

# Place of addiction-informed comprehensive treatment in HIV care

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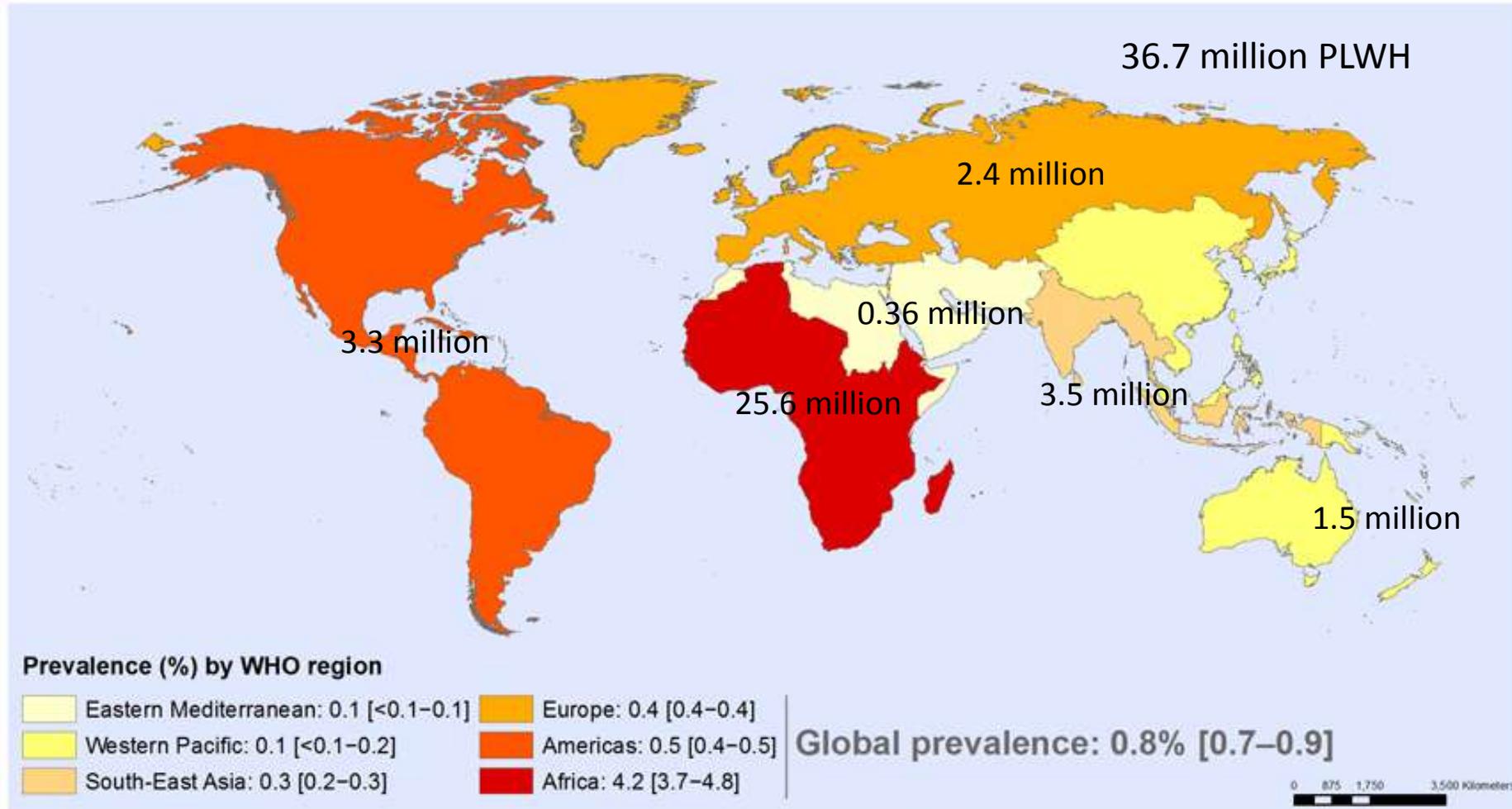
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## Prevalence of HIV among adults aged 15 to 49, 2016 By WHO region



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# Comprehensive HIV care

- Universal access to comprehensive health services is needed to reduce substantially HIV-related morbidity and mortality worldwide
- These services must effectively address six needs
  - Voluntary and confidential counseling and testing for HIV infection
  - Prevention of HIV transmission, including sexual, parenteral, and mother to child transmission
  - Prophylaxis against opportunistic infections
  - Diagnosis and treatment of HIV-related conditions including opportunistic infections and neoplasms
  - Antiretroviral treatment
  - Palliative care

