



PARTNER NOTIFICATION

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Legally Required

- HIV 10A NCAC 41A .0202
 - (1) Infected persons shall:
 - (e) notify future sexual intercourse partners of the infection; if the time of initial infection is known, notify persons who have been sexual intercourse and needle partners since the date of infection; and, if the date of initial infection is unknown, notify persons who have been sexual intercourse and needle partners for the previous year.
 - (13) The Division of Epidemiology shall conduct a partner notification program to assist in the notification and counseling of partners of HIV infected persons.

Legally Required

● STD 10A NCAC 41A .0204

- (b) ... gonorrhea , chlamydia , non-gonococcal urethritis, and mucopurulent cervicitis
 - (3) Notify all sexual partners from 30 days before the onset of symptoms to completion of therapy that they must be evaluated by a physician or local health department.
- (c)syphilis, lymphogranuloma venereum, granuloma inguinale, and chancroid
 - (3) Give names to a disease intervention specialist employed by the local health department or by the Division of Public Health for contact tracing of all sexual partners and others as listed in this Rule:

Partner Counseling and Referral Services (PCRS)

- Specially cross-trained Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) work with both HIV and Syphilis Cases
- After laboratory or case report is received DIS contacts the provider
- DIS also provide post-test counseling for HIV-positive individuals who do not return to provider for results
- DIS contacts HIV positive individual and conducts voluntary, confidential, in-depth interview

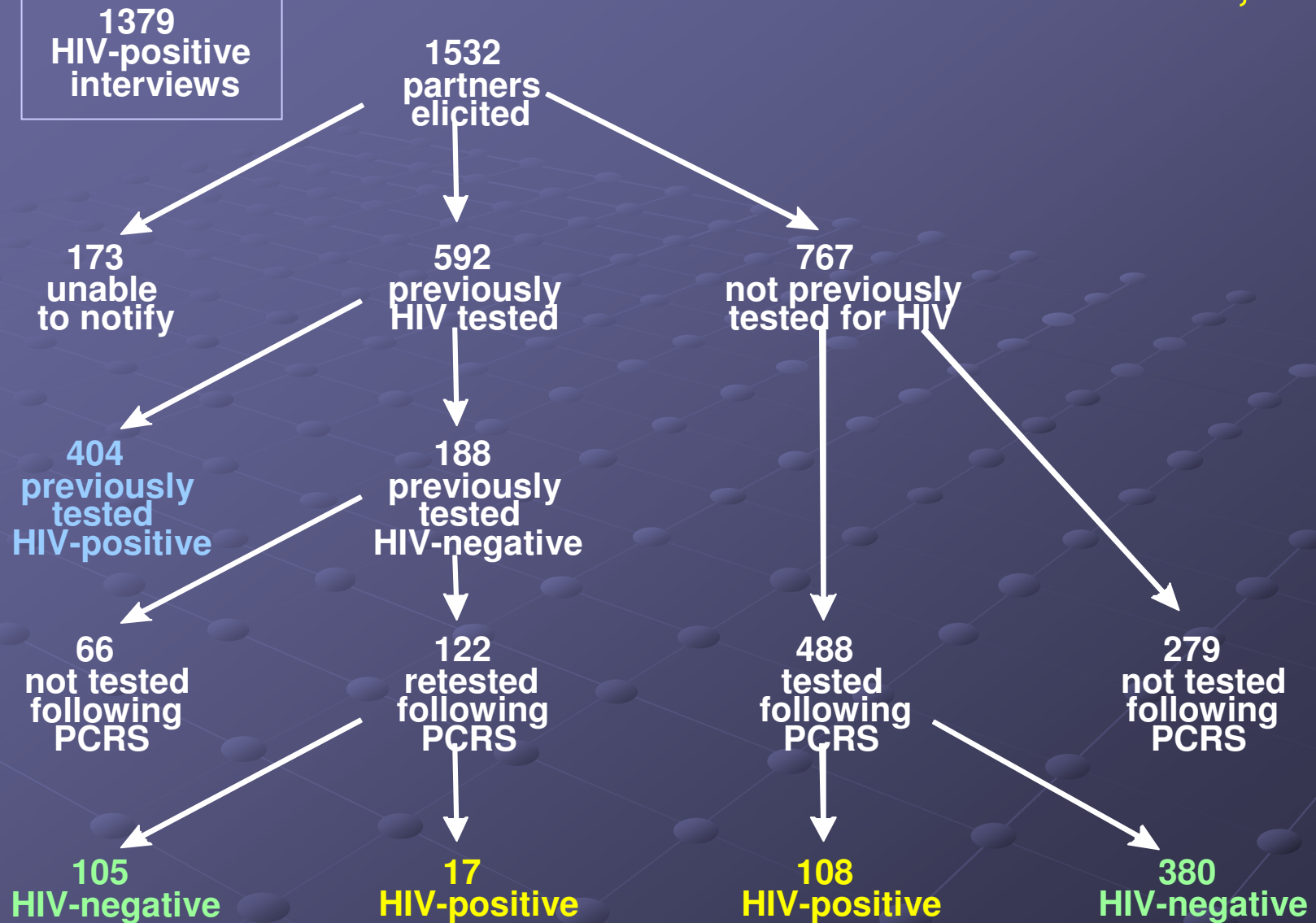
PCRS Interview Content

- Counsels index patient about HIV infection
- Assesses risk and provides risk reduction messages
- Assesses need for referrals and makes referrals to:
 - Medical Care
 - Case Management
 - Substance Abuse
 - Mental Health
- Elicits names and locating information on sex and needle sharing partners
- Discusses patient or provider partner notification options

HIV Partner Notification

- Performs notification in person
- Counsels regarding HIV exposure and assesses need for referrals
- Assesses risk and provides risk reduction messages
- Refers to clinic or offers to draw blood for HIV testing in field – HIV testing for partners is not mandatory
- Follows-up with partner regarding test results, if tested

Results of PCRS- North Carolina, 2001



Results

- 1 new HIV case identified for every 11 index cases interviewed.
- 20% of HIV tested partners were newly diagnosed HIV-positive.
- 50% of named partners had not been previously tested.
- 39% of the named partners had previously tested positive for HIV.
- 14% of named partners who had previously tested negative and retested were HIV positive.

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Key (persons)

Male

Female

S = syphilis

H = HIV

01 = year (2001)

Blue = Afric-Amer

Red = Amer. Ind

Green = Cauc.

Grey = Other

Key (lines)

Green = cluster

Blue = sexual

