Research in Youth

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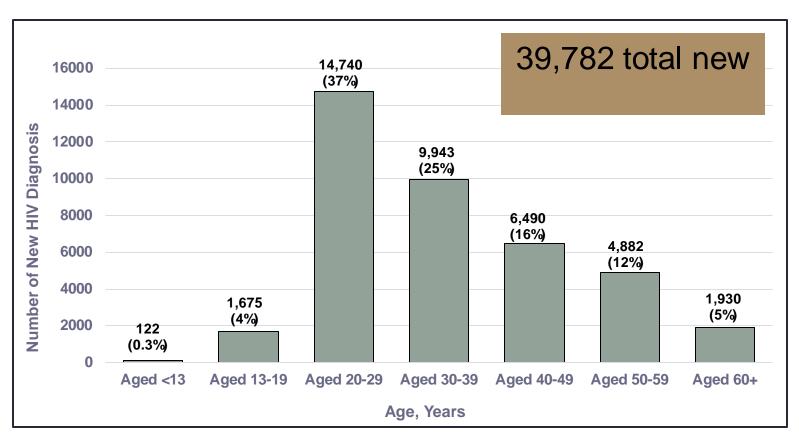
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Why We Did this Study

New HIV Diagnoses in the U.S. By Age, 2016







What We Did

- An HIV Preexposure Prophylaxis Demonstration Project and Safety Study for Young MSM
 - 18-22 year old; 15-17 year old HIV negative
 - HIV transmission risk behavior in the previous six months
 - Daily tenofovir disoproxil fumerate/emtricitabine (Truvada)
 - Followed over 48 weeks







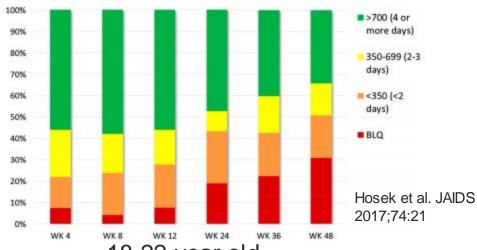
What We Found

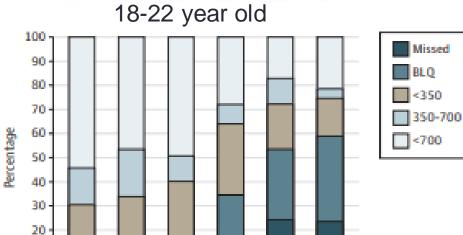
Over half in each group achieved protective drug levels.

Adherence decreased with quarterly visits

Study resulted in label indication for PrEP for youth

Tenofovir levels in dried blood spots

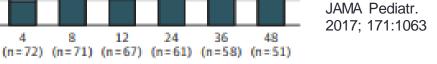




Time, wk

15-17 year old

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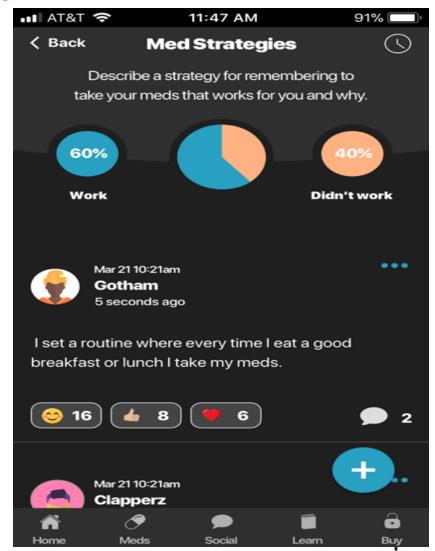
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What Our Results Mean

