

# Uptake and Utilization of PrEP Among Black MSM: Why Race Matters (HPTN 073)

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## HPTN 073 Study Design

- Demonstration project
  - 3 sites in the United States
- Study Sites:
  - Chapel Hill, NC
  - Los Angeles, CA
  - Washington, DC
- 225 HIV uninfected BMSM
- Offered once daily oral Truvada® as PrEP
- Client-centered care coordination (C4): individualized prevention counseling, support, and service coordination
- Participants followed for a total of 12 months



### **Client Center Coordinated Care (C4)**

- Longitudinal management of client-identified health and psychosocial needs by an interdisciplinary team
- Acknowledges the unique experiences of BMSM in the U.S. with regard to biomedical interventions, psychosocial issues and barriers to accessing health care
- Informed by research experiences of HPTN
  - Extensive literature supporting the efficacy and costeffectiveness of interdisciplinary team-based clinical care models
  - Years of clinical practice experience providing expert medical, nursing, social work and psychological care and treatment for BMSM



### Client Centered Coordinated Care (C4)

- Intensive, individualized, client-centered counseling for adopting and maintaining HIV risk reduction behaviors
- Hybrid model based on Comprehensive Risk Counseling and Services (CRCS)
- Designed for HIV-negative BMSM who are at high risk for acquiring HIV
- Supports adherence for HIV-negative BMSM who decide to utilize Truvada as PrEP



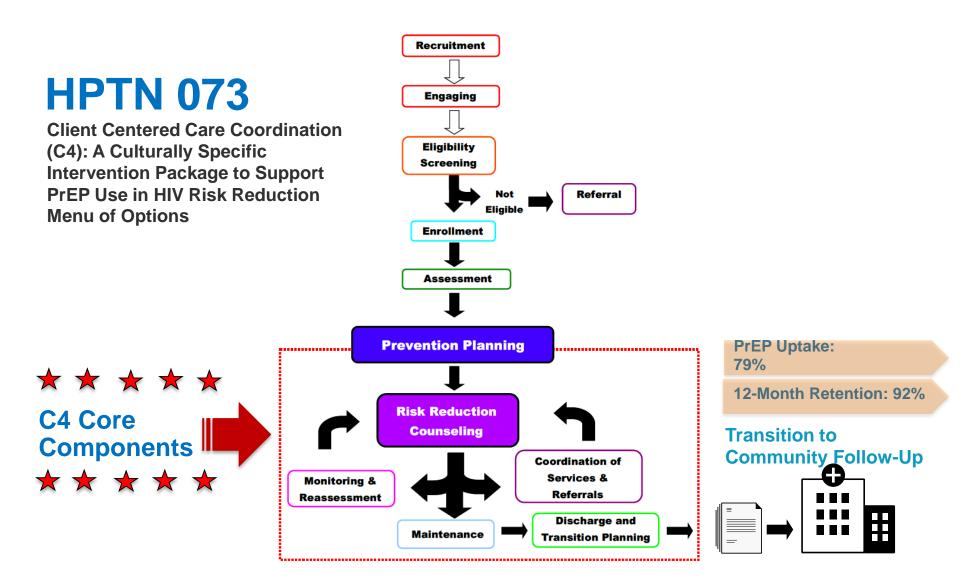
## **C4 Theoretical Framework**

- Needs supported counseling undergirded by self determination theory (SDT)
  - Socio-cultural factors facilitate or undermine a persons sense of volition and initiative
  - Assumption that humans have tendencies toward growing and mastering challenges, and integrating new experiences into a coherent sense of self
- Autonomy, competence, and relatedness
  - Engage in targeted behaviors (i.e., PrEP initiation, PrEP maintenance, and condom use)

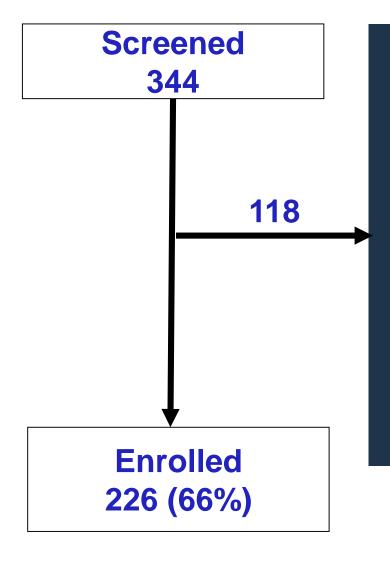


### **HPTN 073 Enrollment & Retention**

- Study began Aug 2013
- Fully enrolled as of 26 Sept 2014
  - 226 total enrolled
  - UNC: 75; UCLA: 76; GWU: 75
- 40.2% of participants  $\leq$  25 yrs of age
- Final visit Sept 2015
- Overall participant retention = 92%



#### **HPTN 073 – Reasons Not Enrolled HIV Prevention**



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#### **Major reasons**

- 25 (21 %) Abnormal liver or kidney function
- 9 (8 %) Abnormal lab test results
- 9 (8%) Withdrew consent
- 9(8 %) Unwilling to adhere to study procedures
- 7 (6%) HIV+ rapid test
- 5 (4%) Unable to complete enrollment w/in 45 days
- 4 (3%) Current/prior study participation
- 4 (3%) Serious and active mental or medical illness
- 54 (46 %) Other reasons