WHO Guidelines, revised 2016

# 2020 target: 90 – 90 – 90

## THE TREATMENT TARGET



diagnosed



on treatment



virally suppressed

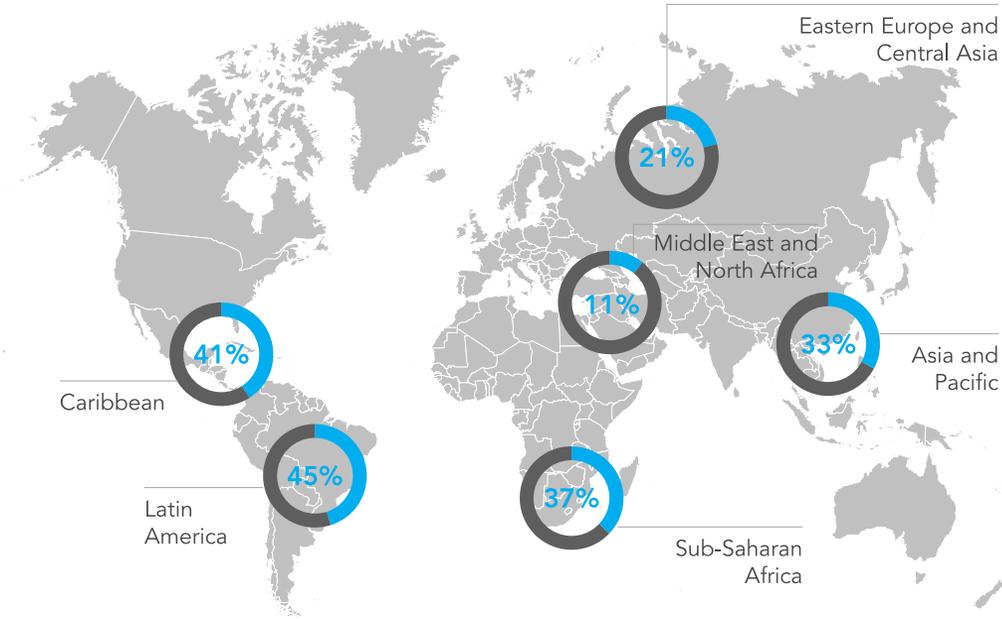
UNAIDS, 2015

If achieved

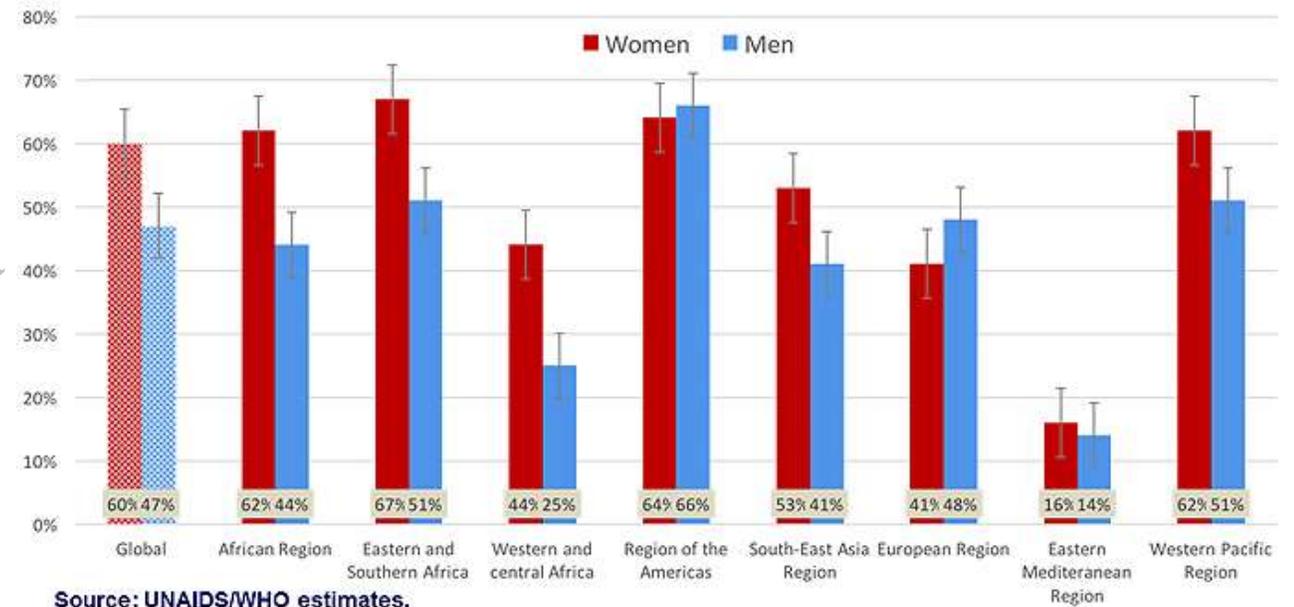
- 73% of PLWH will exhibit suppressed viral load in 2020
- End of AIDS epidemics by 2030

