

Those left behind

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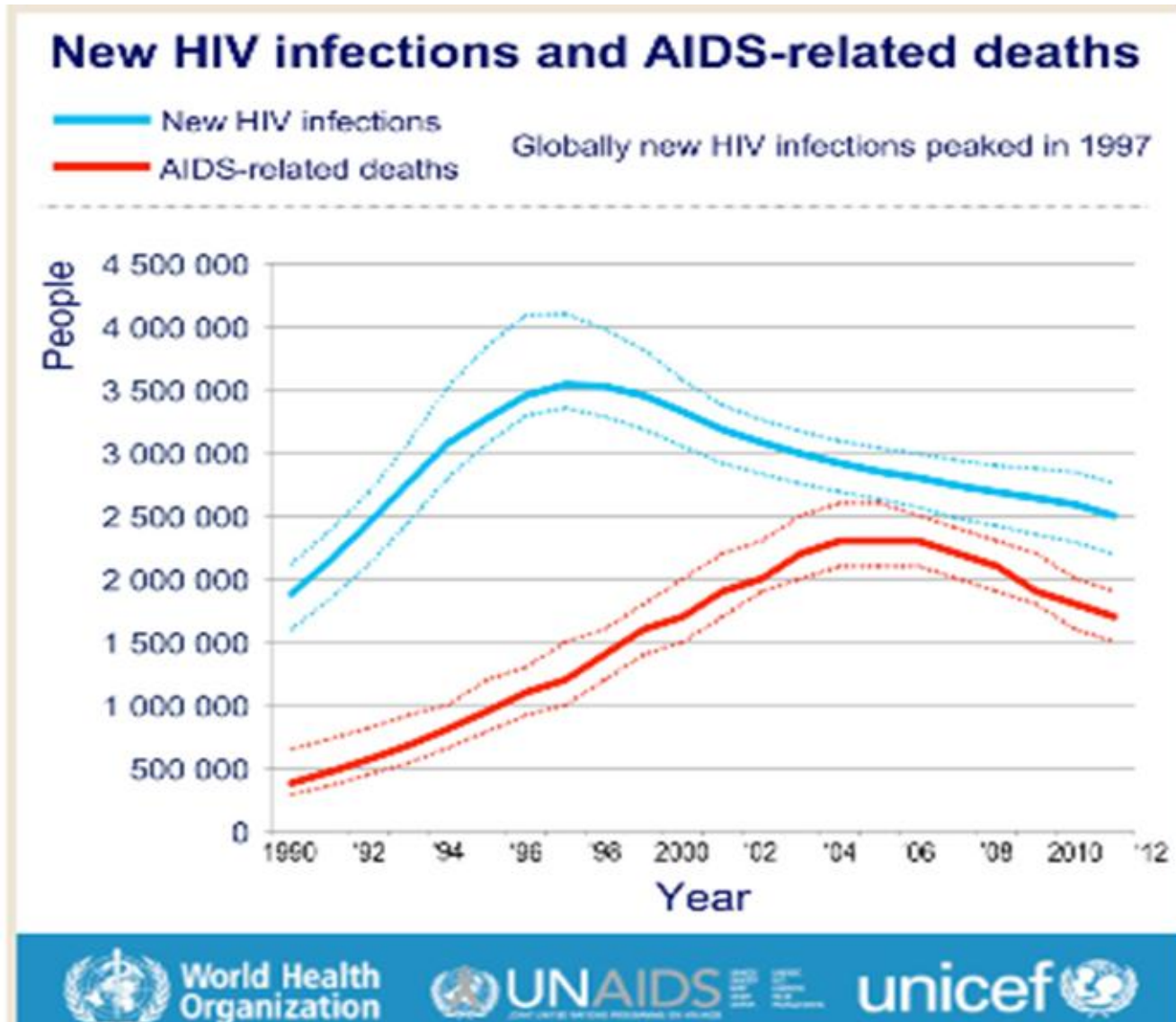
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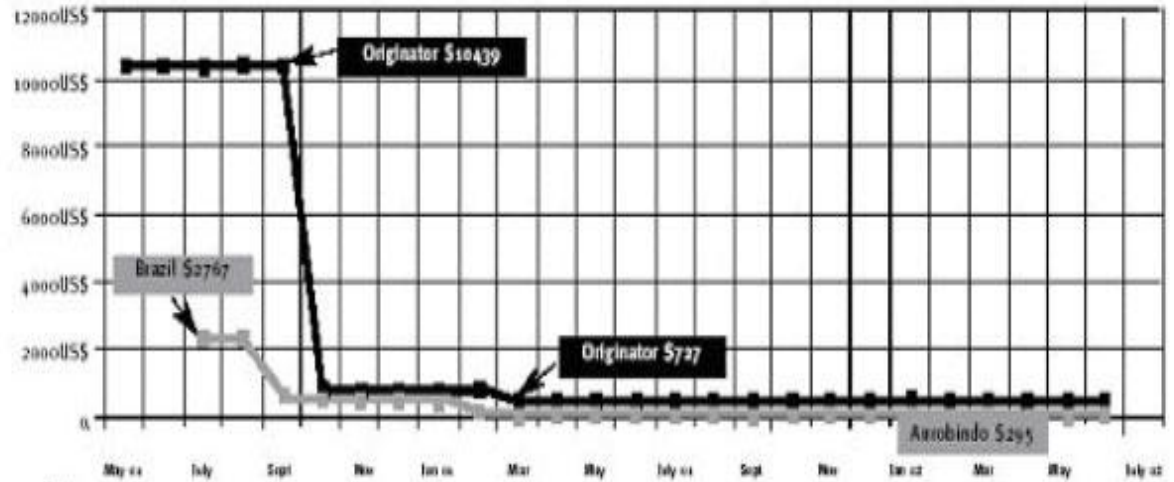
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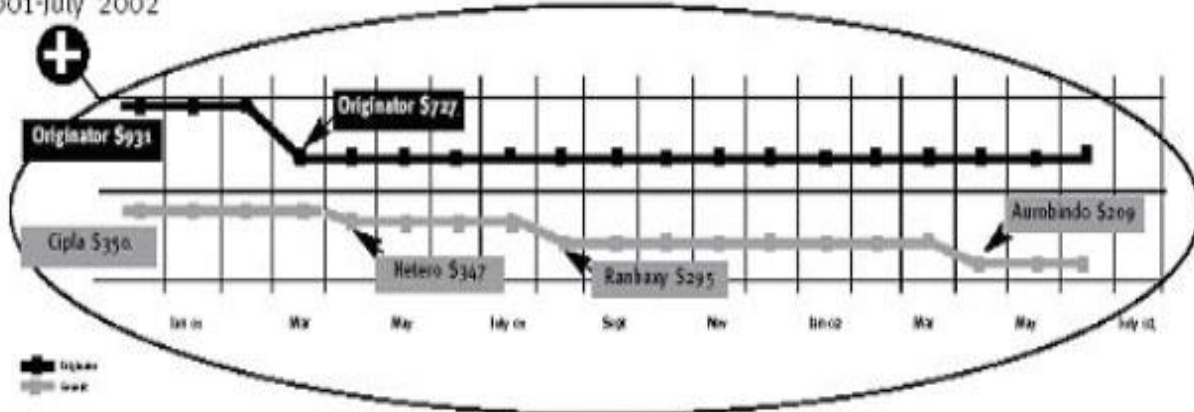
How have we managed the global epidemic?

