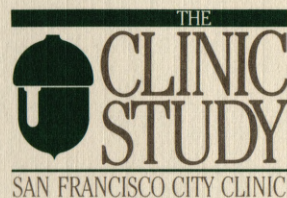


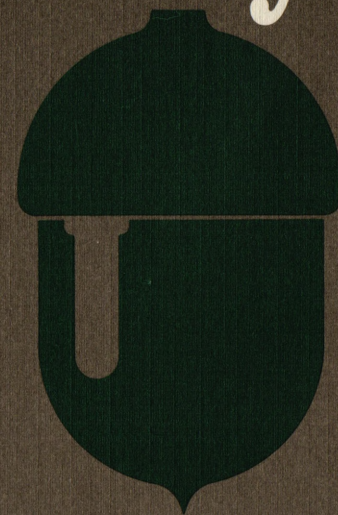
In research, the tiny, minute detail is often the precursor to the momentous discovery. Seedlike, one bit of information can grow into a body of knowledge. "Tall oaks from little acorns grow." Thus, the choice of the acorn represents how from the smallest pieces of information, the key to an important research discovery may be obtained. Each bit of information, while seemingly small and insignificant, can add up to the complete answer.



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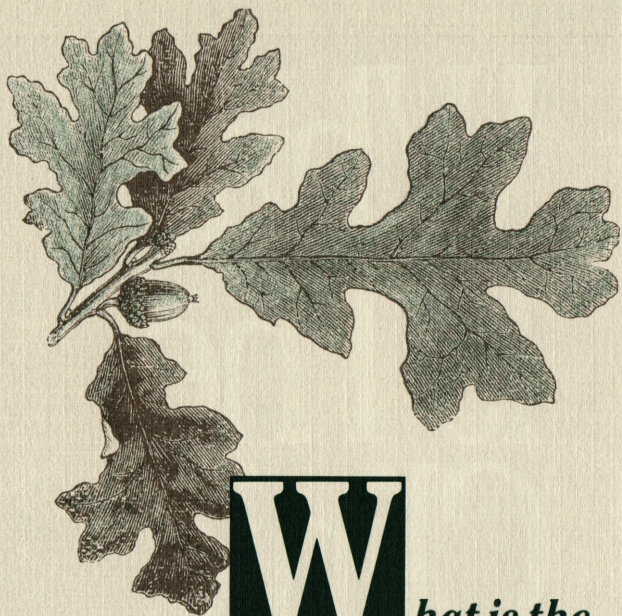
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# What Is The Clinic Study?



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The San Francisco City Clinic has been studying Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) since 1983. The Clinic Study is especially interested in men who used clinic services between 1978 and 1980.

#### ***Why this particular time period?***

Approximately 6,700 men participated in a study between 1978 and 1980 aimed at finding a vaccine for Hepatitis B. These participants greatly contributed to an understanding of hepatitis, and a vaccine was developed that can prevent Hepatitis B.

#### ***Why is this study so important?***

No other group has studied sexually transmitted diseases, such as Hepatitis B and AIDS, for as long as the doctors and



researchers with the Clinic Study. The men involved in the Hepatitis B project represent the largest and richest source of information on the natural history and cofactors of AIDS.

#### ***What can I do?***

You may have been screened for Hepatitis B at City Clinic and your participation in the Clinic Study could lead to anti-viral drugs and a vaccine for AIDS. Call today.

#### ***Why should I participate?***

You will add to the body of knowledge about AIDS, and you can help yourself and your community. You will learn more about your health. You will receive blood tests free of charge. You may participate in possible future vaccine and anti-viral drug trials.

#### ***What is involved?***

Participation requires signing an informed consent form, answering a confidential medical and sexual practices history, having blood tests, and being examined by a doctor. You may be scheduled for a follow-up test some time in the future.



#### ***What about my test results?***

If you wish, you will be informed of your blood test results. If you don't want to know, that's o.k. too.

#### ***What if I decide not to participate in the Clinic Study?***

Participation is voluntary. The medical care offered to you by the City Clinic will not be affected by your decision.



#### ***What about confidentiality?***

Any information that you voluntarily offer will be held in confidence. Study materials and results will be identified by number only, *not* by name.

#### ***What about my risk of acquiring AIDS?***

Participation in the study does not increase your risk of acquiring AIDS.

#### ***How can I find out more?***

We will be happy to talk with you. Just call, anonymously if you wish, (800) 537-3722 from 8:00 am-5:00 pm PST, Monday through Friday.

