HIV 101 & HIV Testing

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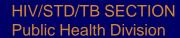


HIV & AIDS

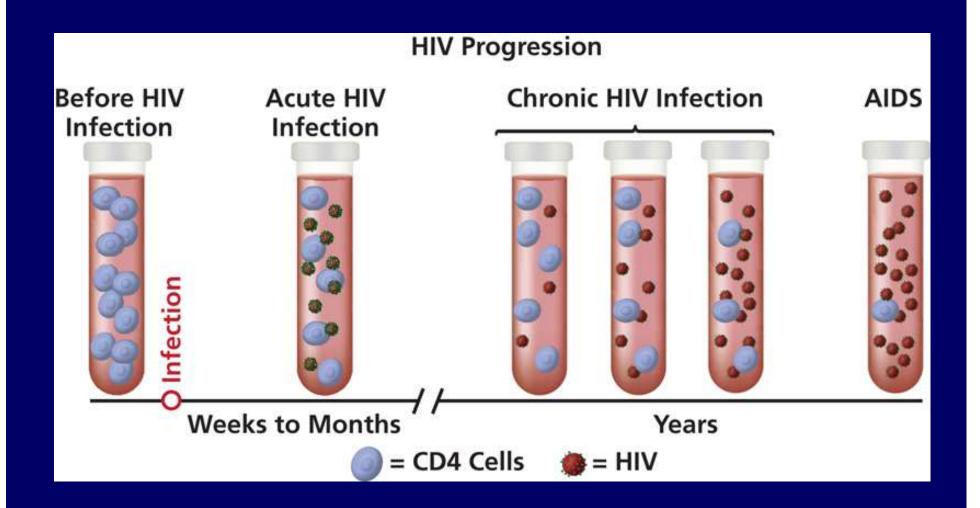
- HIV = Human Immunodeficiency Virus
- HIV attacks white blood cells (aka T-helper or CD4 cells) that are important for us to fight off diseases and infections
- AIDS = Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
 - AIDS is late stage HIV disease
- Medications can be used to keep the virus from destroying white blood cells and multiplying and keep people from progressing to AIDS
 - Viral suppression = our goal!



What HIV looks like HIV spikes bind to the cell with the cell released into the cell T-helper cell









Acute HIV Infection

- Between 40%-90% of people recently infected with HIV may shown signs of acute HIV infection
- Phase of HIV immediately after infection that is characterized by an initial burst of viremia
 - Anti-HIV antibodies are undetectable, HIV-1 RNA or p24 antigen are present



Acute HIV Infection

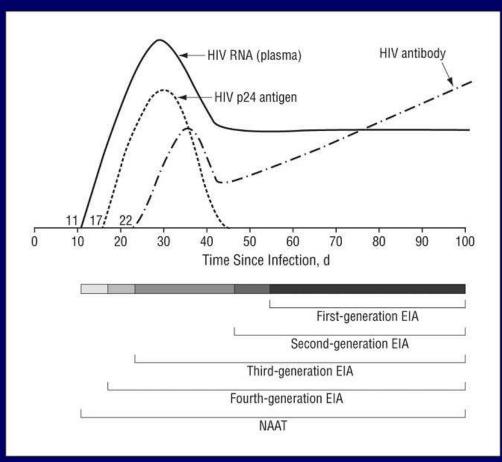
- Can be commonly missed
- Exercise high degree of suspicion for acute infection if individual presents with s/s and has recent high-risk HIV exposure ~ 2-6 weeks

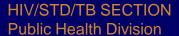
Fever (usually >101°F)	Headache
Fatigure	Nausea
Swollen lymph nodes	Night sweats
Weight loss	Rash
Muscle aches	Diarrhea



Acute HIV Infection

- Individuals are highly infectious during acute stage
- Results on a traditional HIV antibody test will typically be negative
- Acute infection is identified using NAAT/RNA testing or a test looking for the p24 antigen







How is HIV transmitted?