We wouldn't have done it without price reductions...

May 2000-July 2002

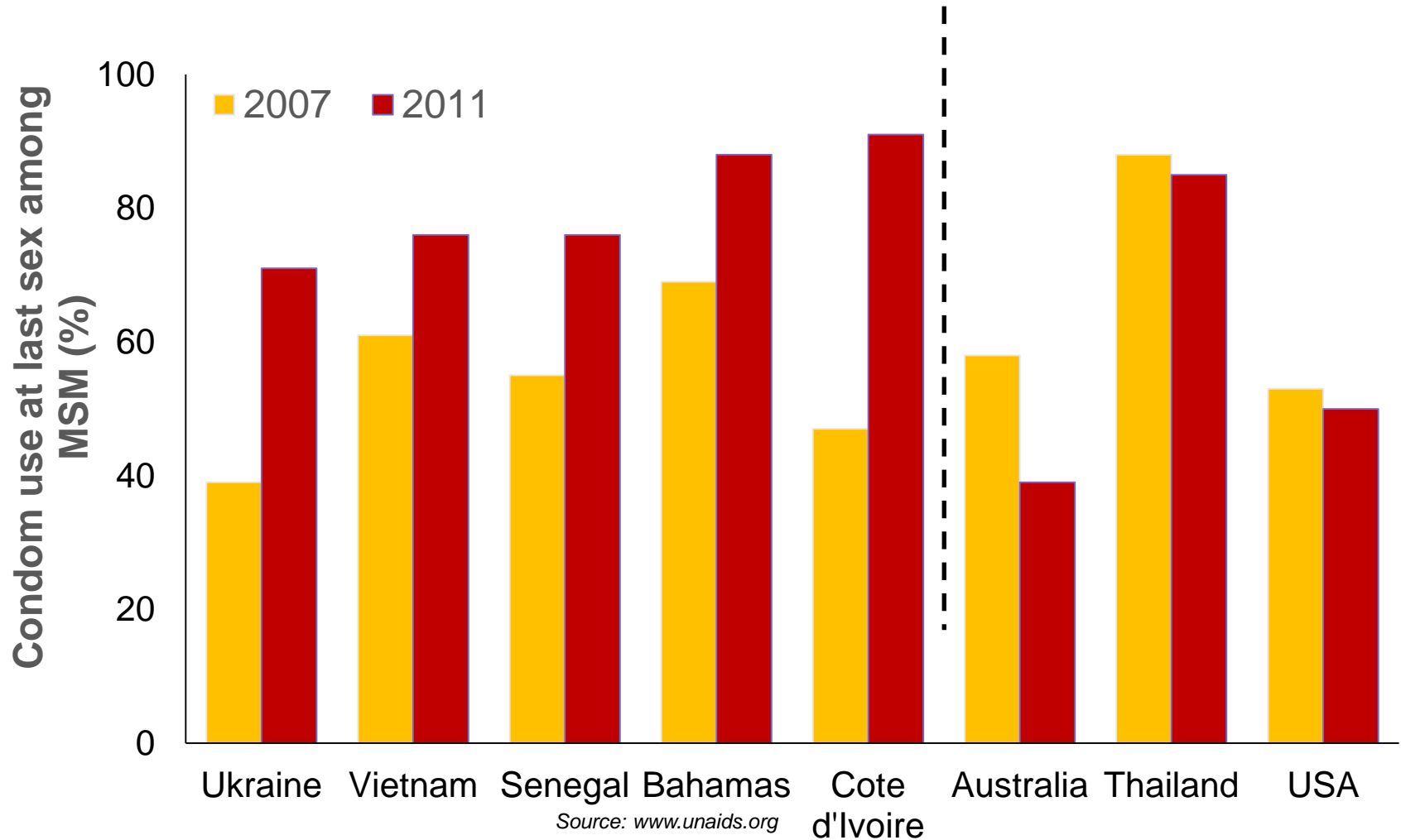


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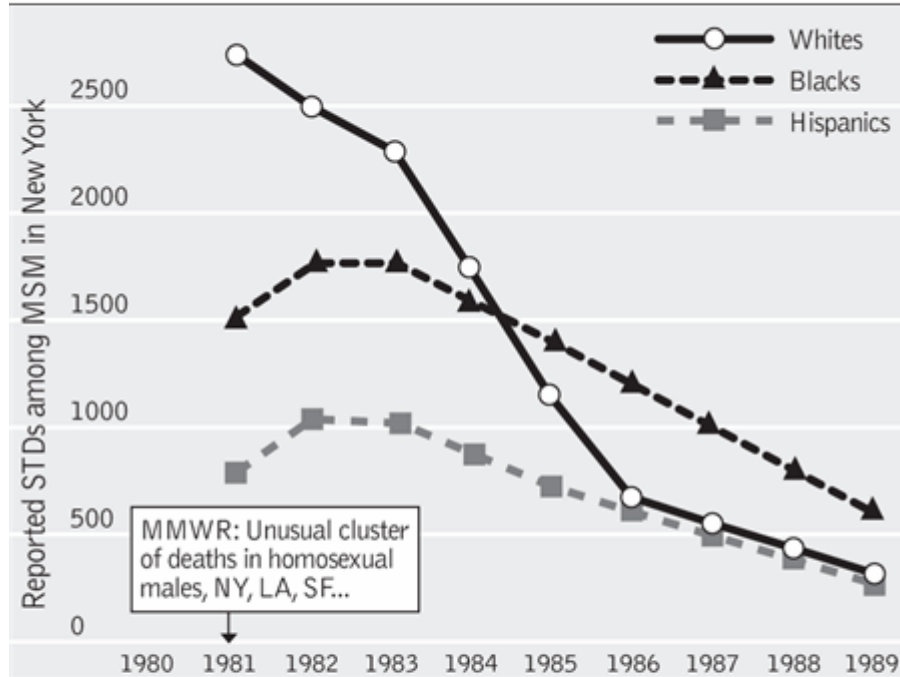
And with condoms...

Condom use among MSM in selected countries, 2007 vs 2011



And with behavior change...

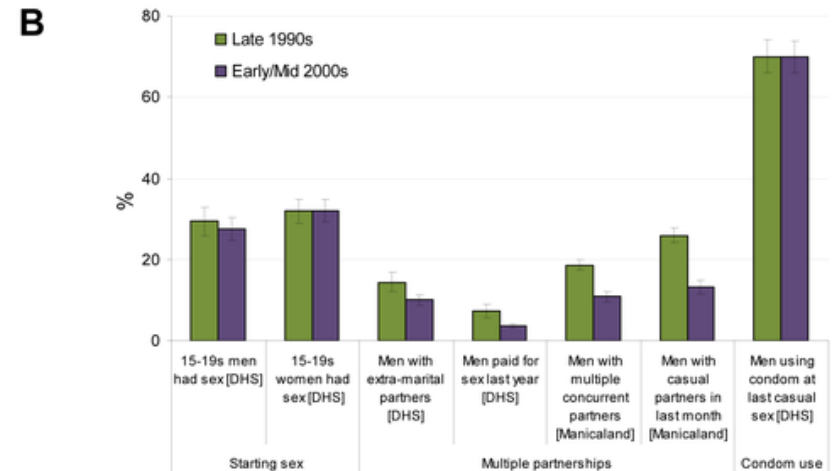
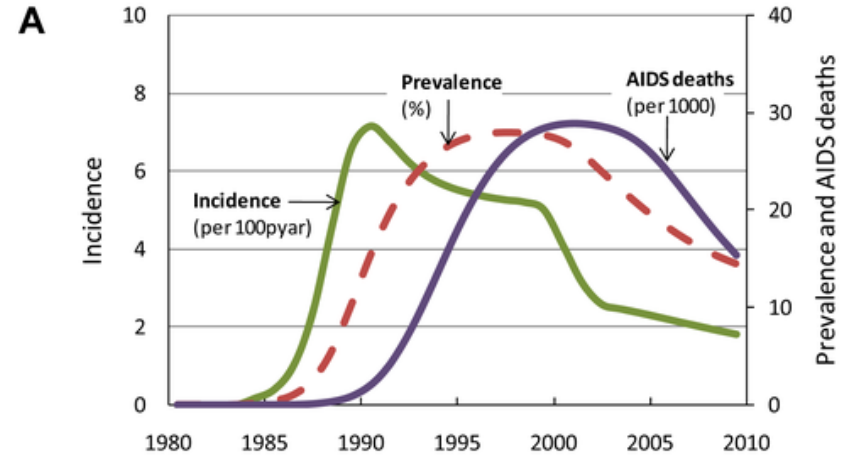
Declines in reported rectal gonorrhoea in New York clinics in MSM



