

### One Nation's Approach: Routine testing in the United States

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#### **Overview**

- Brief review of key events timeline
- Reflections on the first year of implementation of routine HIV testing in U.S. health care settings
- Emerging lessons learned and strategies for moving forward



### Timeline of key events

September 2006	CDC Publishes new recommendations on HIV testing in MMWR	
November 2006	Opportunities for Improving HIV Diagnosis, Prevention & Access to Care in the US, Meeting, Washington DC	
March 2007	CDC participated in SAMHSA* grantee meeting to discuss implications of HIV screening in substance abuse centers	
March 2007	Consultation with NASTAD** and AHA to review issues and challenges to HIV screening in Emergency Departments	
April 2007	Office of Population Affairs develops announcement to fund 70-80 agencies to conduct HIV screening consistent with CDC's recommendations	
May 2007	CDC realigns \$45 million in FY2007 to support and implement HIV testing, training and mobilization nationally	
September 2007	CDC awards grants totaling \$35 million to support HIV testing in 23 state and local health departments	

<sup>\*</sup> Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, DHHS

<sup>\*\*</sup> National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors

# Overview of activities to foster adoption of the Recommendations

- Strategic planning workshops to promote HIV screening in emergency departments
- Collaborations with professional medical associations, state and federal partners, and other stakeholders
- Training of Healthcare Providers
- Support to professional organizations
- Social marketing to professionals and patients
- Funds to state and local health departments for screening via the HIV Testing Initiative



### **Strategic Planning Workshops**

- Regional strategic planning workshops aim to promote HIV screening in emergency departments
  - Held in West, Southeast, Midwest, Northeast and mid-Atlantic regions
  - 10 more workshops planned for grantees of other federal agencies
- Hospital teams recruited to plan for HIV screening
- Format:
  - Rationale for screening and "Lessons from the field"
  - Practical "nuts and bolts" workshops
  - Participants work to develop individual strategic plan
  - Follow-up at 6 and 12 months



#### Collaborations with partners

- CDC has collaborated with other HHS Divisions (e.g., HRSA\*, SAMHSA\*\*) to discuss implementation of the recommendations; train grantees; and identify and fund new collaborations
- CDC has co-hosted consultations on HIV screening with various partners to promote activities in EDs
- CDC and our partners have held stakeholder meetings and provider trainings in Baltimore and Philadelphia
- Many jurisdictions have requested technical assistance from CDC to initiate HIV screening

<sup>\*</sup>Health Resources Services Administration, DHHS
\*\*Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration

#### **Training of Healthcare Providers**

- Regional workshops to promote HIV screening in EDs are underway.
- Additional collaboration and workshops planned for grantees of HHS Office of Population Affairs and members of the National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association
- CDC has established an internal HIV Testing Executive Committee
  - Aims to provide implementation guidance for specific settings, educational materials, implementation tools for providers, and a comprehensive evaluation strategy. HIV in Europe 2007 Working Together for

### Support to professional organizations



# Funding health departments via the CDC 2007 HIV Testing Initiative

- \$45 million realigned by CDC in FY2007 to support HIV testing as outlined in CDC's revised HIV testing Recommendations
  - Majority of funds awarded to 23 health departments to increase HIV testing opportunities for populations disproportionately affected by HIV – primarily African Americans unaware of their HIV status
- HIV screening will be focused primarily in clinical settings – emergency departments, community health centers, STD clinics, and correctional health facilities
- Remaining funds being used to fund other allied initiatives e.g. training, mobilization etc.