- Sexual contact
- Sharing of needles or needlestick
- Perinatal transmission (mother-to-child)
- Prior to 1985 in U.S. blood transfusions
- It is not transmitted via
 - Casual contact
 - Mosquitoes
 - Toilet seats, etc.



What fluids can transmit HIV?

- Blood
- Semen
 - Including pre-seminal fluid (pre-cum)
- Vaginal secretions
- Rectal fluids
- Breast milk



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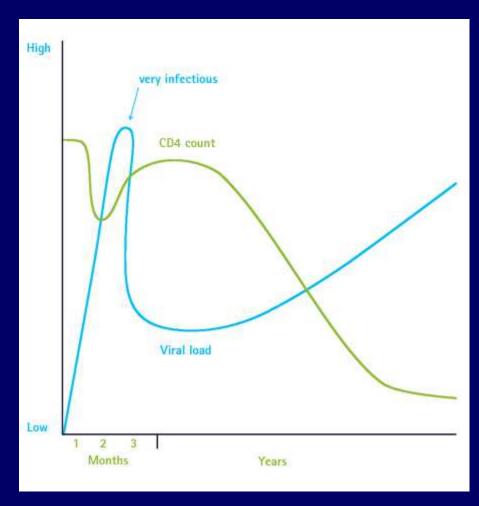
 Not all risks are created equally

Estimated per-act Probability of Acquiring HIV from an Infected Source	Risk per 10,000 exposures
Blood transfusion	9,250
Needle sharing during injection drug use	63
Needle-stick	23
Receptive anal sex	138
Insertive anal sex	11
Receptive penile-vaginal sex	8
Insertive penile-vaginal sex	4
Oral sex	low



HIV viral load and transmission

 High viral load increases risk of HIV transmission substantially



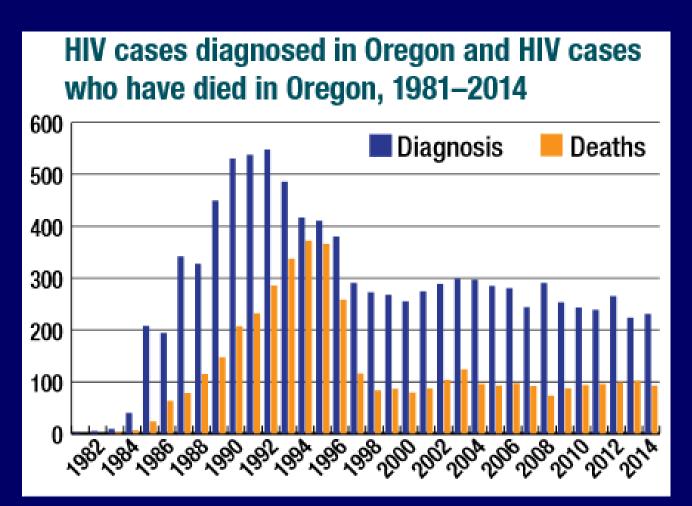


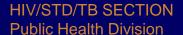
Prevention strategies

- Condoms and lubricant
- Using clean needles and works and not sharing
- Abstinence
- Reducing number of partners
- Post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP)
- Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)
- Treatment as Prevention (TasP)



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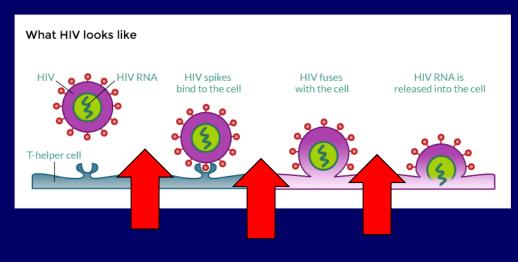




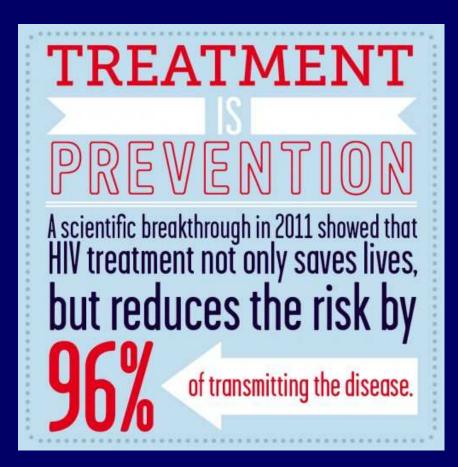


Treatment as Prevention (TasP)