MMWR: Unusual cluster of deaths in homosexual males, NY, LA, SF...

AIDS cases		1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
White		8	25	89	293	679	1285	2170	3047	4046	5352
Black		1	9	38	103	209	408	709	1032	1461	1953
Hispanic		1	6	24	71	166	324	544	818	1145	1548

Source: Adapted from Low-Beer 2003

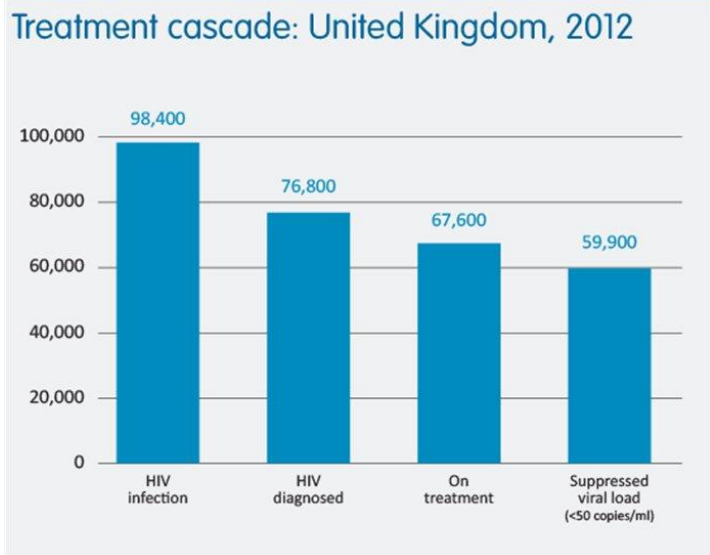


Success: Why Did the HIV Epidemic Decline in Zimbabwe?. PLoS Med 8(2): e1000414.

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And treatment access...The Cascades



OVERALL: Of the 1.1 million Americans living with HIV, only 25 percent are virally suppressed.

