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INTERVENTION: FIRST DEBRIEFS

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Barriers to ART: what has been known

**Individual level barriers**

- Myths and misconceptions ("ART is harmful")
- Unmet basic needs
- Low health awareness, lack of motivation
- Not feeling ill
- Negative experiences with health care providers
- Drug use
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Provider-related barriers

- Lack of clinical competence
- Poor patient-provider communication, no information
- Stereotyping / Perceived non-adherence of PWID
- Stigma
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Structural / System level barriers

- Low financial motivation of providers
- Registration requirements (blood and other tests required)
- Time-consuming care organization
- Inconvenient HIV clinic location / hours, lines
- Logistical barriers (transportation time and cost)
Potential facilitators

**Individual level**

- Comprehensive information
- Case management
- Family support / Moral support
- Financial / Logistical support

**Provider/System level**

- Decentralization / Integration of health services
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Individual level

- Lack of motivation for HIV care / ART
- Fear of ART side effects
- Drug use – (higher priority than ART) / Chaotic lifestyle of PWID
- Other health problems (TB)
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Provider / System level

- Demanding registration procedures
- No (free) examinations / tests onsite
- No money for costly examinations / tests offsite
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- Guaranteed access to MAT ("last but one stop")
- Free (initial) tests / examinations for HIV care entry
- Assisted first visit to Lavra HIV Clinic
Questions to discuss

Help with registration in HIV care

• Paying for health examinations to get registered at AIDS Center

Financial incentives?

• Potential “transportation” compensation for intervention visits

Also:

• Not “a partner”, but “co-injector”
Thank you