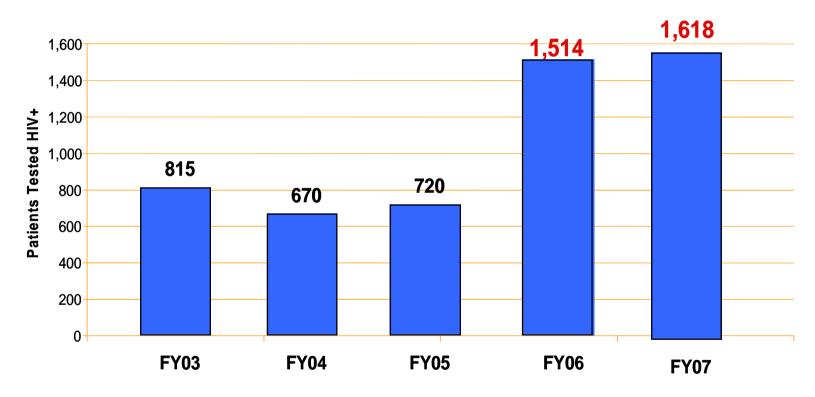


# **Encouraging progress in adopting CDC Recommendations**

- Major city-wide testing initiatives have been launched
  - New York City, Washington, D.C., Oakland, Los Angeles
- A number of emergency departments, health systems are now making HIV screening routine
- Policy support from professional organizations has helped greatly. Most recently the AMA.
- Some states have changed laws
  - 8 states have removed separate written consent
  - 7 states have implemented opt-out prenatal testing



### **New York City**



#### **Unpublished data**

FY03 - FY04 Outpatient Only (Source: PLM)

**FY05** Outpatient and ED Pilot Sites Only (Source: PLM and RHT in ED Pilot Project Reports)

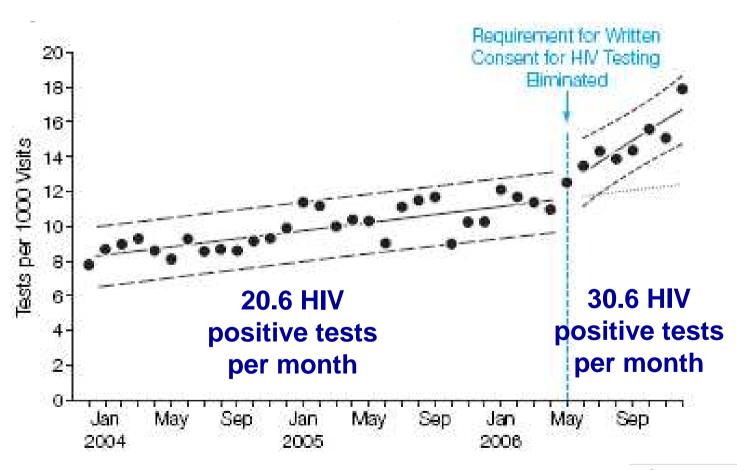
FY06-07 Outpatient, Inpatient and ED (Source: Facility Reports)

#### **New Jersey**

- New Jersey implemented HIV screening in Emergency Departments (EDs) with rapid HIV tests
- The state health department provides counselors and HIV test kits
- 23 EDs now conduct HIV screening
- Through Nov 2006 >10,000 persons had been screened and 274 (2.6%) were found to be HIV positive



#### San Francisco





#### **New Mexico and Illinois**

- In March 2007 New Mexico amended its statutes to allow for HIV testing during routine medical care in accordance with the revised recommendations
- The state of Illinois passed House Bill (HB980) which would make Illinois state law consistent with the revised recommendations.
  - The language was influenced by a wide range of prevention stakeholders including the IDPH\*, ACLU\*\*, AIDS Foundation of Chicago and others



<sup>\*</sup> Illinois Department of Public Health

<sup>\*\*</sup> American Civil Liberties Union

# Implementing routine HIV testing: Lessons Learned and Next Steps

#### **Lessons Learned**

- Have realistic expectations for incremental adoption in high volume health care settings
- Legislative changes facilitate implementation
- 3. Sustainability (reimbursement an issue in U.S.)
- 4. Collaboration with federal partners, professional associations and community advocates critical
- 5. Patients approve of routine screening

#### **Moving forward...**

- 1. Endorsement by professional associations
- 2. Address 3rd-party reimbursement
- 3. Develop practical materials for providers
- 4. Evaluation of adoption of the recommendations and impact on HIV risk behaviors and HIV transmission
- 5. Evaluation of whether screening facilitates entry to care

#### **Summary**

- Testing is an important HIV prevention strategy
- CDC has issued revised recommendations for HIV testing of adults, adolescents and pregnant women in health care settings
- We have seen a surprising rapid progress in adoption of routine screening by diverse health care settings, challenges to fully implementing the recommendations remain



