## HPTN 074 UKRAINE SITE

## **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

## Barriers to ART: what has been known

**Provider-related barriers** 

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

## Barriers to ART: what has been known

## 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

# HPTN074 Intervention: Reported barriers to HIV care / ART initiation

#### 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)

# HPTN074 Intervention: Reported barriers to HIV care / ART initiation

## **Provider / System level**

- Demanding registration procedures
- No (free) examinations / tests onsite
- No money for costly examinations / tests offsite

HPTN074 Intervention: Reported motivators to HIV care / ART initiation

- 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

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