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- research and development on rectal microbicides
- why many gay men should be receiving periodic anal Pap smears to screen for anorectal cancer
- an in-depth critique of the problematic diagnosis of "Gay Bowel Syndrome"
- gay men's use of the Reality Female Condom for anal sex
- Viagara's impact on gay men's sexual cultures, erectile dysfunction, and recreational drug use
- a broad-based advocacy agenda for improving relations between gay men and the health sciences
- the politics surrounding gay men's restricted access to new and prospective safer sex technologies Smearing the Queer challenges heterosexist bias within the health care delivery and health sciences research and calls for the development of public policy initiatives that address gay men's wellness in more sophisticated and complex ways. This is the only publication that provides in-depth social, cultural, and political analysis of the topics of Gay Bowel Syndrome, gay men's use of the female condom, rectal microbicides, and anal Pap smears while examining the social forces that direct scientific research under the guise of objectivity.



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