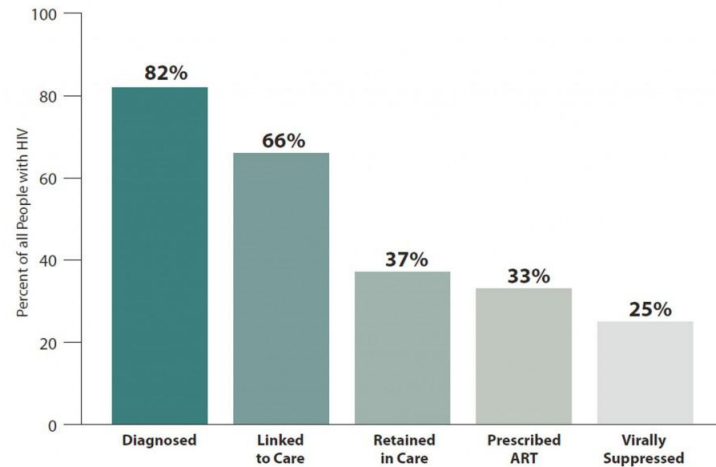
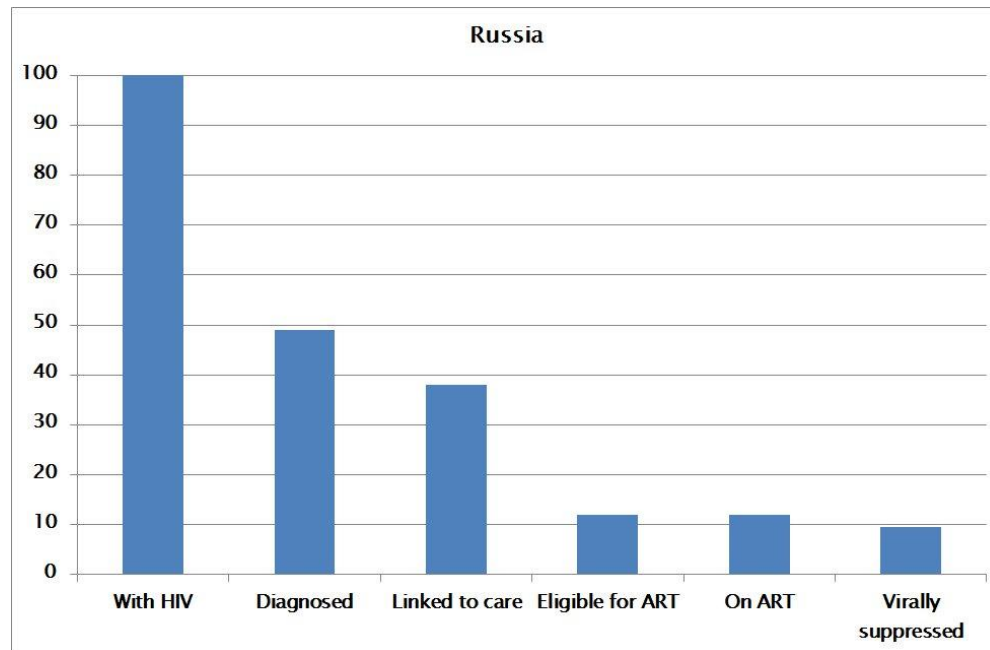
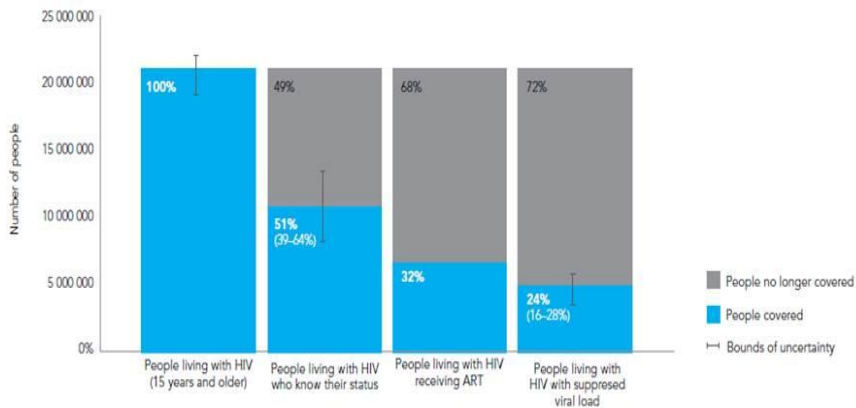
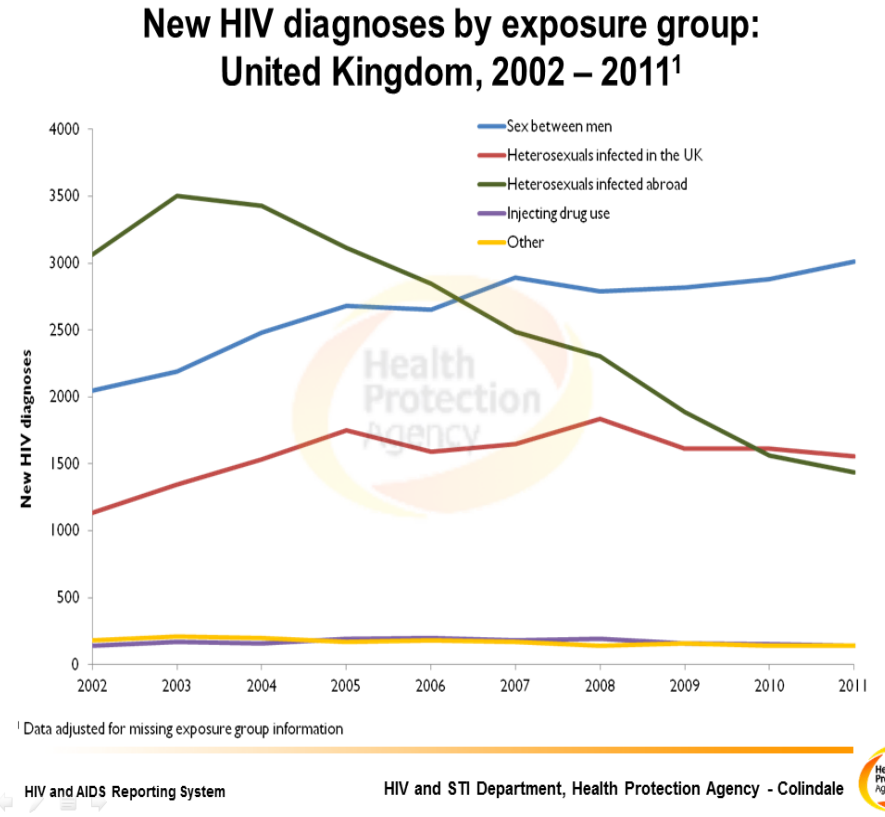
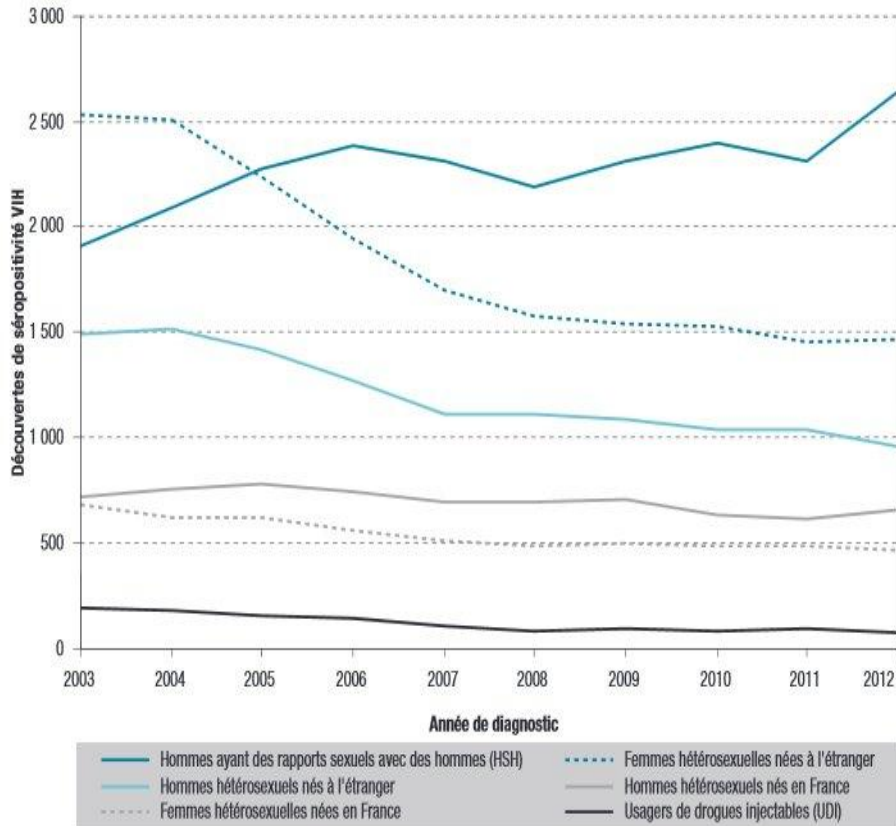


