

# USF NEXUS INITIATIVE 2019 AWARD RECIPIENT

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Concerns exist about how best to balance the autonomy and protection of adolescents when conducting HIV-related research. Minors are considered a vulnerable participant population yet the requirement of parental permission may be an unnecessary barrier to adolescent HIV research particularly when an adolescent's decisional capacity (DC) to provide consent is adequate. This collaborative program of research aims to understand more about adolescents' DC to consent for HIV research and how to improve it within the context of thinking about voluntary self-consent among minors in the US and in South Africa.

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