## Advances in Self-Testing for HIV Infection and other STDs

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## Outline

- What is self-testing?
- How is self-testing adopted?
- What is the fidelity of self-testing?
- Where can self-testing can be disseminated?

## **Self-Testing for HIV infection**





- Only US FDA approved In-Home HIV Testing kit
- · Used by over a million consumers
- Same device used by healthcare professionals
- · Simple oral swab, no blood
- · Results in 20 minutes
- 24 hour bilingual customer phone support and detailed product website offering information, referrals to care, product usage instructions and more
- High consumer satisfaction

## **Adoption**

## **Self-testing adoption**

- Influenced by user's perception of costs, benefits, personal need and convenience
- Users greatly prefer painless oral testing over fingerstick or venipuncture
  - Wood (2014) found 70% reported oral fluid testing acceptable
    Highest (92%) in Malawi
  - Pai (2013) found 74-96% reported self-testing acceptable
  - Lippman (2015) found 88% use, 94% "easy" in SF Transgender persons
- Additional benefits include increased confidentiality, privacy and reduced social stigmatization

Estem KS, Catania J, Klausner JD, Curr HIV/AIDS Rep 2016.

Effect of availability of HIV self-testing on HIV testing frequency in gay and bisexual men at high risk of infection (FORTH): a waiting-list randomised controlled trial

Muhammad S Jamil, Garrett Prestage, Christopher K Fairley, Andrew E Grulich, Kirsty S Smith, Marcus Chen, Martin Holt, Anna M McNulty, Benjamin R Bavinton, Damian P Conway, Handan Wand, Phillip Keen, Jack Bradley, Johann Kolstee, Colin Batrouney, Darren Russell, Matthew Law, John M Kaldor, Rebecca J Guy



#### Figure 2: Number of HIV tests during follow-up

This analysis included all men who completed at least one follow-up questionnaire. Recent testers are men who had their last HIV test within the past 2 years. Non-recent testers are men who had their last HIV test more than 2 years ago or had never tested before. \*p<0.0001 ( $\chi^2$  test for difference in proportions between self-testing and standard care groups).



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#### Orasure Oraquick Number Cases Identified and Positivity among 1.2M tests sold, 2013-2017

The estimated prevalence rate between 1-2%

Theor	etical Projection of Total Based on Consumer S	Number of Positives Ider Support Center Activity	ntified	
	731 Positives* Identified via Consumer Support Center			
% of Positives Calling Support Center	1%	5%	10%	
Projected Total Number of Positives	73,100	14,620	7310	
Positives as Percent of Units Sold to date	6.1%	1.2%	.6%	

\*Positives captured launch through 6/30/17 Based on prelaunch research indicating that most (96%) consumers receiving positive result will contact their healthcare professional; ~1.2M units sold Jan 2013 through July 2017



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**Fidelity** 

## **Self-testing fidelity**

- Original studies by manufacturer < 2% failure</li>
  - Limited by use of select populations (MSM)
  - US adult vs. trained providers (sensitivity 92.9% vs. 99.3%)
- Singapore, error rate 0.6% (Ng, 2012)
- Atlanta, 9% error rate (MacGowan, 2017)
- China (non-Oraquick) 10% difficulty swabbing, 17.5% difficulty reading results (Marley, 2014)
- In NYC young MSM and transgender women reported concerns of anxiety, test correct use and instructions (Frye, 2015)

Estem KS, Catania J, Klausner JD, Curr HIV/AIDS Rep 2016.

### **Self-testing fidelity**

AIDS Behav (2014) 18:S422-S432 DOI 10.1007/s10461-014-0818-8 ORIGINAL PAPER

What Should the Ideal HIV Self-Test Look Like? A Usability Study of Test Prototypes in Unsupervised HIV Self-Testing in Kenya, Malawi, and South Africa

Roger B. Peck · Jeanette M. Lim · Heidi van Rooyen · Wanjiru Mukoma · Lignet Chepnka · Pooja Bansil · Lucia C. Kaight · Nelly Muturi · Ellen Chirva · Arthur M. Lee · Jeff D. Wellhausen · Olivia Tulloch · Miriam Taegtmeyer

- 150 adults in Kenya, Malawi and South Africa
- Graphic and written instructions in English and local language
- 75% correctly performed each step
- · 47% had multiple errors

"Further adaptation needed for lowliteracy participants"

Peck R et al, 2014.