FIGURE 4.3
Abbreviated HIV treatment cascade for sub-Saharan Africa, 2012



But HIV is on the increase in at least one group

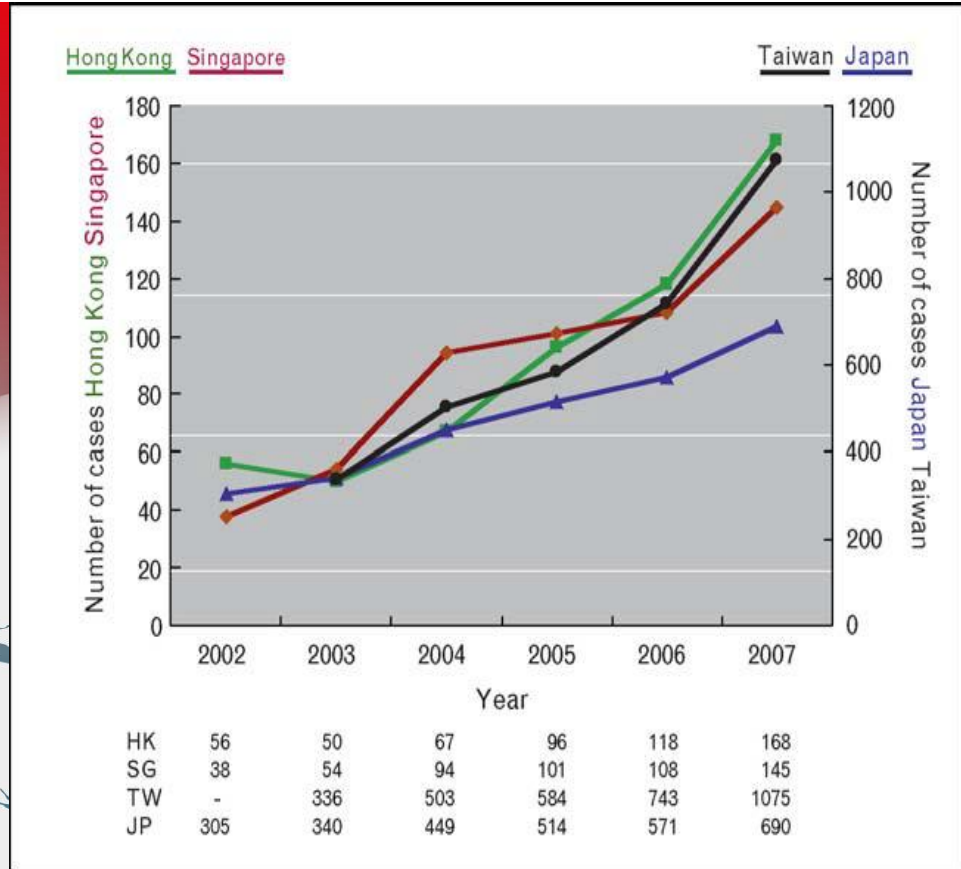
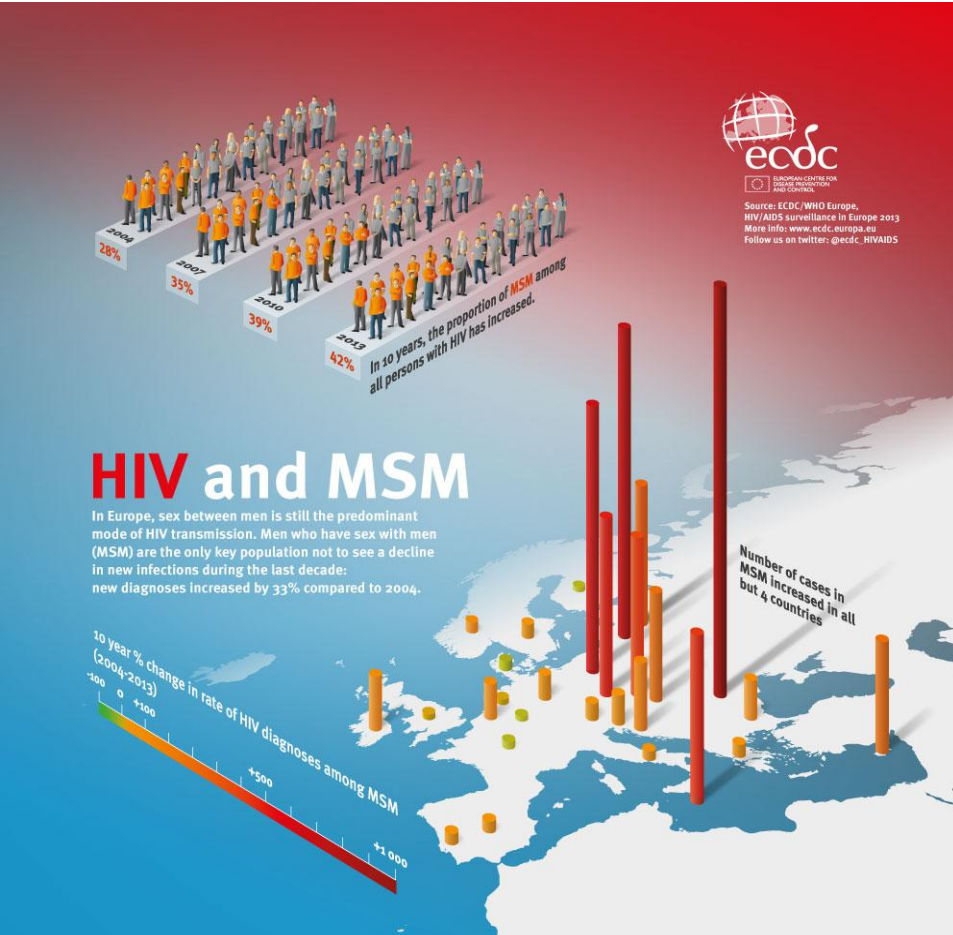
HIV diagnose in MSM: France 2003-12, UK 2002-11.



¹ Data adjusted for missing exposure group information

And more so elsewhere...

HIV MSM diagnoses: Europe 2004-13, east Asia 2002-2007

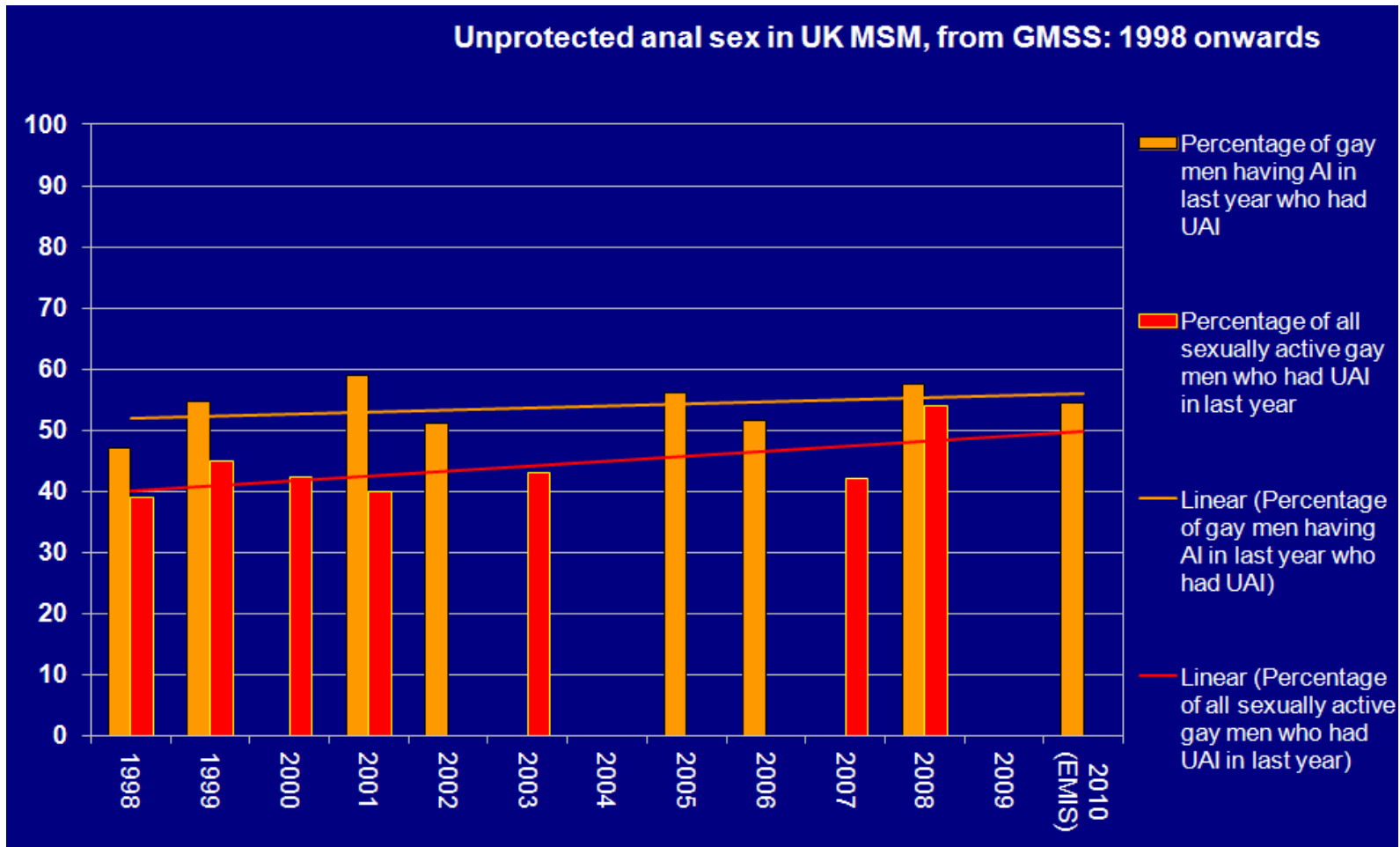


Why? Transmission vulnerability

Estimated number of exposures needed to HIV (average viral load off-treatment) for one infection to occur

