



DROP IN RAPID TESTING AT BODY POSITIVE

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- No pharmaceutical grants were received in the development of this study.

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NZ records highest-ever number of HIV diagnoses in 2016

ART initiation should be offered on the same day to people who are ready to start. (Strong recommendation: high-quality evidence for adults and adolescents; low-quality evidence for children)



PHARMAC
Pharmaceutical Management Agency

Decision relating to widening funding criteria for antiretroviral agents for the treatment of HIV

12 June 2017



- 45 minute appointments with pre/post test counselling – 20 minute rapid test (SD Bioline)
- Potential barrier due to available appointment. time required and only available during business hours
- Goal to increase testing
- Dropin clinic ran from July to October
- Implement Biolytical 60 Second HIV/Syphilis Rapid Test
- Include late night and Saturday clinic
- Use Peer testers in place of counsellors



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RESULTS:

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Over 3 months 377 evaluations were completed

Barriers to Regular Testing:

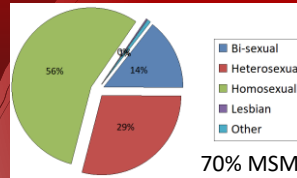
Location	100	23%
Testing Hours	121	27%
Having to book appointment	174	39%
Other	46	10%

Find No Appointments Helpful:

Extremely	310	83%
Very	60	16%
Somewhat	5	1%
Not Very	0	0%
Not at All	0	0%

Satisfied with Testing Experience:

Extremely	301	80%
Very	69	18%
Somewhat	5	1%
Not Very	0	0%
Not at All	0	0%



Testing Frequency:

Never Tested Before	86	23%
1-3 Months	58	16%
4-6 Months	99	26%
Yearly	39	10%
Randomly	74	20%
Event Based	18	5%

Importance of Shorter Appointment:

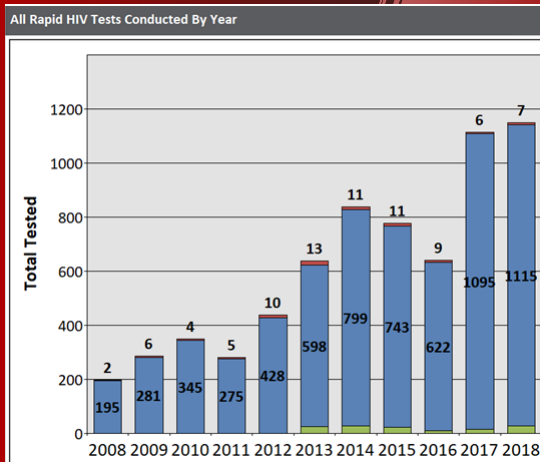
Extremely	201	54%
Very	102	27%
Somewhat	55	15%
Not Very	16	4%
Not at All	1	0%

- "Being able to walk in when ready means no backing out/changing of my mind (like having to wait for an appointment)"
- "First test 15 years. Probably wouldn't have had a test if it weren't for this drop in service. Not interested in sex on site venue testing."

CONCLUSIONS/IMPLICATIONS:

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- Maintained the peer based dropin clinic – eliminated weekend testing
- Sustained uptake: 130% Increase in testing numbers (16/17 vs 17/18)
- Encouraging people to move to regular testing instead of event based testing
- Enhanced with self swabbing and urine
- Added a sexual health clinic for treatment and PrEP
- Other services have adopted 60 second dropin clinics



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