



HIV PREVENTION TRIALS NETWORK

Identifying Research Gaps for Black MSM – A Way Forward

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Understanding the Gaps

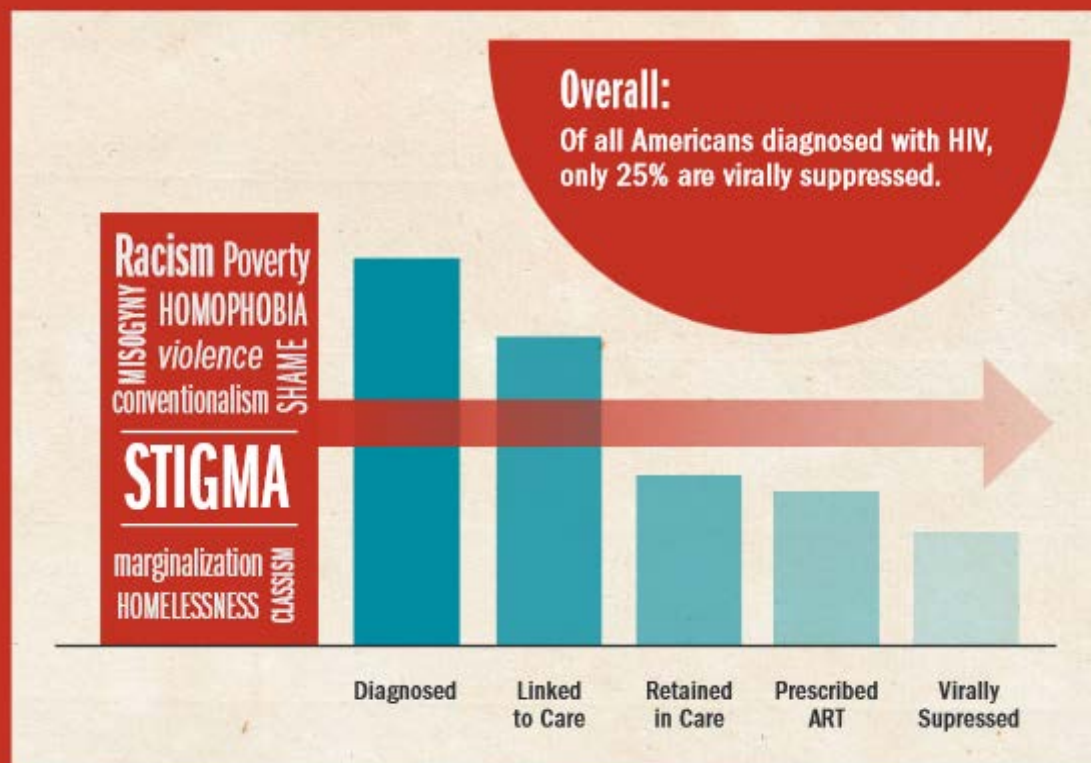
- Current landscape
- “Hot Spots”
- Impact of intersectionality
 - Macro (HIV criminalization laws, ACA)
 - Meso (CBO’s, Access Equality)
 - Micro (value of Black Gay Men)

Black

*Marginalization,
Stigma,
Homophobia,
Race/ethnicity,
Gender,
Socioeconomic
Status, etc.*

Gay

THE BAR BEFORE THE BARS



Stigma and other social determinants influence the HIV care continuum before a diagnosis is even made.

- Address treatment cascade
- Void prevention continuum
- Gaps in addressing whole person

HIV Test

Negative



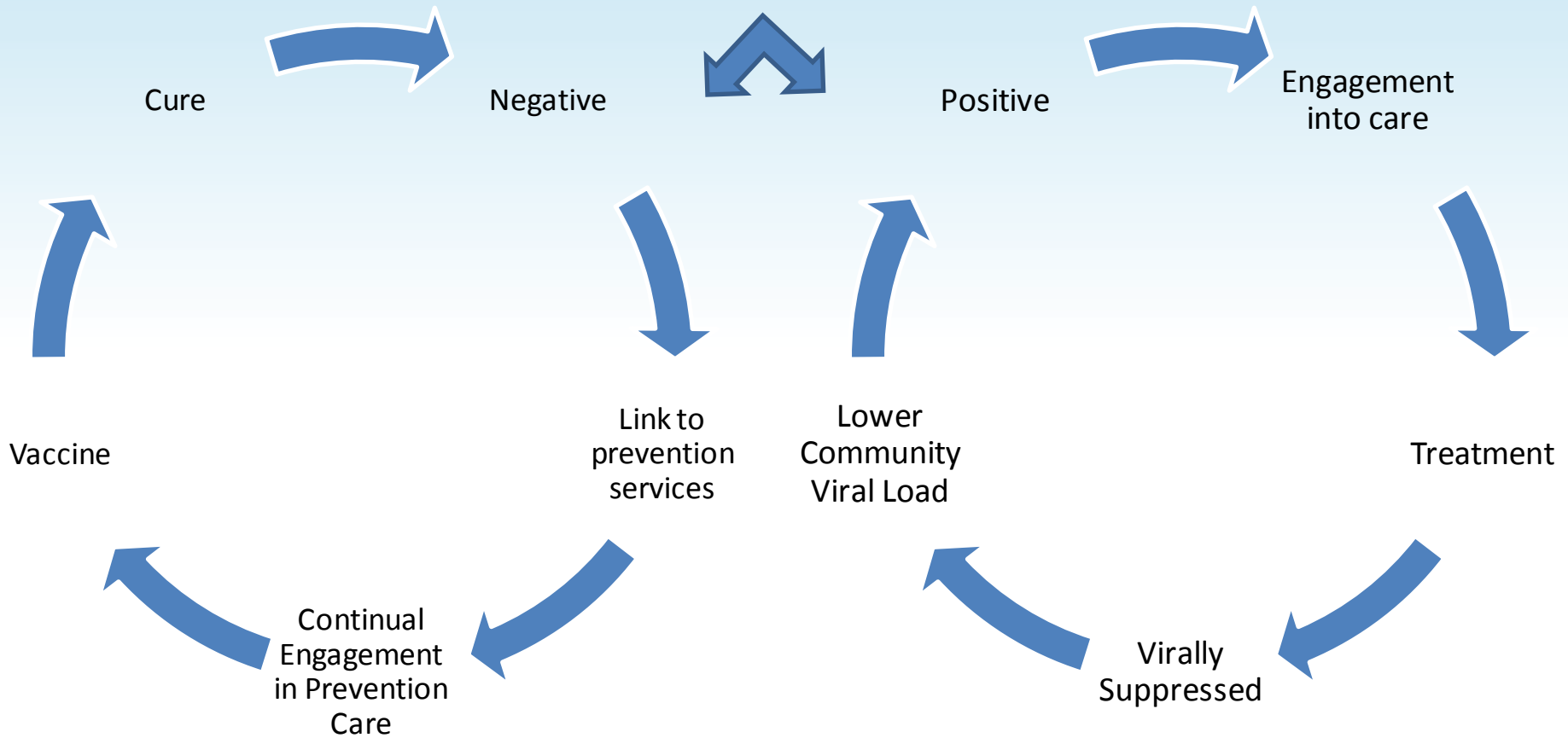
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Positive