### Demographics of participants enrolled in the study by PrEP Initiation

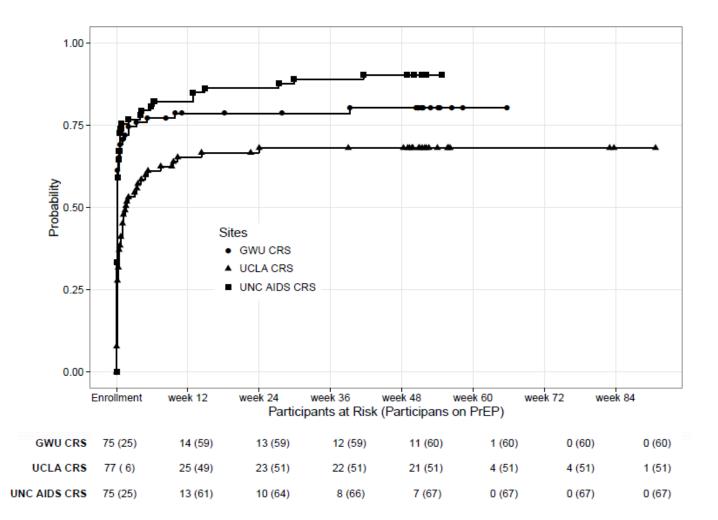
Demographics	Overall N	On PrEP	Not on PrEP	
Site	226	79%	21%	
Age				
<25	91	84%	16%	
≥25	135	76%	24%	
Gay	166	81%	19%	
Bi-sexual	45	71%	29%	
Marital Status				
Primary or main partner				
Male	74	78%	22%	
Female	3	100%	-	
Transgender	-	-	-	
Ethnicity				
African-American/Black/Caribbean	204	78%	22%	
Afro-Latino	17	82%	18%	
Other	5	80%	20%	



Demographics of participants enrolled in the study by PrEP Initiation					
Demographics	Overall N	On PrEP	Not on PrEP		
Site	226	79%	21%		
Healthcare Coverage	155	77%	23%		
Incarceration	69	74%	26%		
Highest education level attained					
High School or less	56	77%	23%		
Some college/vocational school	93	77%	23%		
2yr/4yr or greater	77	82%	18%		
Annual income (decline to answer 1%)					
<20k	108	74%	26%		
20k – 49k	64	81%	19%		
≥50k	51	84%	16%		
Declined to answer					
Employment Status					
Unemployed/disability/other	61	66%	34%		
Employed part-time/self-employed	80	84%	16%		
Employed full-time	85	84%	16%		



### **Cumulative Probability of PrEP Uptake**





## **PrEP Uptake**

- The median number of male partners in the prior 3 months was 3
- 33% reported a primary partner and 73% casual male partners
- 23 of 24 (96%) men reporting an HIV+ primary partner and 104/120 (86%) of men reporting casual partners with unknown or HIV+ status accepted PrEP
- Those agreeing to take PrEP utilized a median of 6 C4 sessions compared to men not accepting PrEP (median 4)



### Self Reported PrEP Adherence

Week	Self –reported adherence $\geq$ 50%	Self –reported adherence ≥ 90%
4	85% (126/149)	67% (100/149)
8	82% (121/148)	67% (99/148)
13	87% (131/151)	70% (106/151)
26	81% (112/139)	62% (86/139)
39	85% (111/131)	70% (92/131)
52	86% (89/103)	67% (69/103)

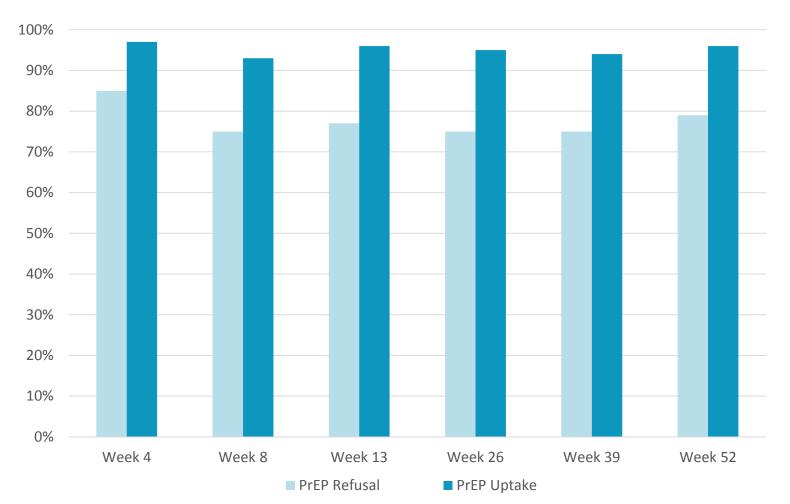


### **HIV Seroconversions**

- Among the 178 men who accepted PrEP as part of this study, 5 HIV infections occurred resulting in incidence=2.9 (95% CI (0.9-6.8)) compared to 3 in men who never accepted PrEP incidence=7.7 (95% CI (6-22.5))
- Of the 5 seroconverters who accepted PrEP, 2 reported discontinuing PrEP at 50 and 272 days prior to seroconversion.



### Visit Completion by PrEP Initiation Status





## Conclusions

- Providing theory-based, culturally tailored programs can potentially increase adherence, support program retention and prevent HIV in BMSM – attention to Race and unique needs matters!!!!!
- HPTN 073 demonstrated high uptake of PrEP in BMSM utilizing C4 and led to data that could support a reduced rate of HIV-infection for BMSM on PrEP
- These findings help address a vital US public health gap in HIV prevention

## Next steps in progress

Confirmatory analyses
 – PBMC, DBS, PK

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- Primary outcome paper
- Conference Presentations
  - CROI, AIDS2016, HIVR4P

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