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**HIV TREATMENT AND  
PREVENTION ADHERENCE**

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# **Continuity of HIV Care**

## **US-Mexico Border, US-Mexico, US-Central America**

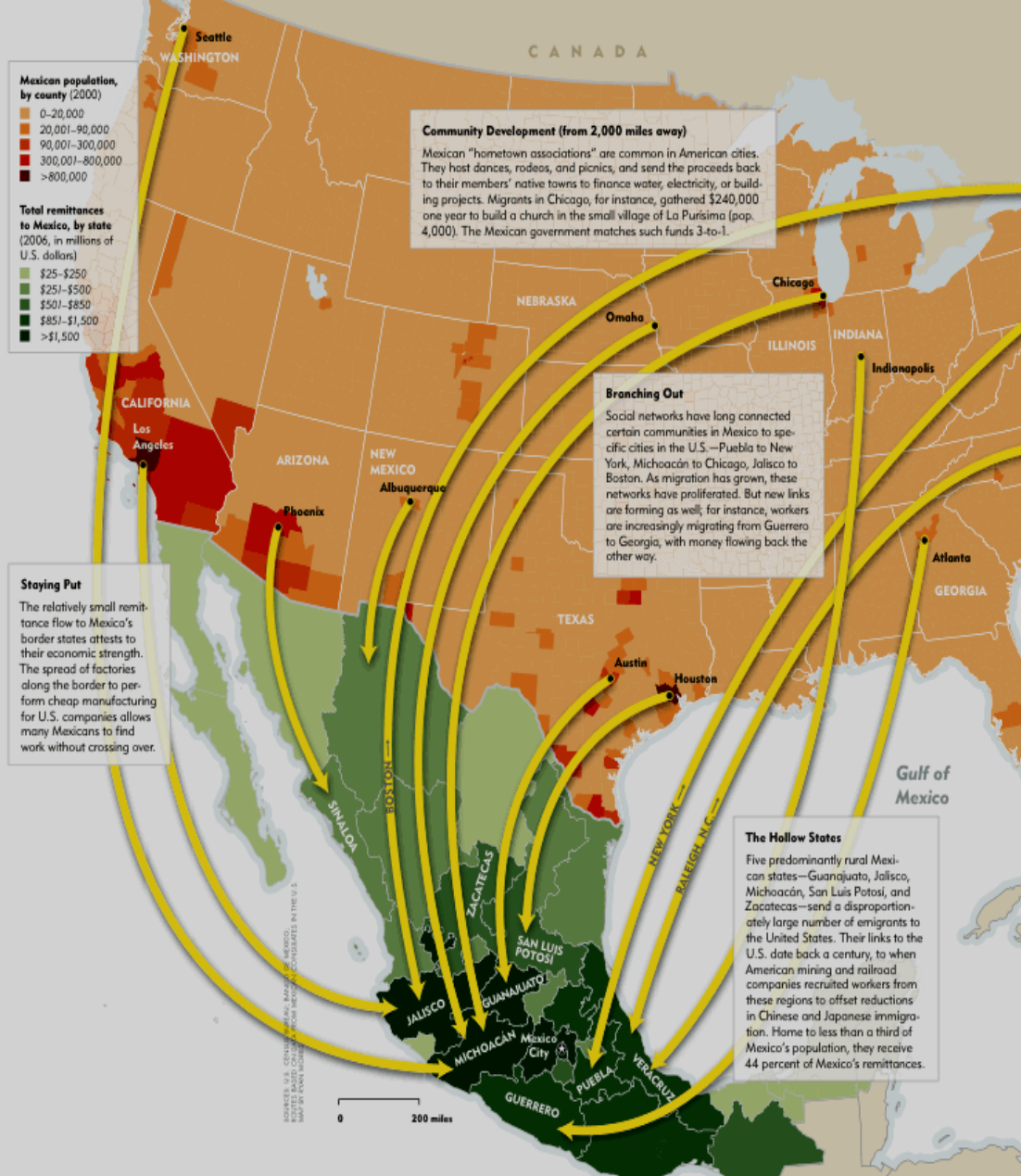
Keeping HIV patients in continuous, high-quality HIV care, especially  
when returning to Mexico, Central America, or the Dominican Republic.



