

**MGH Global Health  
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**Project Title:**

Safer conception and reproductive health in South Africa

**Country/Countries in which the work would take place:**

Durban, South Africa

**Brief description of project/research:**

A partnership in South Africa is managing a few different studies on reproductive health within a HIV+ cohort, including periconception strategies for adherence to periconception PrEP among women who want to have a child in the next 12 months and are exposed to HIV. Also includes a counseling intervention designed to promote uptake of and adherence to ART prior to conception attempts.

**Brief description of work for potential intern(s):**

We will likely be piloting the safer conception program described above. There will be opportunities to conduct qualitative research with participants and providers to better understand the best way to provide safer conception counseling. There will also be opportunities to use more quantitative methods towards adapting measures (e.g. reproductive autonomy) to the South Africa context. Finally, this team also has a large dataset of quantitative data relating to reproductive health for HIV-infected men and analysis of collected data may be an additional opportunity.

**Minimum expected duration of internship(s):**

12 weeks minimum

**List any available funds: (travel costs, student stipend, housing, etc.)?**

N/A

**Number of internships available: 1**

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