Perceptions of LA Injectables:

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Site Background

- Located in Newark, NJ

- Funded in 2007 as 1 of 10 Clinical Research Sites in the Terry Beirn CPCRA CTU (Dr. Fred Gordin, PI)

- Re-funded in 2013 as Joint CTU with Well-Cornell Medical Center (Dr. Trip Gulick, PI)

- Current clinical research activity: ACTG, INSIGHT, HPTN, pharma and investigator initiated studies

- Co-located in the Infectious Disease Practice (IDP)
Site Background

- **HPTN 064**
  - Enrolled 420/400 high risk women

- **HPTN 069**
  - Enrolled 32/20 at risk women

- **HPTN 076**
  - Enrolled 17/18 low risk women
  - Participant Referrals, Rutgers Community

- **HPTN 085**
  - Activation pending any day
Engagement Strategies

• In-house Networking/Partnerships
  • HIV Testing/Counseling Team
  • Male IDP Participants
  • OB/GYN Clinic
  • Email blast to the University Community
• Maintenance/Development of Existing/New Community Partnerships
• Presence at Community Forums
Perceptions of Injections
Perceptions: During Recruitment/Screening

• Received numerous calls, many expressed disinterest due to the study involving:
  • Medication
  • Injection- 50% once they heard about the injection
    • Majority were afraid of the needles and afraid of pain
• Dependent upon their friends’ opinions and experiences
Perceptions: During Enrollment/Follow Up

• Pain and discomfort at injection site
  • During and post injection

• Fear and apprehension
  • One was severely apprehensive even to the point of having her partner come to hold her hand

• Expressed differences in who administered the injection
How Perception Impacts Outcome

- Participant Perceptions
  - High Screen Failure Rate
    - Research Team Discussion
      - Study Product Education
        - Study Product Admin. Education
          - Extensive Participant Counseling

How Perception Impacts Outcome
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Questions