# ART coverage

■ Total ART coverage  
■ Gap



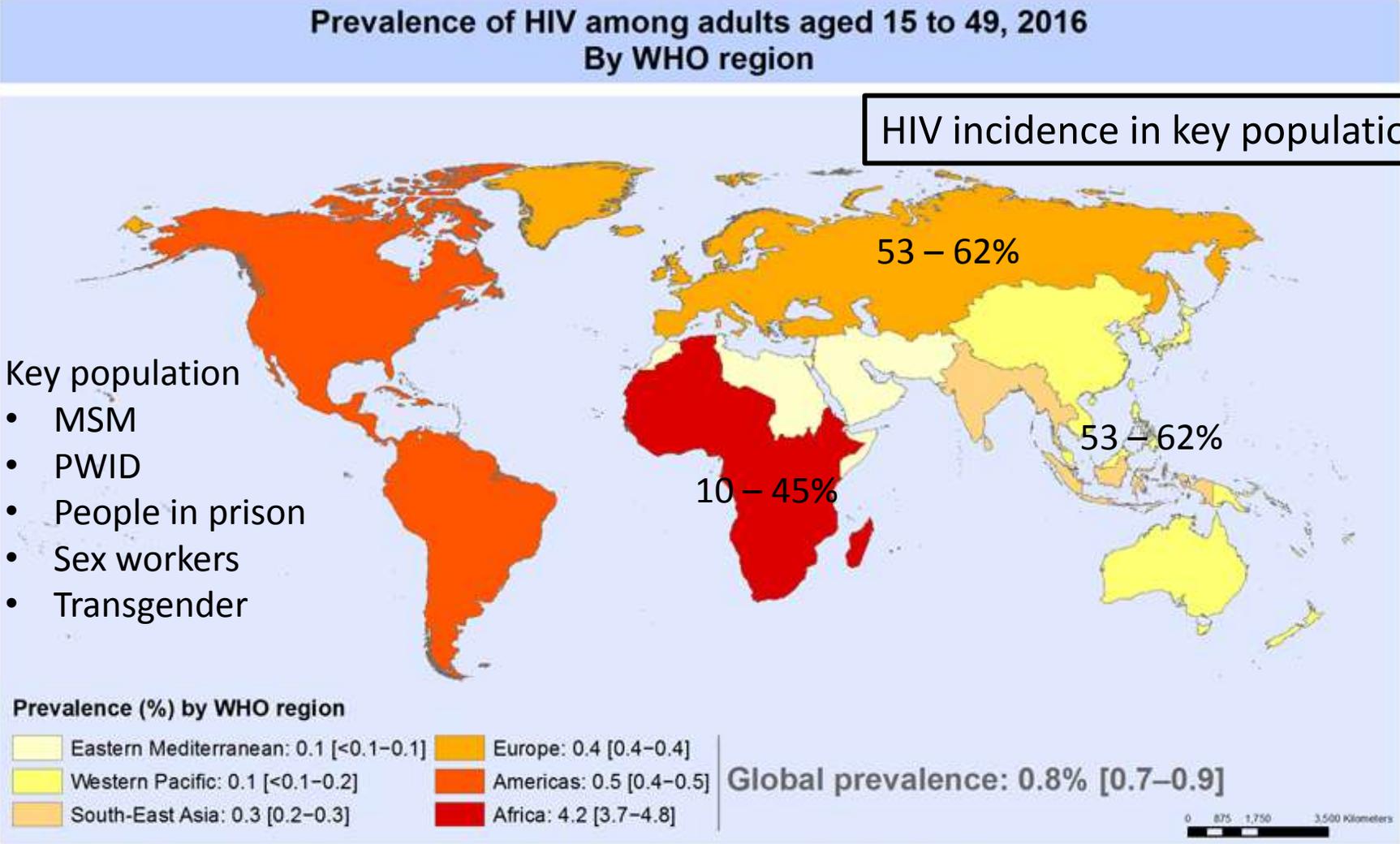
Dec. 2016: 19.5 million on ART  
**53.1% of PWLH**



Source: UNAIDS/WHO estimates.