# UCLA CHPDP HIV/AIDS Training Programs Delivered in Mexico: 1995- 2005

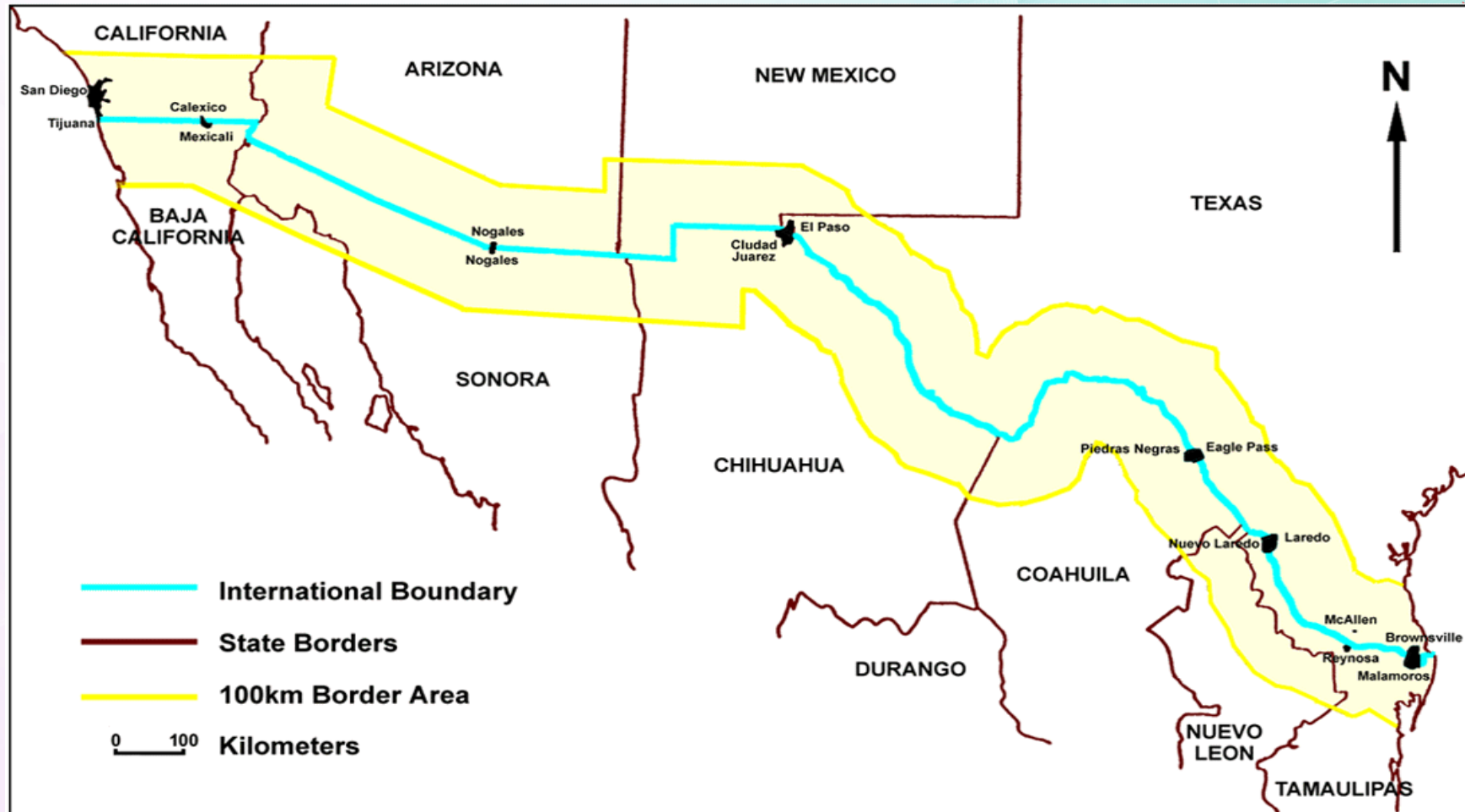






## Transnationalism and Mexican Migrants

# “The Border” --- UMBAST



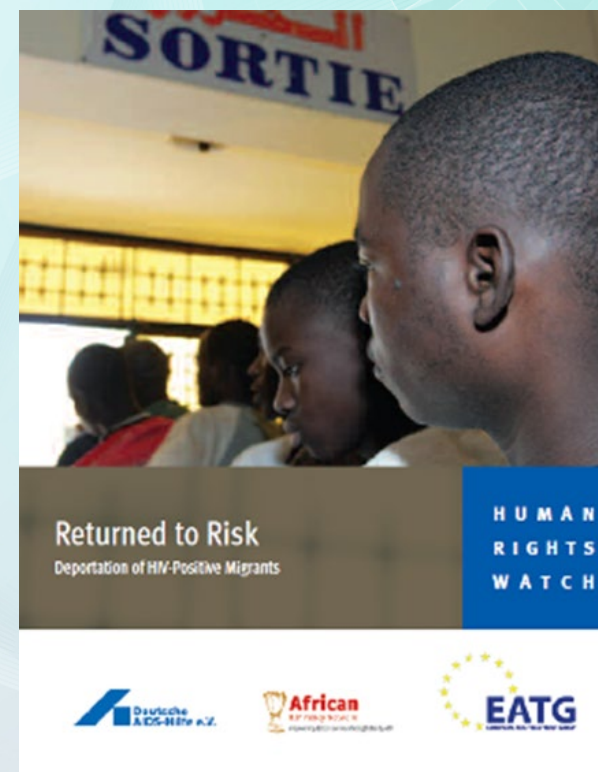


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## Returned to Risk: Deportation of HIV-Positive Migrants

Initiatives to provide cross-border treatment between the United States and Mexico could serve as an example. Programs such as the **U.S.-Mexico Border AETC Steering Team (UMBAST)**...serve as a model for how treatment can be coordinated for deportees across borders and should be expanded where feasible.





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## Assisting HIV-Infected Patients Who Return to Mexico:

*What U.S. ICE Clinicians Need to Know*

**Wednesday, April 13, 2011**

(via toll-free conference call)

11:00 am - 12:30 pm (Pacific Time)

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm (Mountain Time)

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm (Central Time)

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm (Eastern Time)

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## Information for Providers Assisting HIV Patients Returning to Mexico

### What's Available in Mexico

Nearly all HIV medications available in the United States are now available to Mexican citizens in Mexico through a range of public and private programs. Access to HIV medications in Mexico has expanded greatly in the past decade.

### HIV Treatment in Mexico

Each state has an HIV/AIDS director responsible for coordinating treatment and prevention programs. You or your patient can contact this person to determine the availability of HIV diagnostic tests and HIV medications in the state to which your patient is returning. Patients are treated either in general hospitals or in CAPASITS (HIV specialty clinics – “Centro Ambulatorio para la Prevención y Atención en SIDA e ITS”). The CAPASITS network was introduced in Mexico in 2005 and is still expanding. As of 2018, it comprised 76 centers around the country. See below for a link to CAPASITS locations.

