

Many people don't know they have HIV or take all the actions to control it.

Problem

Testing: More people need to be tested for HIV.

- ◇ 1.2 million people are living with HIV in the US.
- ◇ Nearly 1 in 5 people (about 240,000) don't know they are infected.
- ◇ Getting an HIV test can lead to getting the medical care needed to stay healthy longer.
- ◇ People who don't know they have HIV have a higher risk of serious medical problems and early death.
- ◇ They can also pass the virus on to others without knowing it.
- ◇ Youth and adults should get tested to learn their HIV status.
- ◇ People who are at greater risk for infection (have more than one sex partner, inject drugs, or are men who have sex with other men) should get tested once a year or more often.

Treating: Many people with HIV do not receive the medical care they need.

- ◇ Lowering the amount of virus in the body can keep a person with HIV healthy longer.
- ◇ Keeping the virus under control with medicines greatly lowers the chances of passing HIV on to others.

- ◇ Only 28% of all people with HIV know they are infected, get regular medical care, take ART and have the HIV virus under control.
- ◇ The number of people with HIV who get AIDS has decreased over time because of advances in medical care and ART. Still, more than 16,000 people with AIDS die each year.
- ◇ Public health professionals and health care providers should help people with HIV make sure to get regular HIV medical care and take their medicines.

Prevention Counseling: Only 45% of people with HIV getting medical care received prevention counseling from their health care providers in the past year.

- ◇ Prevention counseling teaches patients how to stay as healthy as possible and prevent passing HIV on to others. Prevention services include STD testing and treatment services, drug rehab, assistance in notifying partners, housing assistance, financial assistance and other services.
- ◇ People with HIV should get prevention counseling and services as a part of regular HIV care.
- ◇ People with HIV whose virus is controlled still need prevention counseling and prevention services regularly.

HIV care in the United States

1.2 million people are living with HIV

For every 100 people living with HIV

80 are aware of their infection

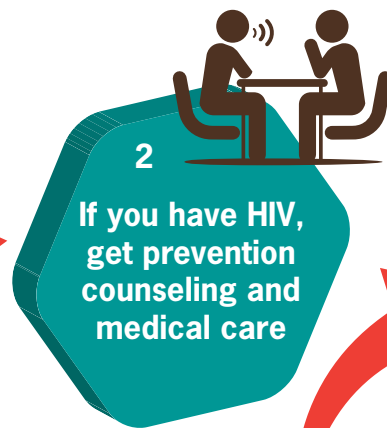
62 are linked to HIV care

41 stay in HIV care

36 get antiretroviral therapy

28 have a very low amount of virus in their body

Route to healthy living with HIV and preventing new infections



Lower amount of virus means

- Better health
- Longer life
- Fewer new infections
- Helping to stop HIV in the US

