

# **The HIV/AIDS Epidemic in the US: Forgotten but not Gone**

**The Domestic Working Group  
of the HPTN**

# Accomplishments to Date

- Establishment of the Working Group
- Development of a Domestic Prevention Research Agenda blueprint
  - Identified key priorities
- Championing of the cause of domestic US prevention efforts
- Re-vitalized domestic research sites
- New investigators engaged
- Partnering with communities and community groups
- Fast tracking of research ideas
- **Activation of studies**

# HPTN 061 & HPTN 064

**BROTHERS: Community-Based,  
Multi-component  
HIV Prevention Intervention for Black  
MSM**



**ISIS**  
**HIV Seroincidence Study in Women**

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*a women's study*

# HPTN 061 (BROTHERS): Current Status

- **Protocol v. 2.0 distributed to sites in early April**
  - Sites have submitted or are submitting to their IRBs
  - Site visits by FHI and NL throughout May and early June
- **The first sites are ready for activation in early June**
- Preparation for 061 has been a learning process, especially around community involvement and engagement

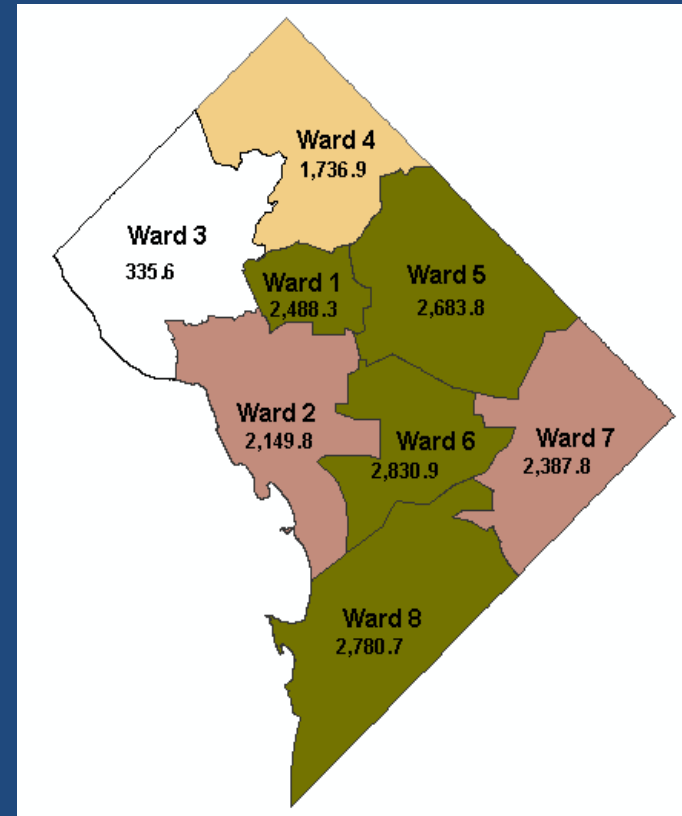
# HPTN 064 (ISIS): Current Status

- IRB approval at all sites
- Ethnographic studies accomplished at all sites
- Two sites have been activated and expect to start enrollment imminently
- Others to follow soon

# Unique Features

- Pilot studies
  - Black MSM
  - Women of color
- Inform future large effectiveness studies
- Community partnerships
- Ethnographic research
- Deeper understanding of drivers of the domestic epidemic
- Re-invigorate and establish vibrant domestic research sites

# Test and Treat



- Community focused intervention
- Partnership with local health authorities
- Use of rich surveillance data to answer research questions
- Strengthen surveillance data
- Lessons learned for international TNT studies
- Lessons learned for scale-up of interventions

# Capsules in Development

- PreP in the domestic arena
- Options-Plus Substudy in INSIGHT START study

# Gaps and Future Directions

- MSM (non-black MSM)
- Heterosexual men
- ISIS-Plus
- BROTHERS-Plus
- Intervention addressing male behavior
  - Dyadic intervention
- Structural interventions
  - Microfinance
  - Adolescents
  
- Nurture young investigators (women & minorities)
- Attract minority scientists to the field and the cause
  
- Expand membership/optimal size/young investigators interested in domestic HIV prevention

# Other Issues

- Support and inform domestic microbicide research agenda
- Support and inform domestic vaccine agenda research
- Support establishing a cohesive voice for domestic prevention research efforts (network-based or otherwise)

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