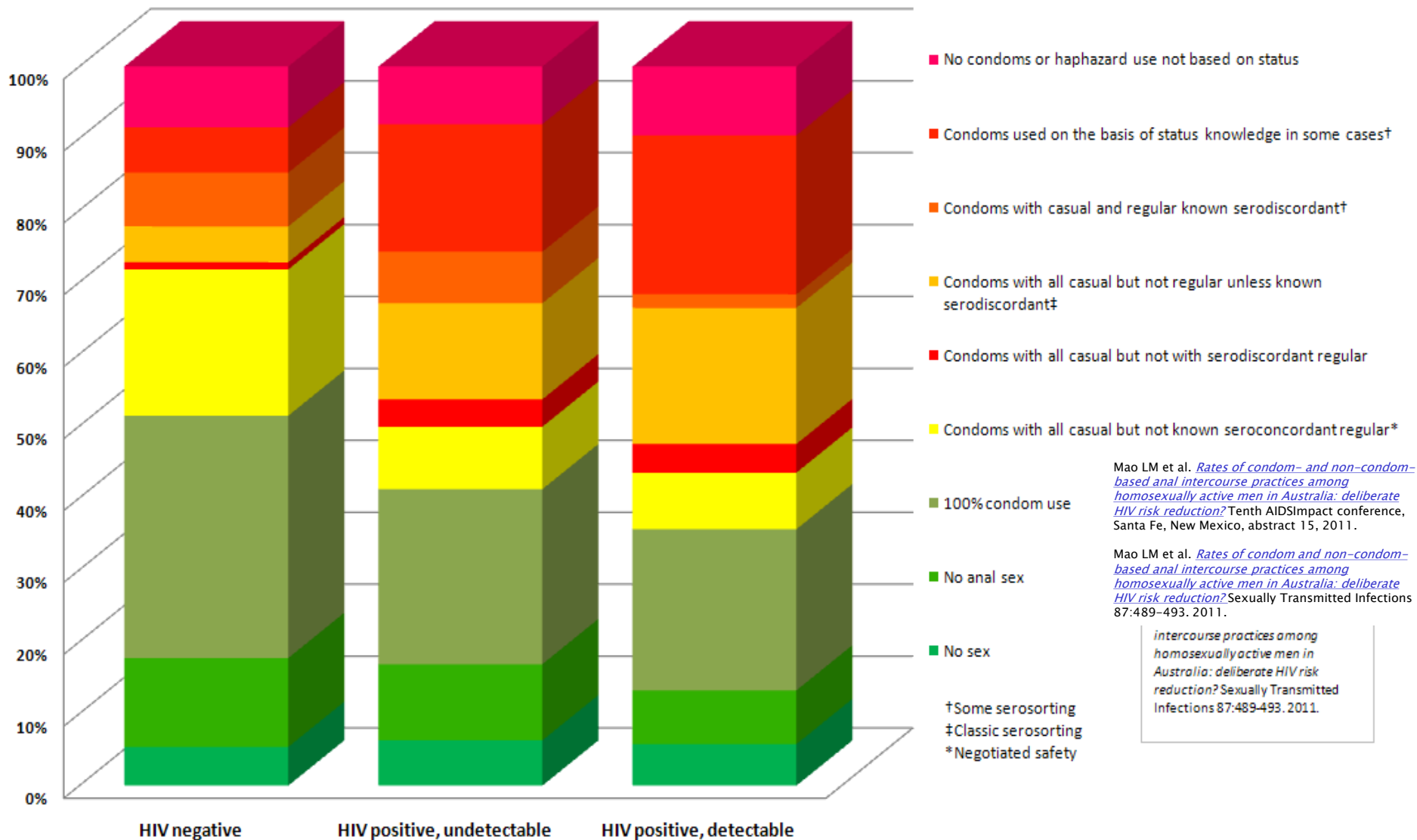


Why? 'Condom ceiling'



Why? Because gay men have to make complex choices

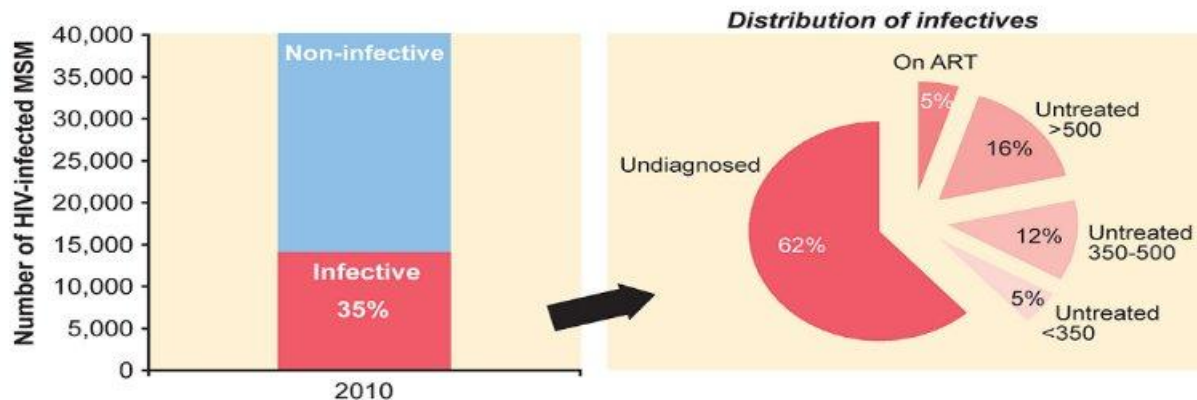
Gay men's choices: Australian national study[¶]



Why? TasP is not enough

- Even in UNAIDS 90/90/90 target, ART will only produce 60% of targeted reduction in incidence.
- As more diagnosed, in concentrated epidemics, most infections come from undiagnosed. Incidence in some groups runs ahead of even frequent testing

Distribution of infectives* among HIV-infected MSM,
UK: 2010, *Brown et al*



[Delpech V IAPAC prevention summit 2012](#)

* viral load >1500 copies/ml

Extending ART to all MSM with CD4 counts <500 cells/mm³ would reduce infectivity from an estimated 35% to 29% and, in combination with halving the undiagnosed, to 21%.

PrEP advocacy

- Kicked off by HIV+ treatment activists and allies
- But by definition, these are not the ‘end users’ of PrEP
 - The HIV negative-at-risk population has to adopt and champion PrEP
- But they often do not have the scientific background and biomedical perspective of treatment activists
 - HIV prevention has largely been seen as the community’s own endeavour/area of expertise
- Can lead to conservatism/ignorance of prevention science
 - But PrEP can become ‘owned’ by the community too

US: provocation

Giving up on Gay Men

By Michael Weinstein, *President, AIDS Healthcare Foundation*

GILEAD Recent headlines applauded taking medication as 'pre-exposure prophylaxis' to prevent transmission of HIV among gay men. The news came in a study of nearly 2,500 men in six countries that found that an average man taking the medication was 44% less likely to become infected than a control group taking a placebo.

How very sad that we have come to this point. The applause for this approach shows just how disposable we consider the lives of gay men.

