A Frequent tests - Shorter delay in detecting progression

True time of progression

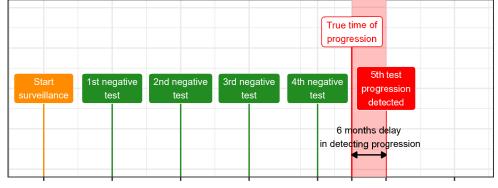Start surveillance | 1st negative test | 2nd negative test | 3rd negative test | 4th negative test | 5th test progression detected

6 months delay in detecting progression

B Infrequent tests - Longer delay in detecting progression

True time of progression

Start surveillance | 1st negative test | 2nd negative test | 3rd test progression detected

18 months delay in detecting progression

Jan 2000   Jan 2001   Jan 2002   Jan 2003   Jan 2004   Jul 2004   Jan 2005   Jan 2006

Follow-up time