### What Patients Will Need

Patients must enroll for care and provide certain documents to be eligible to receive medications. To speed the process, encourage your patients to bring the following:

#### Necessary

- Positive HIV antibody test result
- Patient's CURP number (“Clave Única de Registro de Población,” Mexican federal I.D. number. Patients can look this up online (in Spanish) at: <https://www.gob.mx/curp/>. All HIV-positive patients can be seen at CAPASITS for 3 months without a CURP number. If they don't have a CURP, they can present a birth certificate, or any government issued ID.

#### Recommended

- If available, a 3-month supply of their current HIV medications
- A recent CD4+ T-cell count
- A recent viral load test result
- A copy of their medical chart including complete antiretroviral treatment history

### Connecting to Care in Mexico

The following organizations can provide the most up to date information on gaining access to HIV treatment, the required paperwork, and linkage to care:

- A national toll-free hotline is operated by the Mexican federal agency in charge of HIV treatment and prevention, CENSIDA. Encourage patients to call when they are in Mexico to find the closest care provider.
  - Phone: (800) 712-0886 or (800) 712-0889
  - Online: [www.gob.mx/censida/](http://www.gob.mx/censida/) (in Spanish)
- A [map of CAPASITS](#) (outpatient multiservice care centers) is available online.

If you have any questions, please email Tom Donohoe at [TDonohoe@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:TDonohoe@mednet.ucla.edu).



**Google: : “HIV Patient Returning to Mexico”  
(or any Central American country or Dominican Republic)**



# Mexican HIV/STI Specialty Clinics: CAPASITS