# Routine HIV Testing In The U.S: A Clinician's Perspective



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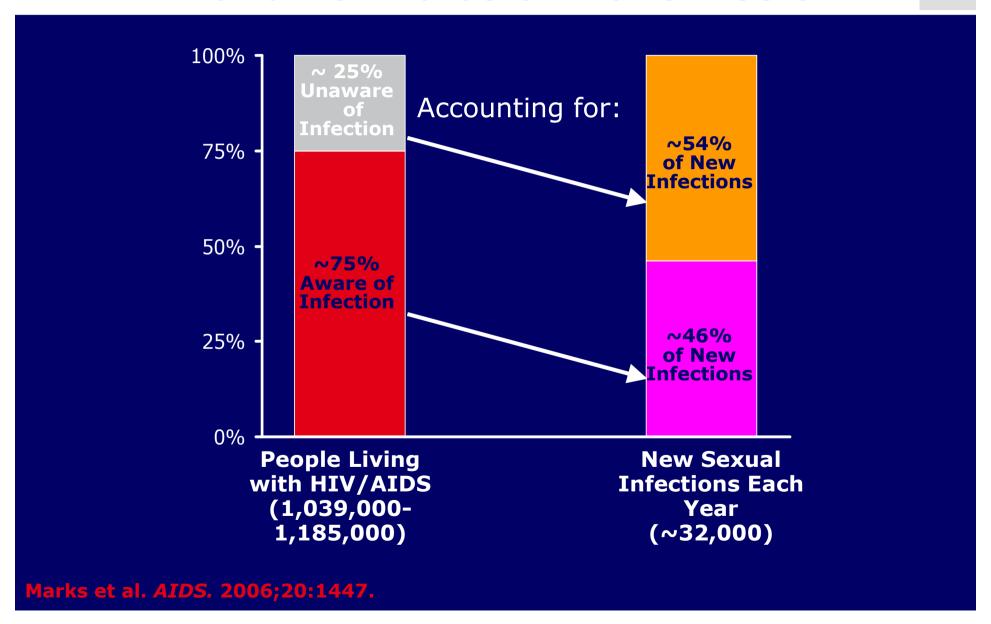


# Missed Opportunities for HIV Diagnosis and Care

- 41% of 4,315 South Carolina AIDS cases diagnosed within 12 months of 1<sup>st</sup> HIV test
  - 73% of late testers had at least one health care visit prior to 1<sup>st</sup> HIV test
  - 79% of visit diagnoses would not have prompted an HIV test
  - Median of 4 visits prior to 1<sup>st</sup> HIV test
  - Visit locations 79% ER, 12% inpatient, 7% outpatient, 1% free clinic
  - 36% heterosexual, 26% MSM, 7.8% IDU



# **Awareness of Serostatus Among People With HIV and Estimates of Transmission**



### **Cost-Effectiveness: HIV Screening**

Screen	Cost/QALY	Reference
Hospital admissions	\$38,800	Walensky R. <i>AJM.</i> 2005;118:292
Screen all patients, 1% prevalence >0.05% prevalence	\$15,078 \$50,000	Sanders G. <i>N Engl J Med.</i> 2005;352:570
Annual mammogram, 50-69 years	\$57,500	Salzmann P. <i>Ann Intern Med.</i> 1997;127:955
Colonoscopy, 50-80 years	\$57,700	Frazier AL. <i>JAMA.</i> 2000;284:1954



#### **Opt-Out HIV Testing: Challenges**

- Required counseling eliminated
  - But can be beneficial for specific cases
- Legal issues: State laws analogous to EU
  - Changes necessary state by state
- Disincentive for payers to identify infections:
  - → defer expenses
- Access to care: Enough providers?
  - 2,800 U.S. MDs write 80% of HAART scripts
- Number of HIV providers is not increasing
- Lingering "AIDS exceptionalism" and stigma