# New HIV infections mostly occur among people from key population

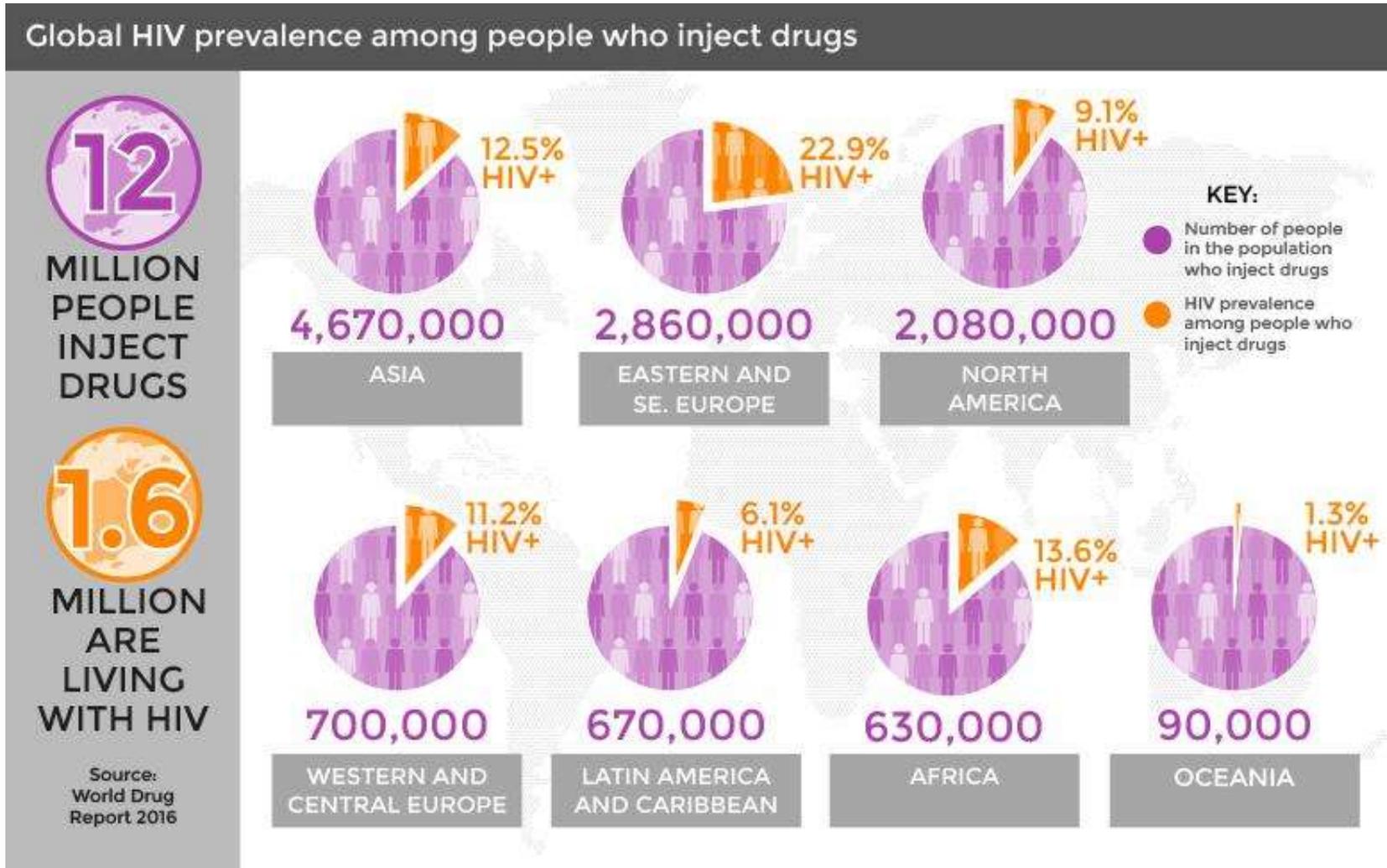


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# HIV prevalence among PWID



World Drug Report, 2016

# Key population and HIV care

- Individuals from key population were identified as
  - HIV transmission risk behavior
  - Low ART adherence
  - HIV progression
  - Detectable viral load
  - Poorer perceived QoL