- There are six classes of drugs and more than 25 types of drugs now available to treat HIV.
 - Highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART)
- Drugs are given in combination with one another no monotherapy
 - Several fixed dose combinations (1 a day pills)
- Different drugs target different parts of the HIV viral replication process



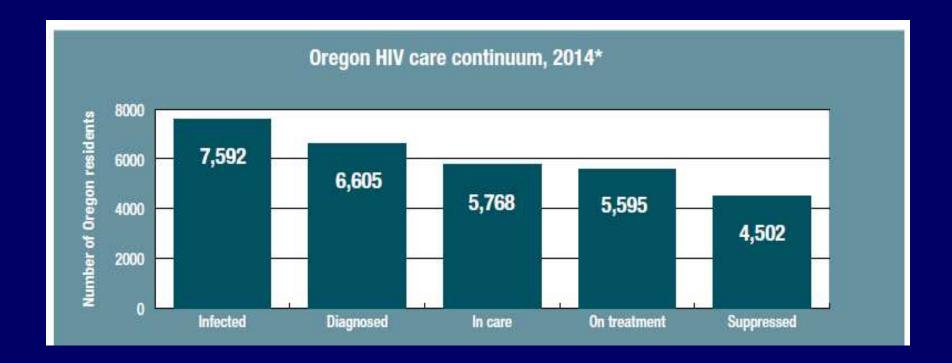
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- Our end goal viral suppression!
- CD4 cells up
- Viral load down
 - Undetectable levels
- HIV treatment is prevention!
 - The ability to transmit HIV is dramatically reduced

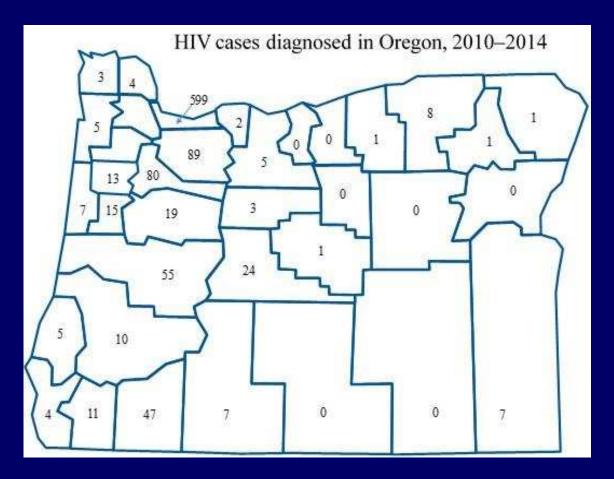


HIV Care Continuum





HIV in Oregon





HIV Testing

- There are a wide variety of tests available to detect HIV
 - Conventional testing through OSPHL or other lab
 - Rapid testing
 - Home testing kits