# HIV Infection: Economic and Demographic Realities

PLWHIV compared to general US population

- Unemployed 62% vs 5%

- Income < \$10,000/yr 45% vs 8%

Source of insurance for PLWHIV

- Medicaid or Medicare 50%

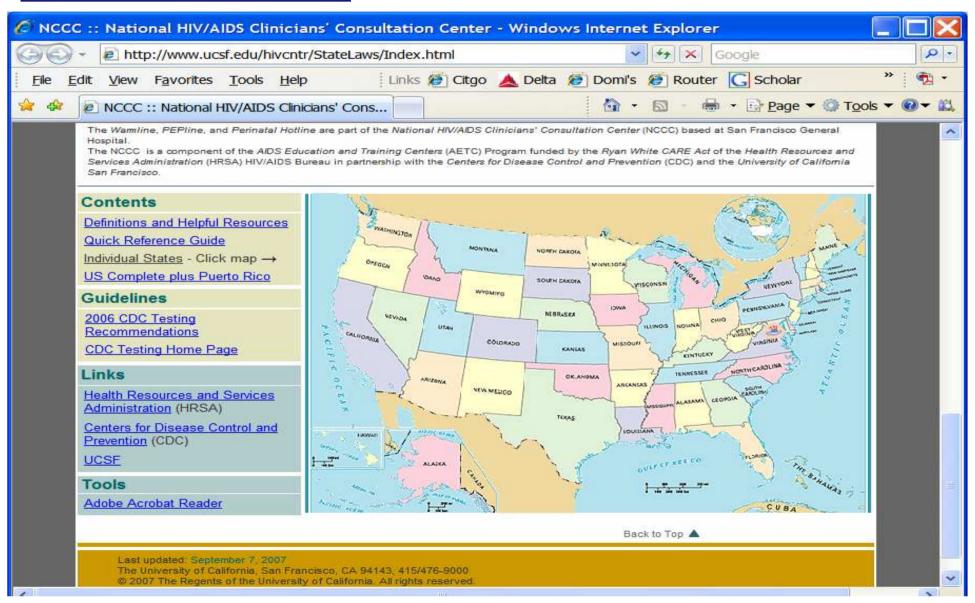
- Uninsured 20%

- Demographics of new infections
  - African Americans, MSM, young people
  - Ryan-White CARES Act supports many services



### **State Policies and HIV Testing**

#### www.ucsf.edu/hivcntr



#### **Opt-Out and Informed Consent**

- Written informed consent is a legal process
- Patient education is an ethical and clinical responsibility
- Locally specific training needed for HCW to adapt new testing and consent requirements
- Informed consent can be secured in a number of ways, with modest time investment
- Chart documentation can be helpful



#### "Do you know about rapid HIV testing?"

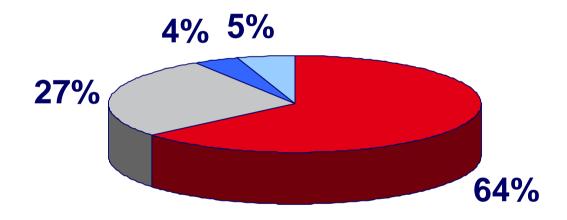
#### Animated 9.5-minute educational film

- Based on CDC 2001 guidelines
  - HIV/AIDS description
  - HIV transmission
  - HIV prevention
  - HIV testing
  - Rapid HIV testing with OraQuick
- Cognitive-assessments; intensive interviews
- Video available from <u>www.brown.edu/BRUNAP</u>
   BMC Public Health (an open access online journal)
  - www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/7/238





# Routine HIV Testing: What Do Americans Think?



- Should be treated like any other test & included in routine check-ups
- □ It is different from other tests and should require special procedure such as written consent
- No clear answer
- Do not know