Dawson-Rose et al, 2017

# Influence ART adherence / HIV clinic attendance

- Stigma of HIV-status disclosure
- Social support as a safety net during negative life circumstances
- Unaddressed trauma and substance use leading to interruption of care
- Trusting patient/provider relationship motivating HIV clinic attendance
- Basic unmet needs competing with the perceived value of HIV care

Levinson et al, 2017

# WHO recommendations for key population

- HIV prevention
  - Condoms, PrEP, PEP, VMMC
- Harm reduction
  - NEP, opiate addiction Tx, evidence-based intervention for OH and other drugs, opioid overdose
- HIV Testing and counseling
  - Community-based and clinic-based
- HIV Tx and care
  - Same care than non-key population
- Prevention and management of co-infections and comorbidities
  - Prevention, screening and Tx for TB, HBV, HCV, routine mental health disorders and co-counseling HIV and depression
- Sexual and reproductive health
  - Similar care than non-key population
- Critical enablers
  - Reviews of law, policies and practices, antidiscrimination policies, access to health services, enhance community empowerment, address violence

# Methadone maintenance therapy promotes initiation of antiretroviral therapy among injection drug users

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Review

## Adherence to HIV treatment among IDUs and the role of opioid substitution treatment (OST)

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## Antiretroviral adherence and HIV treatment outcomes among HIV/HCV co-infected injection drug users: The role of methadone maintenance therapy

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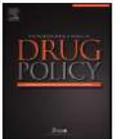


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Commentary

## Social and structural determinants of HAART access and adherence among injection drug users

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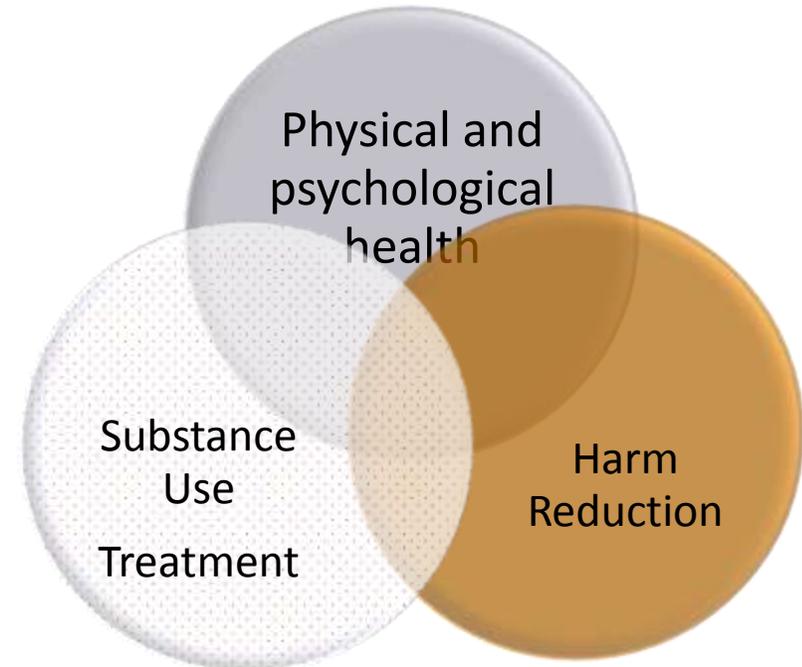
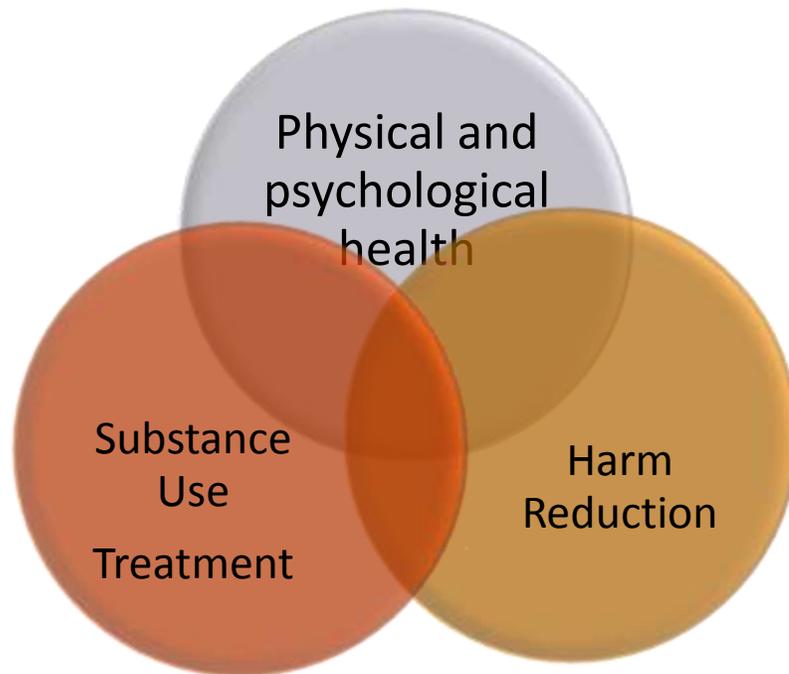
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# Frame for an effective treatment