# **Dissemination**

## Self-testing dissemination-LA

- Vending machines
- Vouchers
- •US mail
- Online



## **Vending Machines in sex clubs**

- · Self-contained unit
- Remote monitoring
- Instructions posted
- Private area



McGrath M et al, CROI pre-meeting, 2015

## **Initial Concerns**

- Cost of HIV home test kits
- Emptying the vending machine
- Conflict with existing testing programs
- Home test kit window period
- Result anxiety



### Time/ date of vended tests vs. staff tests, LA

## Results summary over 7 weeks, 2014

#### Vending machine

- •1,176 hours
- •312 tests

#### **Traditional testers**

- 64 hours
- 58 tests

## Voucher program, 2013





Marlin, BMC Public Health, 2014

## Voucher program, 2013



Marlin, BMC Public Health, 2014

Marlin et al. BMC Public Health 2014, 14:1226 http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/14/1226



#### **RESEARCH ARTICLE**

#### Open Access

#### Piloting an HIV self-test kit voucher program to raise serostatus awareness of high-risk African Americans, Los Angeles

Robert W Marlin<sup>1\*</sup>, Sean D Young<sup>2</sup>, Claire C Bristow<sup>1</sup>, Greg Wilson<sup>3</sup>, Jeffrey Rodriguez<sup>4</sup>, Jose Ortiz<sup>5</sup>, Rhea Mathew<sup>5</sup> and Jeffrey D Klausner<sup>1</sup>

641 vouchers distributed to CBOs 274 went to clients 53 (19%) redeemed

3 (6%) reported new HIV+



## Social media promotion, 2014



Huang et al AIDS Edu Prev 2016

Social media promotion, 2014



Huang et al AIDS Edu Prev 2016



Huang, AIDS Edu Prev 2016

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## **Three Choices**





ISSTDR 2015, P17.08; Huang et al AIDS Edu Prev 2016

## 11,939 website visits in 6 weeks



Huang, AIDS Edu Prev 2016



Huang et al AIDS Edu Prev 2016

## Social media promotion 2



Rosengren et al Sexual Health 2016

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### Social media promotion 2

Prescription Renits	Health Info & Servic	es Contact Lenses	Shop Products	Photo	
Store Locator Weekly Ad 8			Search by keyword or ite	m#	
Shopping Cart					
VISA Checkout	Use Visa Checkout a order of \$50 or more. Additional restrictions ap	nd get \$10 OFF your One use per customer. ply.		Continue shopping > Or Checkou	Proceed to check
					VISA che
Product Info		Receiving Options	Price	Qty	
OraQuick 1.00 ea We	In-Home HIV Test ght: 1.05LBS	Ship one time Arrives in 1-3 business     Ship every 30 day with Auto Reorder & Sa	\$43.99 s V we.	1 Update Remove	\$43
Online and store prices may vary.					
Promotion Codes &	Coupons		FR FR	EE shipping	
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Rosengren, Sexual Health, 2016

Self-test kit dissemination-NYC

HIV Home Test Giveaway: Rapid Distribution among Men and Transgender People who have Sex with Men (MTSM), New York City 2015



Edelstein, APHA, 2016

## Self-test kit dissemination-NYC

**Goal:** Distribute 2,000 HIV in-home test kits to men and transgender individuals who have sex with men (MTSM)

- Tests sent at no cost, through the mail
- Conducted entirely online recruitment, eligibility assessment, kit order



\*over 3 weeks

Edelstein, APHA, 2016

## Self-test kit dissemination-NYC

- Eligibility assessed via online survey
  - Men and transgender individuals
  - Sex with a man in past 12 months
  - Residing in NYC (by ZIP)
  - Aged 18 and older
  - No previous HIV diagnosis
- Data collected also included
  - Race/ethnicity
  - Time since last HIV test



The Kit







Edelstein, APHA, 2016

## Self-test kit dissemination-NYC





Edelstein, APHA, 2016

Self-test kit dissemination-NYC



Table 3. Test Results Among HIVST Users, HIVST Giveaway, New York City, 2015-16

Characteristic	n/N	%
% with reactive results	7/868	0.8%
% with reactive results and reported no previous HIV-positive results	5/868	0.6%
% with confirmatory test	4/5	80%
% had HIV care appointment	4/4	100%
% starting taking antiretroviral medications	3/4	75%

