

**KNOW THE RISKS: AN INTERACTIVE HIV/AIDS INFORMATION AND PERSONAL RISK ASSESSMENT CENTER  
PHASE II**

The purpose of this Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Phase II contract was to complete the development, testing, and commercial dissemination of a computer-based HIV/AIDS prevention tool called *Know the Risks: An Interactive HIV/AIDS Information and Personal Risk Screening Center*. This project was a follow-on to Project 147. The tool was developed in both English and culturally tailored Spanish language formats. *Know the Risks* was designed for easy adaptation in diverse clinic settings, targeting both clinic clients and their health providers. The tool should facilitate increased levels of HIV/AIDS prevention education, risk screening, counseling and testing (direct or referred services) among health providers. The tool should also support the work of those already providing HIV/AIDS prevention and testing services. *Know the Risks* offers two main features: 1) an audio-enhanced, automatic progressing HIV/AIDS Risk Screening Instrument; and 2) an interactive, multi-media HIV/AIDS Learning Activities Center. Upon completing the survey, users receive a customized Risk Screening profile that they can discuss with their health provider. Phase II objectives included revising the product based on Phase I testing data; the design and development of the remaining English format Learning Center activities; the culturally tailored design and development of the Spanish application (including video segments depicting HIV prevention themes); extensive programming tasks; client usability testing; clinic field-testing of both the English and Spanish versions of the tool; and final reporting tasks.

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