Seek, Test, Treat, Retain

- Addiction clinic

- HIV clinic



# Go Vap Integrated Treatment Clinic

- Integrated Treatment provided
  - A pharmacological opiate maintenance treatment with methadone (MET) or buprenorphine/naloxone (BUP/NX)
  - Introduction of BUP/NX (Suboxone®) in January 2015
  - First time in Vietnam
  - Counseling: 12 weekly sessions and 10 monthly sessions thereafter
  - HIV screening and HIV treatment if needed
  - HCV screening



- Structured and manual-based standardized counseling sessions
  - Rooted in cognitive behavioral therapy
  - Sessions assess the need for intervention in six areas of functioning: 1) Adherence to SUD, HIV, TB; 2) continued drug use and related drug and sex risk; 3) cravings for drug use; 4) psychological status (depression, anxiety, symptoms of psychiatric disorder); 5) confidence in and satisfaction with SUD treatment; and, 6) strategies for the next month
  - Data recorded and available for review with the participant as a clinical tool to show progress and promote self-monitoring.

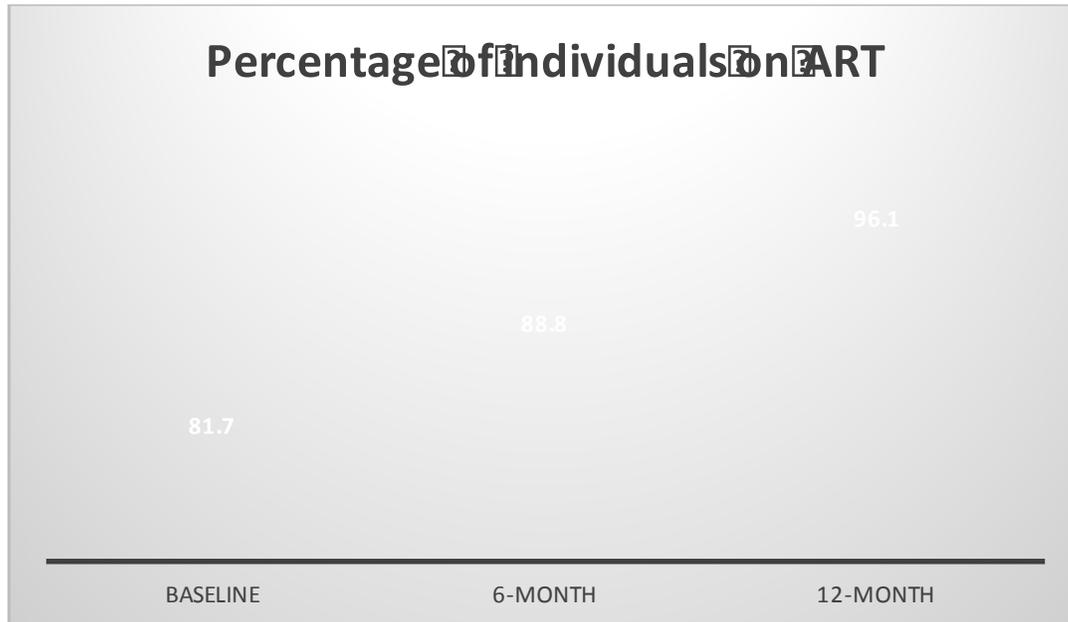
# Sample

	All (n=448)	HIV-negative (n=295)	HIV-positive (n=153)	Test, p
Age Mean (SD)	32.6 (5.9)	31.8 (6.4)	34.0 (4.4)	t=4.40, p<0.0001
Gender - Males n (%)	433 (96.9)	284 (96.6)	149 (97.4)	c <sup>2</sup> =0.21, p=0.65
Education - High school or higher -- n (%)	168 (37.6)	110 (37.4)	58 (37.9)	c <sup>2</sup> =4.43, p=0.35