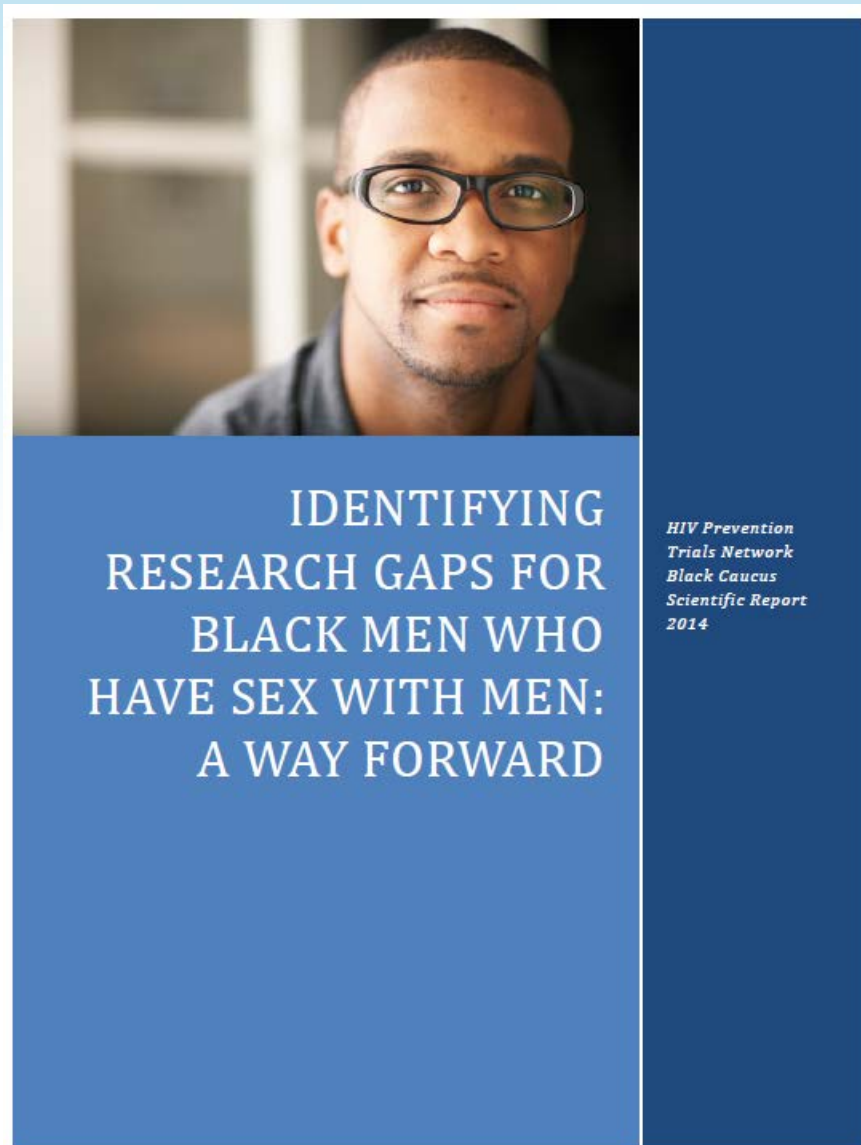


Virally
Suppressed

HIV Test



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Research Priorities

- Rates of undiagnosed HIV among BMSM were very high, representing a major health disparity
- Structural, behavioral, and biological factors were independently associated with undiagnosed HIV infections
- Culturally tailored programs for BMSM are urgently needed that encourage repeated HIV/STI testing, engagement in care, the use of ARV medications for treatment or prevention, while addressing social and environmental factors

Scientific Generation Report

- **Incorporation of a Social Systems Model for addressing structural barriers associated with BMSM and healthcare utilization;**
- **Ensure adequate recruitment, and resources are present for BMSM populations;**
- **Standardize and prioritize the use of culturally sensitive and appropriate research methodologies for all studies involving BMSM communities**

Building Synergy

- Address cultural nuances
- Remove existing barriers
- Define accountability
- Redefine risk for Black Gay Men
- For Us, By Us

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