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Xylazine is a veterinary tranquilizer that has been increasingly present in Connecticut and throughout the US drug supply. In Connecticut, xylazine has been present at least since 2019 in the unregulated drug supply and was present in approximately 28% of fatal overdoses last year. This talk will explore clinical facets of xylazine, harm reduction approaches to xylazine, and research questions and orientations to understanding xylazine, xylazine overdoses, and xylazine-related wounds.

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Increasingly, it is accepted that incarceration is harmful to the health of individuals, families, and communities in the United States. Yet, limited research documents how mass incarceration may shape the health of LGBTQ+ populations, despite that LGBTQ+ individuals are more likely to experience incarceration compared to their heterosexual, cisgender counterparts. This presentation will aim to accomplish the following: 1) provide theoretical frameworks exploring the overrepresentation of LGBTQ+ individuals within the criminal legal system, and 2) present novel research detailing the unique health effects of incarceration on LGBTQ+ individuals.

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Cardiovascular disease (CVD) was identified as the second most common cause of death in persons with HIV. Research suggests that overall CVD awareness, and its relationship to HIV, is inadequate in the general population. Gay and bisexual men with HIV have a 1.5-to-2-times relative risk of CVD when compared to serostatus negative persons. This presentation will describe how community-engaged, formative and technology-driven strategies are promising approaches to mitigate CVD risk and also detail how dissemination of research findings can foster continued research engagement.