Edelstein, CROI, 2017

### Linkage to care

#### Among testers with positive or inconclusive results

- Kenya 72% of male partners sought confirmation [Gichangi, 2016]
   25% of those HIV-infected
- China 17% (N=29) sought confirmation [Ren XL, 2017]

#### Among positives

- Los Angeles 100% (N=7) [Marlin 2014, Huang; Rosengren 2016]
- Australia 100% (N=3) [Jamil, 2017]
- NYC 57% (N=7) [Edelstein, 2017]

#### Add HIV self-test as a reported element in HIV surveillance

**Research Briefs** 

#### Will Men Who Have Sex With Men Use Short-Messaging Services to Send Photos of Completed HIV Self-Tests to Researchers?

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Questions to Assess Preference and Comfort in Sending Photos of HIV Self-Test Outcome via SMS n (%)				
How would you MOST prefer to share your				
HIV self-test result with a researcher?				
By e-mail	14 (37.8)			
Via text message	8 (21.6)			
In person	6 (16.2)			
By taking and sending a picture of your used self-test swab	5 (13.5)			
In writing (e.g., checking a box on a postcard and mailing it)	2 (5.4)			
By mailing in your used self-test swab	1 (2.7)			
By phone	1 (2.7)			
How comfortable would you feel taking				
a picture of your used HIV self-test swab and text messaging the picture to a researcher?				
Very comfortable	21 (56.8)			
Somewhat comfortable	5 (13 5			
Neutral	4 (10.8)			
Somewhat uncomfortable	2 (54)			
Very uncomfortable	5 (13 5)			

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## **STD Self-Testing**

- · Self-collection for mail-in STD testing-urine
- Self-referral syphilis lab testing
- · Commercial home-based collection and shipping
- True home-based collection and self-testing...not yet but coming soon!

### Home-collection and mailed CT/NG testing August 2000

Community-Based Chlamydia and Gonorrhea Screening Through the United States Mail, San Francisco

Peter J. Bloomfield, BA,\* Charlotte Kent, MPH,\* Diane campbell, BS,\* Larry Hanbrook, BA,\* and Jeffrey D. Klausner, MD, MPH\*

*Results*: Participants picked up 209 test kits and returned 80 (38%): 3 (3.8%) of 76 were positive for gonorrhea and 1 (1.3%) of 76 was positive for chlamydia. The majority (95%) of participants were white gay men. The cost of specimen collection and transport was similar to that of other population-based screening programs.

Conclusion: Using the mail for home-based testing for gonorrhea and chlamydia was feasible and may be a useful addition to STD control efforts.

STD, 2002

## Self-referral Syphilis lab testing 2005

Sexually Transmitted Diseases, February 2005, Vol. 32, No. 2, p. 139–141 DOI: 10.1097/01.olq.0000149783.87826.4d Copyright © 2005, American Sexually Transmitted Diseases Association All rights reserved.

Online Syphilis Testing-Confidential and Convenient

DEB K. LEVINE, MA,\* KATHERINE C. SCOTT, MPH,† AND JEFFREY D. KLAUSNER, MD, MPH†

218 tests (13+) 6 new cases





## STD Home-collection: myLAB Box.com



myLAB Box has completed thousands of tests in all 50 states over 160% increase in demand from 2016 to 2017

## myLAB Box user information, USA

- Age range 16 82 years
- 60% male, 40% female
- Reasons for choosing myLAB Box: convenience, privacy, less stigma/shame than seeing health care provider, reasonable price
- · Over 90% of ordered test kits complete specimen submission
- Higher-risk STI population: 8.2% CT and 1.3% NG-infected
- CT and NG-infected may be treated via telemedicine and obtain eprescription for antibiotic



# True point-of-care STD self test device



## Summary

- HIV self-testing desirable, safe and effective • WHO recommended
- Need more evidence on outcomes, impact and costeffectiveness
- STD home-specimen collection and self-referral options
- True STD home-based self-testing...coming soon

## Thank you

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