

HPTN 052 Retention Workshop
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Scenarios

Scenario 1: Distance from the CRS

A couple enrolled in HPTN 052 has moved a long distance from the CRS. They are unwilling to use public transportation for study visits because they arrive back in their hometown late at night and have no transportation from the train/bus station to their home. The couple also has trouble securing child care on study visit days. What steps would you take to help this couple adhere to their scheduled study visits?

- CRS rents a van to provide transportation for participants in groups of 2-3 couples.
 - Couples live near each other.
 - Travel to and from the clinic in one day.
 - The participants have the opportunity to meet new friends.
- Participants bring their children to study visits and staff provides childcare and snacks.
- Provide public transportation vouchers in addition to standard reimbursement.
- Send plain post card message requesting updated locator information prior to next visit.

Scenario 2: Employment (Work) Hours

A couple who enrolled in HPTN 052 was in the orientation period with a new employer. To avoid losing their employment the couple had to attend the orientation and could not arrive late to work. What steps would you take to help this couple adhere to their scheduled study visits?

- The CRS splits the couples visit.
 - Early morning blood collection.
 - Visit completed during lunch time.
 - Transportation provided to and from work.
- Staff dedicated to working non-traditional hours.
- Written letter to employers explaining medical visits if participant request.

Scenario 3: Couples Discord

Cohabiting couples enrolled in HPTN 052 are presenting various relationship problems that are placing the couples at risk of separation or have already caused couples to separate. What steps would you take to help these couple adhere to their scheduled study visits?

- Ascertain willingness to continue study participation.
- Intensive relationship counseling.
 - Couples.
 - One-on-one.
- HIV discordant couples support group.
- Referrals to psycho-social organizations.
- Schedule individual visits for a couple on different days.

Scenarios (continued)

Scenario 4: Confidentiality

A couple enrolled in HPTN 052 is living in a communal yard sharing a refrigerator. They are randomized to the immediate arm and the ART medication will need to be kept in the refrigerator that is shared with their neighbors. They are considering leaving the study because they are afraid others will learn of the Index's HIV status. What steps would you take to help this couple remain in the study?

- Provide mini cooler for storing ART outside of the refrigerator.
- Provide alternative containers or a decorative bag so that the ART drugs are “disguised” in the communal refrigerator.
- Provide participants with a drug regimen that does not need to be refrigerated.