here: **I wish to join the study!**