# Video 1 – Clinicians Chat: HIV Screening: Making It Part of the Routine

## Transcript with Text Description

*[0:00 – Logos for the United States Department of Health & Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)]*

*[0:06 – Video title: Clinicians Chat – HIV Screening: Making it Part of the Routine]*

*[0:16 – Dr. Oni Blackstock, MD, MHS, Physician, Infectious Disease Clinic, Harlem Hospital]*

>>Well, I think with HIV testing, it's one of the few tests that are routinely recommended for everyone, regardless of someone's background or other chronic medical conditions they have.

*[0:26 – Ariel Watriss, MSN, NP-C, Nurse Practitioner, College Health, Tufts University]*

*[0:26 – Text: Conversation Starters – “It’s important for everyone to get test for HIV at least once in their lifetime.”]*

>>I think it's important for everyone to get tested at least once in their lifetime, preferably more depending on their life context, so that they have the reassurance of knowing and being able to share that with people who need to know it as well.

*[0:39 – Text: Conversation Starters – “There is power in knowing your HIV status.”]*

>>There's a lot of power in being able to own your own health information.

*[0:46 – Text: Conversation Starters – “Knowing your HIV status helps you take control of your health.”]*

>>And I am in full support of people having the opportunity to develop that health autonomy for themselves. And I think knowing your HIV status is a huge part of that.

*[0:53 – Dr. Blackstock]*

*[0:53 – Text: Conversation Starters – “Whether your test result is positive or negative, we can help you.”]*

>>What's really exciting now is regardless of your test results, there is something that we can do for you.

*[1:00 – Text: Conversation Starters – “If your test result is positive, we have effective medicine that reduces the amount of HIV in your body and helps keep you healthy and undetectable.”]*

>>So if you test positive, we have really effective and safe HIV treatment that when someone takes, if they're virally suppressed, they have individual health benefits for that person. And then also, public health benefits because undetectable equals untransmittable. That person does not pass HIV to their sexual partners if their viral load is undetectable.

*[1:22 – Text: Conversation Starters – “If your test result is negative, we have many prevention tools, including PrEP.”]*

>>And then if the test is negative, we have lots of prevention modalities, including pre-exposure prophylaxis for them. So we sort of think about HIV testing as the gateway to HIV prevention and treatment services.

*[1:39 – Text: Together we can make a difference]*

*[1:42 – Text becomes: Let’s Stop HIV Together]*

*[1:47 –* *Closing title text: HIV Nexus: CDC Resources for Clinicians]*

*[Logos for the United States Department of Health & Human Services and CDC, Let’s Stop HIV Together, and Ending the HIV Epidemic]*

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