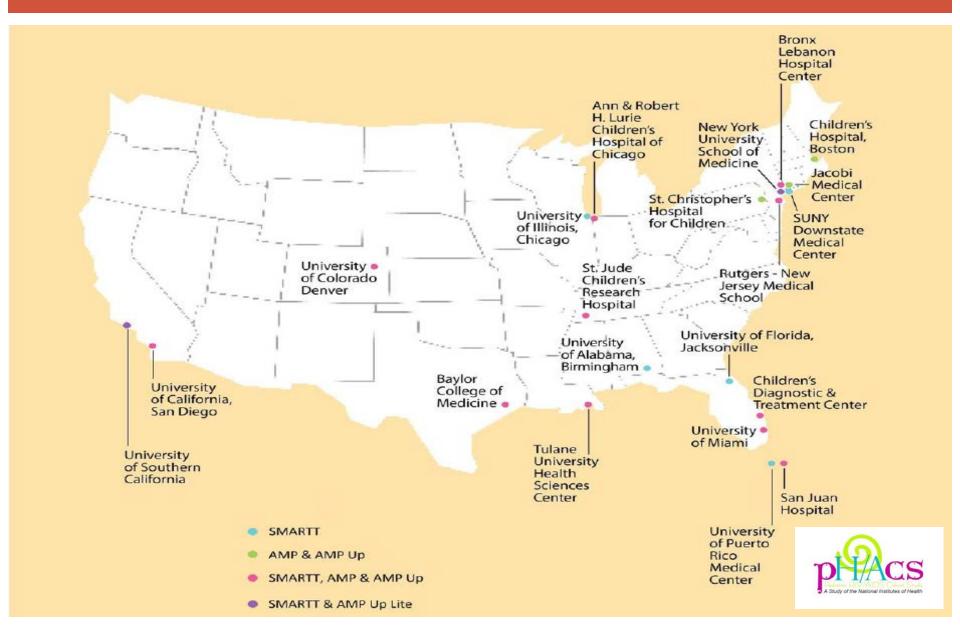


- Youth need additional supports to maintain high adherence to PrEP
- Itech is innovative technology project
- Aims to impact the HIV epidemic by conducting research on technologybased interventions across the HIV prevention and care continuum for adolescents and young adults.





PHACS Clinical Sites



Why We Did This Study

Aging up with perinatal HIV infection (1)

- With combination antiretroviral therapy (ART), increasing numbers of perinatally HIV-infected (PHIV) young women are reaching child-bearing age and becoming pregnant.
- PHIV young women are unique in their experience:
 - Life-long HIV infection.
 - Exposed to mono-and dual-therapy→ resistance.
 - Challenge of maintaining long-term adherence to ART:
 - Transitioning to adulthood/adult care.
 - Experiencing depression, isolation, stigma, and parental loss.





Why We Did This Study

Aging up with perinatal HIV infection (2)

Type of Resistance	No.	Prevalence, %	95% CI
Any ARV	175	75	69-80
At least 1 class			
NRTI			
Any ^b	142	61	54-67
All ^c	27	12	8-16
NNRTI			
Any	105	45	38-51
All	45	19	14-25
PI			
Any	80	34	28-41
All	11	5	2-8
At least 2 classes			
NRTI + NNRTI			
Any	77	33	27-39
All	10	4	2-8
NRTI + PI			
Any	71	30	25-37
All	4	2	0.5-4
At least 3 classes			
Any	43	18	14-24
All	1	0.4	0.01-2







What We Did

Pregnancy Rates and Postpartum Virologic
Control among Perinatally HIV-Infected Young
Women in AMP Up



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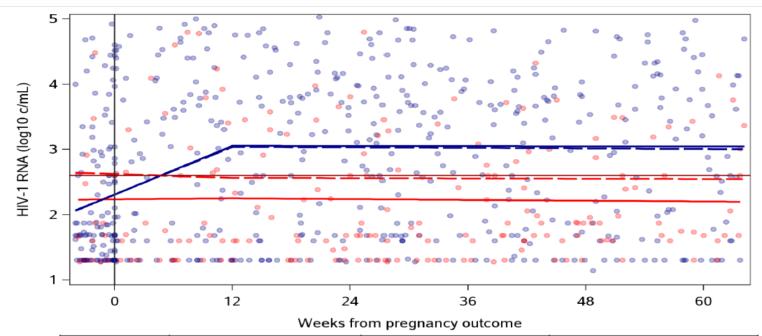




What We Found

Adjusted* GEE model of VL trajectories (N=140)

*pre-pregnancy VLs ≥400 c/mL (4 missing), age at sexual debut, black race (9 missing), Hispanic ethnicity, highest caregiver education level attained, and prior live birth



	Mean log ₁₀ VL at end of pregnancy	Mean $\triangle \log_{10}$ VL from 0-12 weeks	Mean $\triangle \log_{10}$ VL from 12-64 weeks
Live births	2.3 (2.1, 2.5)	0.73 (0.49, 0.97)	-0.03 (-0.3, 0.2)
S/E Abortions	2.6 (1.5, 3.7)	-0.06 (-0.39, 0.28)	-0.02 (-0.4, 0.4)







Why This Matters

- ➤ While we observed lower rates of pregnancies among PHIV women compared to PHEU women, a high percentage (42%) had at least one pregnancy.
- Increased postpartum support with respect to managing their HIV infection may be necessary for PHIV young women after delivering a live-born infant.
 - End of pregnancy may be a good point to intervene to ensure adherence levels attained during pregnancy are maintained in the postpartum period.





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