If we were talking about protecting the general population with a treatment that was only 44% effective, would we be celebrating? The 44% who received a benefit from the medications were intensively counseled monthly, with frequent blood draws and tests for sexual infections. This is in no way representative of any real world situation.

In the real world, why would anyone subject himself to drug therapy—with the potential of very serious side effects—every day if they had any intention of using condoms? If someone tells almost any man that it is safe to have sex without a condom, they will likely do so.

Kevin Fenton, chief of HIV/AIDS for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said: "Some studies suggest that even a small increase in risk behavior due to a false sense of security about the pills effectiveness could actually increase HIV infections, an outcome we cannot afford."

A large percentage of patients already infected with HIV do not take their medications. How likely are uninfected men to take pills every day for the rest of their lives to prevent an HIV infection? If the pre-exposure HIV medication is not at therapeutic levels in their system before they have sex, they will not be protected.

The potential use of drugs to prevent HIV infection is based on the premise that we cannot succeed in getting gay men to use condoms. Has an effective effort really been made to market condoms in gay-friendly ways? Are condoms readily available in bars, bathhouses and other meeting spots? Advertised on TV? Do our political, religious and community leaders speak out forcefully for protecting gay men from HIV infection? No.

Another question: who will pay for this \$10,000 per person, per year pre-exposure treatment?

I commend research into HIV prevention. But, our communities must consider these points if we are going to offer up hundreds of thousands of gay men for an unproven experiment.



For more information or to send a letter to Gilead CEO John C. Martin, Please visit nomagicpills.org.



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Truvada Whores?

Posted: 11/12/2012 7:59 pm EST | Updated: 01/12/2013 5:12 am EST

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The FDA has approved Truvada, an HIV treatment medication, to be taken by uninfected people as a pre-exposure prophylaxis, or "PrEP" -- that is, to protect against HIV. The PrEP drug is intended for those individuals who engage in high-risk sexual behavior and is prescribed to be used in conjunction with safe sex practices. So are these "high-risk" folks actually using the drug as the doctor prescribed?

US: reaction



US: initiatives



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We feature real stories from people who have chosen to use PrEP as one way to protect themselves from HIV. We invite you to share your PrEP experience via audio, video, or in writing. Send video or audio links and/or text and we will post them here. You can include your name, or you may contribute your story anonymously. This blog is for PrEP for users, potential users, and providers. Look for the links in the sidebar.

We have not heard of any insurance company or any Medicaid program outright denying coverage of Truvada. However, some programs are requiring prior-authorization, however, which requires paperwork to be filled out. And the type of insurance, including prescription drug benefits, will determine the cost to you as the consumer. To date, we have seen from providers who are unwilling to write a prescription.

If you have trouble getting a prescription for Truvada as PrEP from your provider, or getting a PrEP prescription, we are happy to troubleshoot with you. Send us an email to myprepexperience@gmail.com.



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Damon L. Jacobs
January 23 · Brooklyn, NY, United States · Edited

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US: normalisation? (In SF)

Group	People
HIV negative at substantial risk:	
MSM with 2+ non-condom anal sex (ncAI) partners ¹	12,589
MSM with 0 ncAI and an STI in the last year ²	2,325
Female partners of HIV+ MSM ³	653
Trans women ⁴	522
TOTAL estimated PrEP eligibility	16,089
TOTAL reporting any PrEP in past year ⁵	5,059
Percent of eligible people using PrEP in the past year	31%

1. SFAF Clinic Survey: 16% already n PrEP, 60% want to be

What are the (extra) issues in Europe?

- Cost/affordability
- Arguments from equity: will PrEP take resources away?
- Fear of PrEP being a 'preferable' alternative of those who do not have our interests at heart – 'medicalisation'
- East-versus-west
- Homophobia
- Health systems based on solidarity rather than liberty
- 'We *all* have to agree to this'
- Internalised homophobia in gay men: responsible gay men versus Truvada whores
- Alternatives: informal PrEP, PEP-as-PrEP, online generics

Europe

- Strong community engagement in both Ipergay and PROUD
- Activists' meeting at Melbourne



Gus Cairns
July 23
Allowed on Timeline

What may just be the start of a European PrEP campaign, or at least some concerted pressure on EU institutions etc. Thanks **Giulio Maria Corbelli** for getting the meeting together and for too-many-to-name from Germany, France, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Belgium, Scotland, England and Bob Grant from iPrEx contributing their ideas to it. — with **Brian West**, **Nicholas Feustel**, **Tamas Bereczky** and **Giulio Maria Corbelli**.

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Giulio Maria Corbelli Thank you Gus, your contribution was invaluable.
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Jim Pickett Great work
July 23 at 10:07pm · Like

Henning Mikkelsen Just what is needed
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Rebekah Webb Excellent! Wish I had been there, so happy to see this initiative taking off and looking forward to supporting it!
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Nikos Dedes First step is a letter to Gilead demanding that they submit ASAP the data to EMA

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Some media

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By James Gallagher
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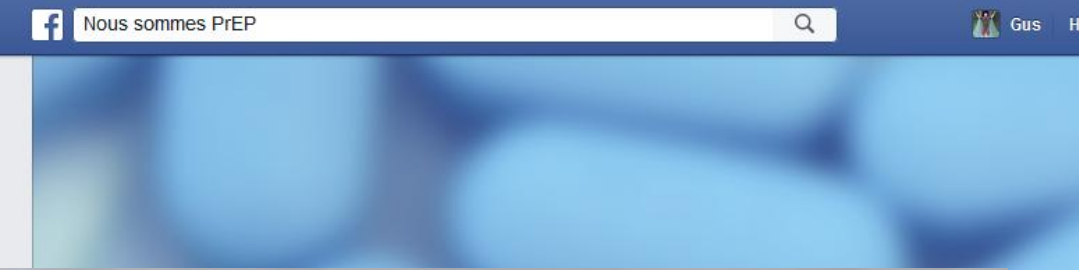
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- > Safer Chems campaign launches
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ACT UP London added 2 new photos — with Seán VonGovern and Kieran Aldred.
December 10, 2014

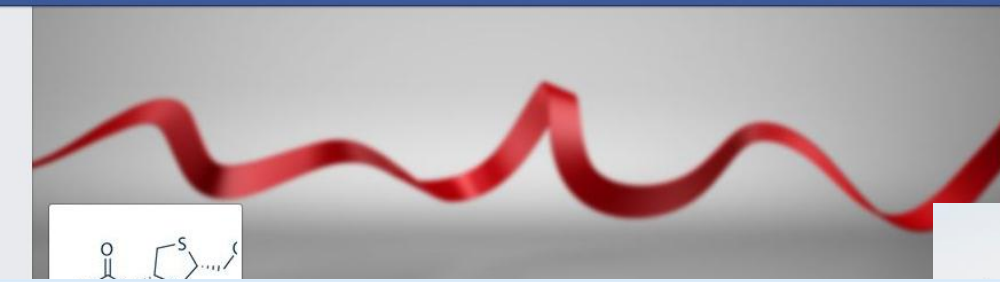
The community turns out to demand PrEP now in the NHS!! With 6,000 diagnoses every year - two years is much too long to wait! Thanks to all our allies at Terrence Higgins Trust Positively UK HIV i-Base and all other orgs who turned up!! (**SEE THE REST OF YOU AT OUR GENERAL MEETING TONIGHT 6:30PM - UNITE Bldg. 33-37 Moreland St. EC1V 8BB)



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So Why Are So Many Gay Men Opposed To PrEP?