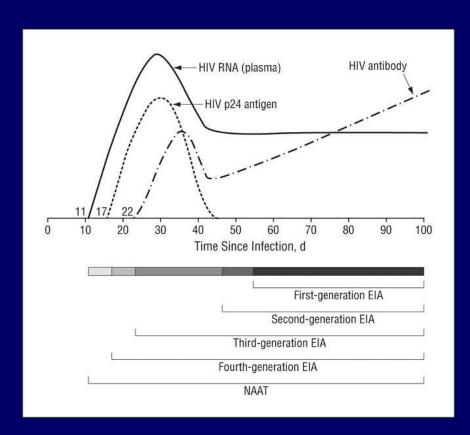








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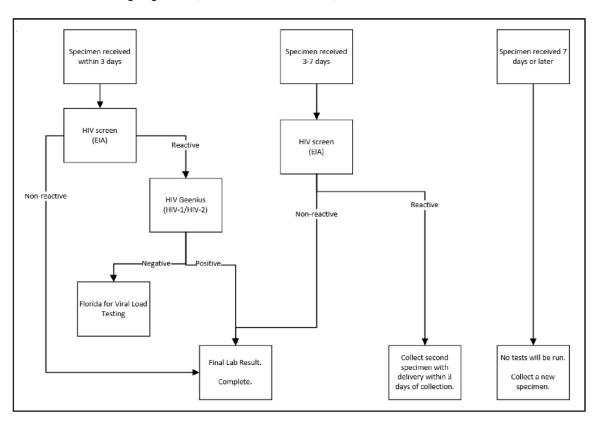


- HIV tests look for the presence of antibodies the body produces to fight HIV.
- Window period for HIV that varies depending on type of test used.
- Some tests now can detect the p24 antigen which shows up before antibodies



HIV Testing in Oregon

OSPHL HIV Testing Algorithm, effective November 1, 2016:





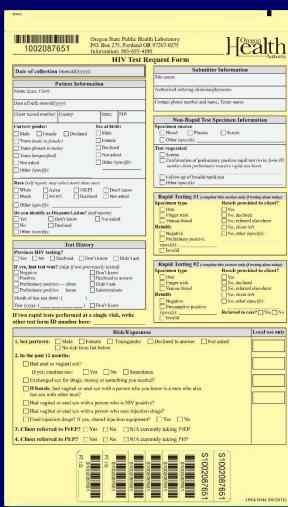
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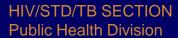
- A variety of rapid HIV testing technologies are available
 - CLIA-waived
 - One also available as home testing kit
- Read time varies between 1 minute and up to 20 minutes
- Finger stick or oral fluid
- A positive rapid test always needs to be confirmed with a second test (either rapid or conventional)



Resources available through HIV Program

- Testing through OSPHL
- Required to complete form (Form 44)
- Submit yellow copy with specimen
- Send white copy to us for data entry
- Not meant to pay for routine screening for all
 - If they are asking for a test or have risk, test them and we will pay!







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Consent for HIV Testing

- Under Oregon law, a separate written consent for HIV testing is required.
 - FALSE
- Previously Oregon law required special informed consent for HIV testing.
- Senate Bill 1502 passed in 2012 removed this requirement.



Consent for HIV Testing

- Now patients must be:
 - Notified testing may occur
 - Given the opportunity to decline if they wish
- Notification may be done in any of the following ways:
 - Verbally through health care provider or their designee
 - In writing through a general medical consent form, brochure, fact sheet, or signage in a waiting area

Oregon Revised Statute 433.045 (§3)
Oregon Administrative Rule, Chapter 333, Division 22, Section 0205



Consent for HIV Testing

 The following language is compliant with the law and could be inserted into a general medical consent form:

You may be tested for HIV. If you want to decline HIV testing, check this box [].

- This one of several acceptable approaches you could use.
- You are free to decide what procedure will work best for your practice as long as the patient is notified testing may occur and allowed to decline.



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- The CDC has moved away from its recommendation that counseling accompany each HIV testing event in non-clinical settings.
- Goal is to decrease time and resources necessary to make testing simpler, easier, and more routine.



HIV Testing Process

1	Introduce and Orient Client to Session
2	Prepare For and Conduct Rapid HIV Test (10-20 minute read time)
3	Conduct Brief Risk Screening
4	Provide Initial Results and Follow Protocol for Confirmatory Testing
5	Develop Care, Treatment, and Prevention Plan Based on Results
6	Refer and Link with Medical Care, Social and Behavioral Services

	Individual Nonrapid HIV Testing Protocol
	INITIAL VISIT
1	Introduce and Orient Client to Session
2	Conduct Brief Risk Assessment
3	Prepare For Test and Collect Sample
	RETURN VISIT (ideally no more than 1 week from initial visit)
4	Check-In With Client
5	Provide Confirmed Results
6	Develop Care, Treatment, and Prevention Plan Based on Results
7	Refer and Link with Medical Care, Social and Behavioral Services



Questions?