#### **Optimizing HIV Prevention Interventions**

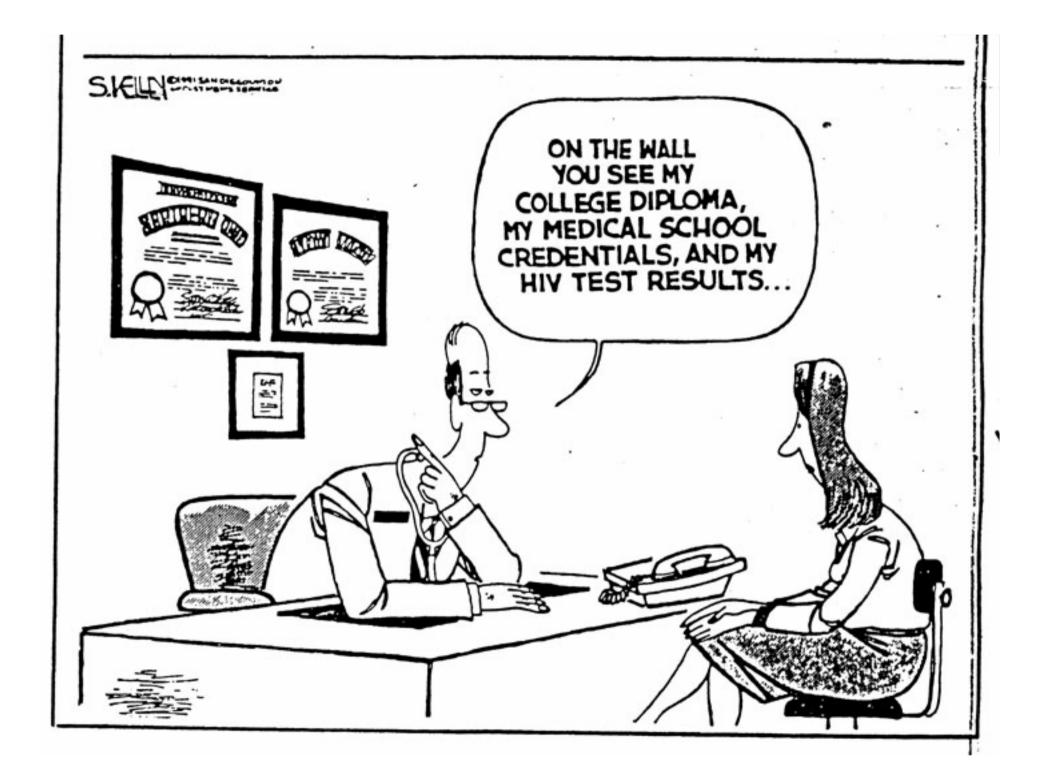
- Individual, small group, and community based interventions decrease HIV risk behavior<sup>1</sup>
- HIV risk behavior and infection occurs in a context of other psychosocial problems<sup>2</sup>
- To be maximally effective, interventions should address substance use, depression, past abuse, and violence
- 1 http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/projects/rep
- 2 Stall, R. et al (2003) AJPH, 93, 939-942



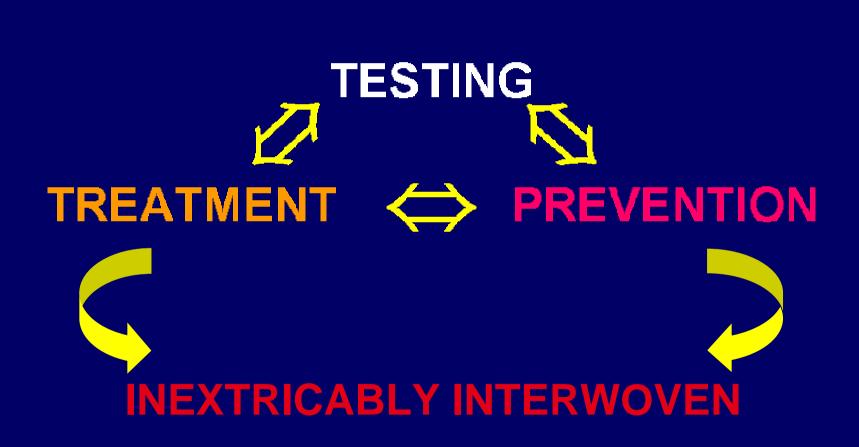
#### **Conclusions about Routine HIV Testing**

- Need for expanded HIV testing to:
  - Prevent transmission
  - Prevent late presentation
- Rapid tests offer new opportunities
- Trend towards increased testing
- Testing is cost-effective
- Testing stigma/legal barriers still exist
- Reimbursement for testing still an issue
- Limited number of trained providers
- Work in progress





### The New Paradigm



http://www.journals.uchicago.edu/CID/home.html