By The Gay UK, Aug 16 2014 08:23AM

So why are so many gay men adamantly opposed to PrEP, the daily dose of the anti-retroviral drug Truvada, which is at least 90% effective at protecting against HIV? Indeed, according to a recent iPrEx open-label extension (iPrEx OLE), to date the largest demonstration project of HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis, daily taking of Truvada could be as much as 99% effective.

by Greg Mitchell | 16th August 2014



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Continuing our discussion on gay men's relationship / his experience of being on PrEP, the controversial ne

I'm Greg Mitchell and I'm a Truvadawhore. I take one called PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis). However, so bad person: irresponsible, a slut, a whore.

I'm a product of the pre-AIDS generation. I name worst of the AIDS epidemic and I'm still HIV neg and a lot of luck. Statistically I should be a stat

Back in the 80s the fear of AIDS stopped me! again. I used condoms and I hated them. Sex



However, with the advances in HIV treatment, I'll admit my adherence was just what they call 'dipping': when you put it in for a few minutes there were other occasions when I wouldn't use a condom at all. The assessment', and I would decide to take the risk.



Charlie took part in the trial because of the high risk of HIV in London.

He said higher rates of HIV in London, took part by being in the trial.

Prep in Europe via European AIDS Treatment Group
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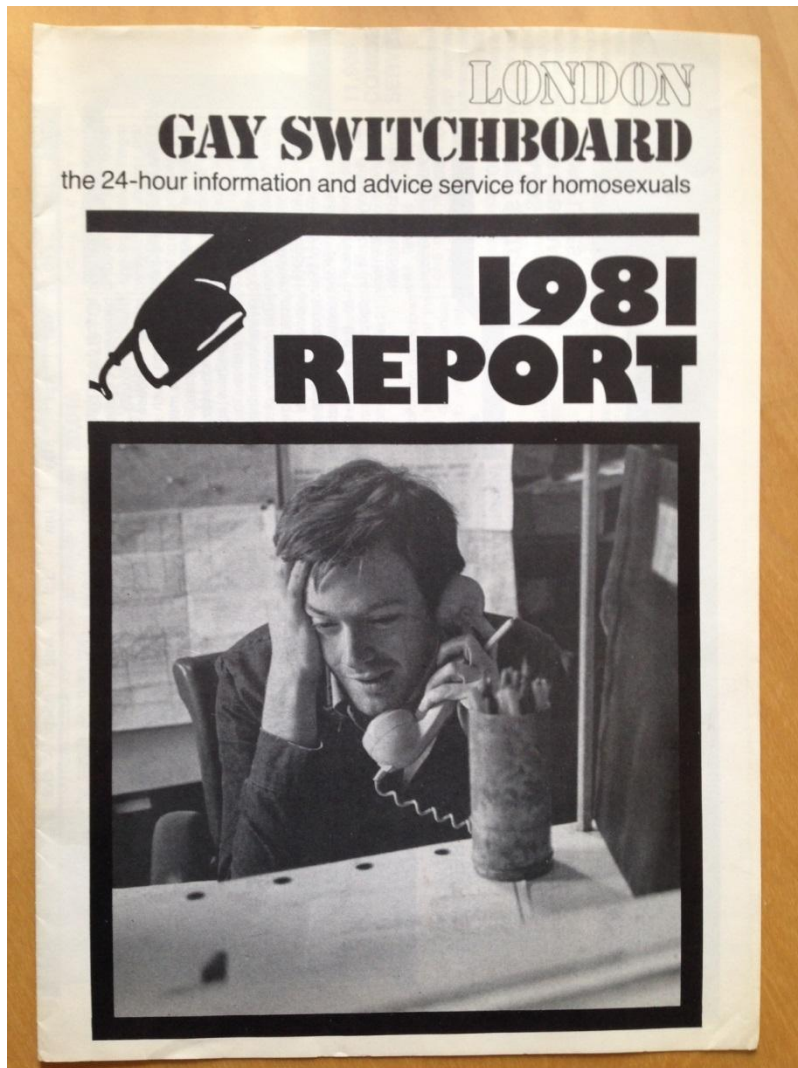
Nicholas Feustel's documentary on the PROUD study is now out. Let us know what you think. What are the chances for PrEP currently?



Why 'PrEP' (or what it enables) may be key

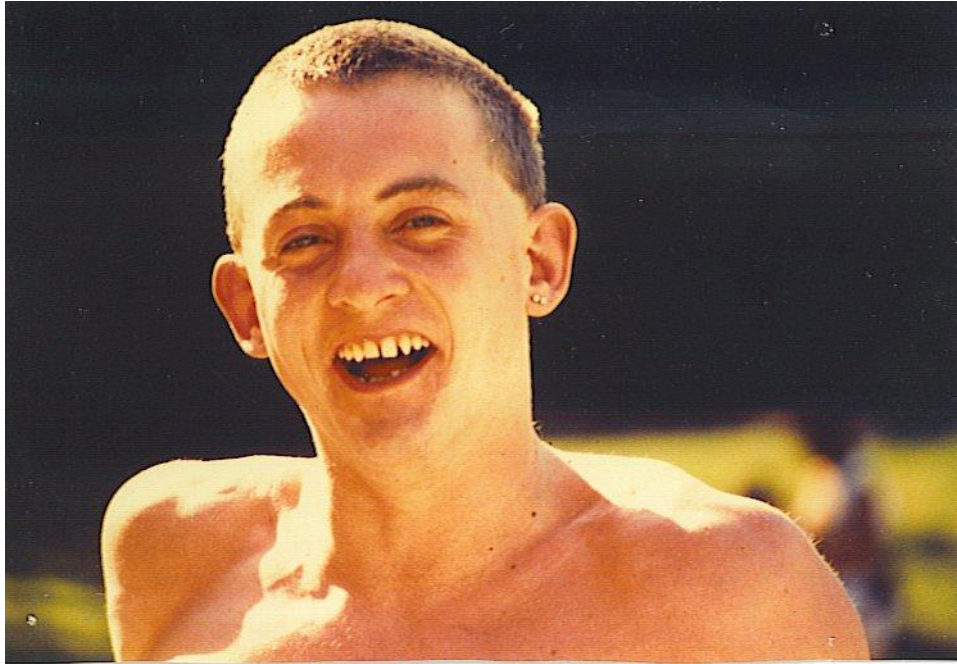
- It offers, for the first time, a biomedical resource for HIV-negative people
- It's something you can offer other than condoms or 'come back in six months'
- It catches people before they get HIV, often at the peak of their vulnerability – and ability to learn and change
- It may be extensible to other populations – but maybe differently, eg injectable PrEP or devices for young women where privacy/stigma issues make oral PrEP impossible
- It is the holy grail of HIV treatment/prevention: it will only work if demand-driven and so of its nature will inject motivation into HIV-affected communities
- It's also a holy grail because it 'goes where the pleasure does' – cf needle exchange in PUDs where it works because it's a better hit
- It *may* (in combination with 'undetectable=uninfectious') reduce HIV stigma
- It would have worked for me!

A personal note: 1981



- New to London gay scene 1977
- Syphilis ? 1978
- Diagnosed 1985
- Probable seroconversion illness 1984
- If PrEP had been available in 1978 I might not have got HIV

For Paul



Thanks to...

- Sheena McCormack
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