Living condition With parents/ family n (%)	368 (82.3)	240 (81.6)	128 (83.7)	c <sup>2</sup> =5.78, p=0.22
Currently have a job -- n (%)	235 (52.6)	161 (54.8)	74 (48.4)	c <sup>2</sup> =1.65, p=0.23
<b>Opiate Use</b>				
Age of onset - y.o. Mean (SD)	19.8 (4.5)	20.2 (4.7)	19.1 (4.2)	t=2.45, p=0.007
No. years of use Mean (SD)	7.8 (6.2)	7.0 (4.8)	9.4 (8.1)	t=3.36, p<0.0001
No. days of use past 30 days Mean (SD)	29.8 (1.4)	29.8 (1.4)	29.8 (1.5)	t=0.03, p=0.98
No. previous drug treatment Mean (SD)	5.4 (4.7)	5.0 (4.3)	6.2 (5.2)	t=2.30, p=0.02
<b>Other substance use - n (%) of users past 30 days</b>				
Alcohol	81 (18.1)	56 (19.0)	23 (15.0)	c <sup>2</sup> =1.08, p=0.36
Amphet./ Methamphetamines	35 (7.8)	26 (8.9)	9 (5.9)	c <sup>2</sup> =1.20, p=0.27
Benzodiazepines	20 (4.5)	12 (4.1)	8 (5.2)	c <sup>2</sup> =0.32, p=0.63
Tobacco	442 (98.7)	290 (98.6)	151 (98.7)	c <sup>2</sup> =0.09, p=0.75
<b>Serology</b>				
Hepatitis C - positive n (%)	323 (72.1)	182 (61.6)	141 (92.2)	c <sup>2</sup> =46.8, p<0.0001
<b>Psychological status</b>				
Depressive symptoms (PHQ-9) - yes n (%)	173 (38.6)	111 (37.6)	61 (39.9)	c <sup>2</sup> =0.21, p=0.68

# HIV care (1)

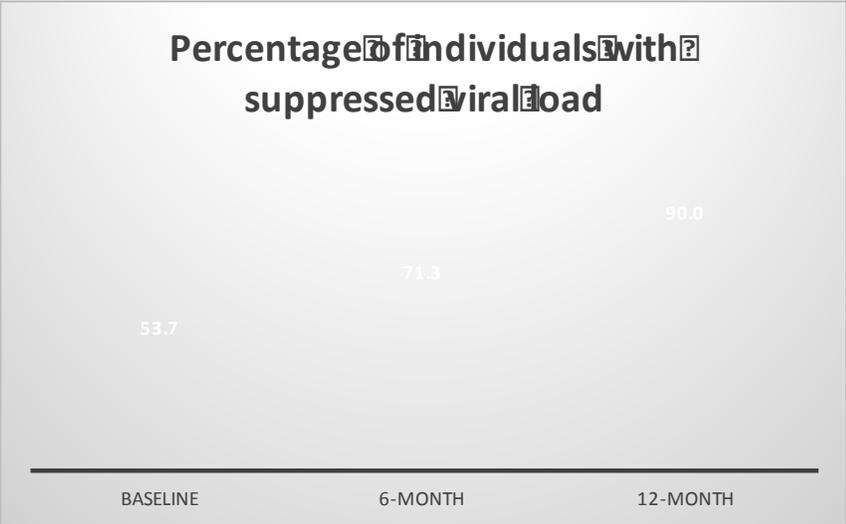
Prevalence HIV-pos. = 34.2% (n=153)

New diagnosis: 6.5% (n=10)



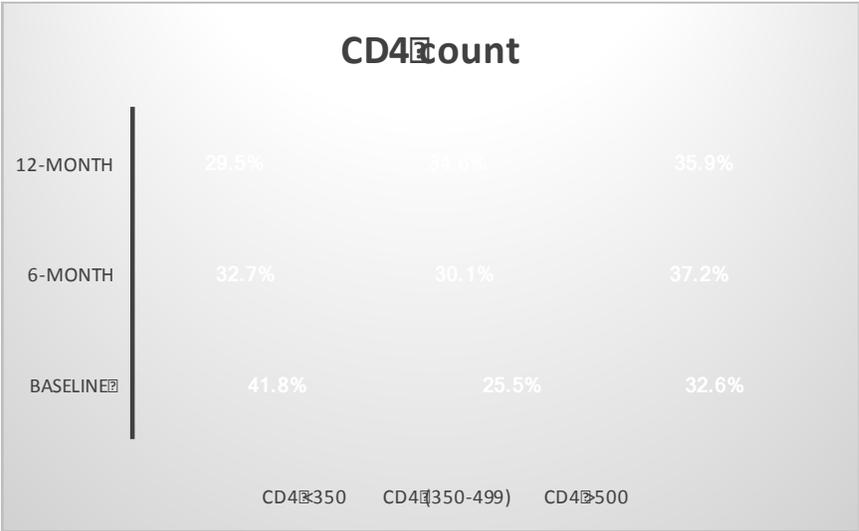
- High ART observance
  - Percentage of individuals who reported taken ART 90% or more of the time
    - 6 months: 82.1%
    - 12 months: 98.3%

# HIV care (2)



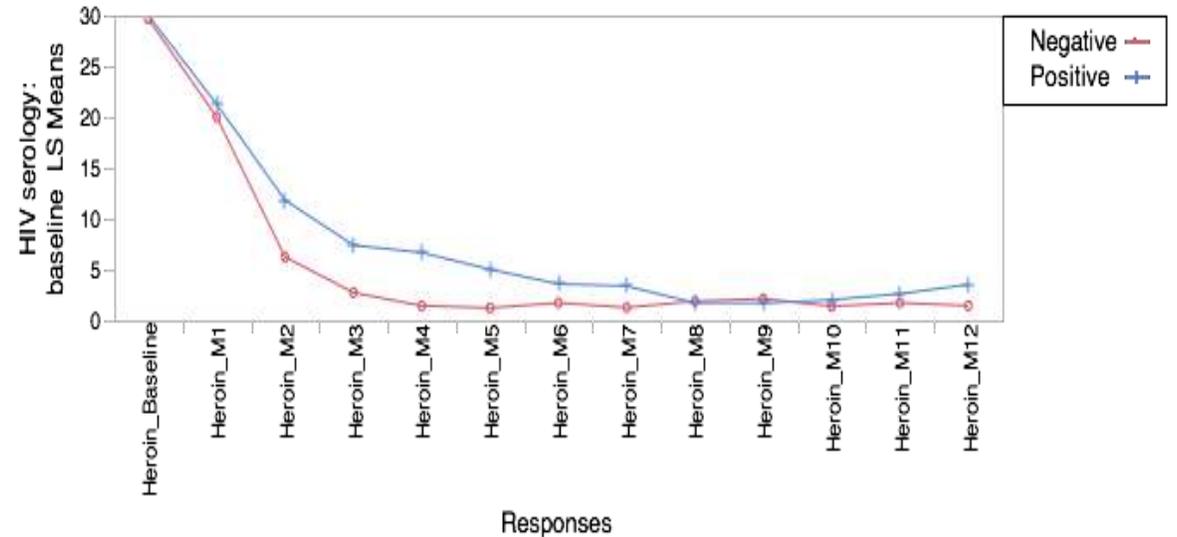
## Viral load suppression linked to

- A better observance of ART (Pearson=7.18, p=0.007)
- The decrease of heroin use over 12 months (F(12,32)= 2.20, p=0.03)



# Addiction-related outcomes

- Retention in treatment at 12-month: 75.4%
- Significant decrease of heroin over the 12-month  $F(12,240)= 42.15, p<0.0001$
- Difference between HIV-status  
Time \* HIV status  $F(12,240) = 4.52, p< 0.0001$ 
  - HIV-pos. were still using more often heroin at month 2, 3, 4 than HIV-negative individuals
  - No difference between HIV-pos. and HIV-neg. after 5 months of treatment
- Other substances
  - No change, no difference according to HIV status



# Conclusion

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- Integrated treatment strategy showed significant positive impact on
  - HIV detection
  - Initiation and adherence to HIV care
  - Drug use
- Consistent with former studies
  - USA: buprenorphine (Lucas et al, 2010, BHIVES group, 2010, Lesko et al., 2017)
- Psychosocial support
  - Counseling with addiction-informed and infectious disease-informed component
- Integration of opiate maintenance treatment and HIV care in the same setting
  - Not significantly increase the cost of the addiction treatment
  - Decrease cost for HIV-positive participants by preventing them from having to travel to different locations
- Most of the studies in opiate use disorder individuals
  - Similar findings with other substance, e.g, alcohol (Paolillo et al, 2017)
  - Similar strategies to enhance adherence to PreP?

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