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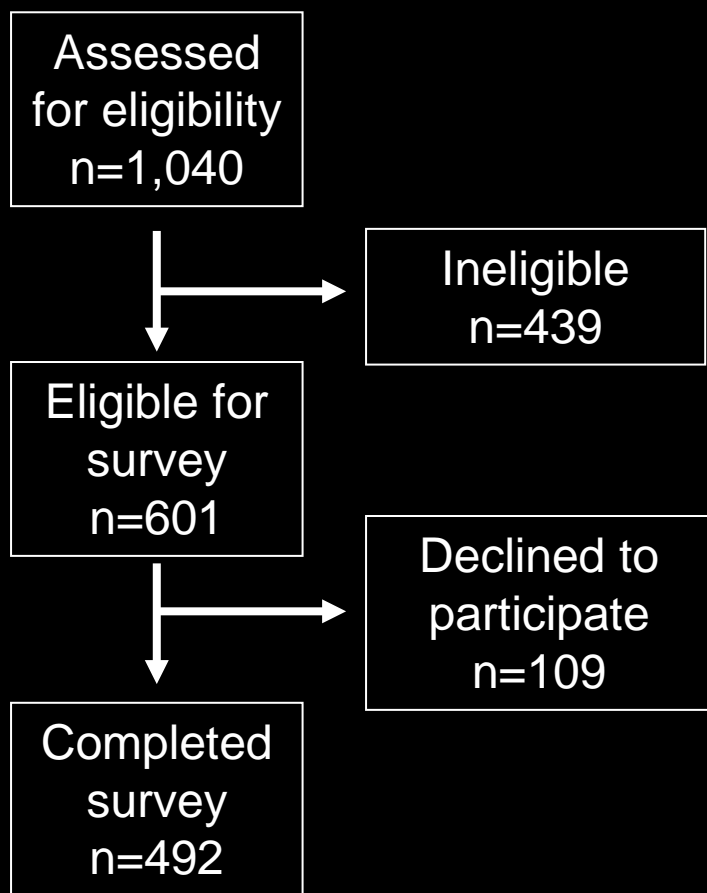
Patient Misunderstanding of HIV and HCV Testing in an Urban Emergency Department with an Integrated Screening Program

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Eligibility and Enrollment of Survey Cohort



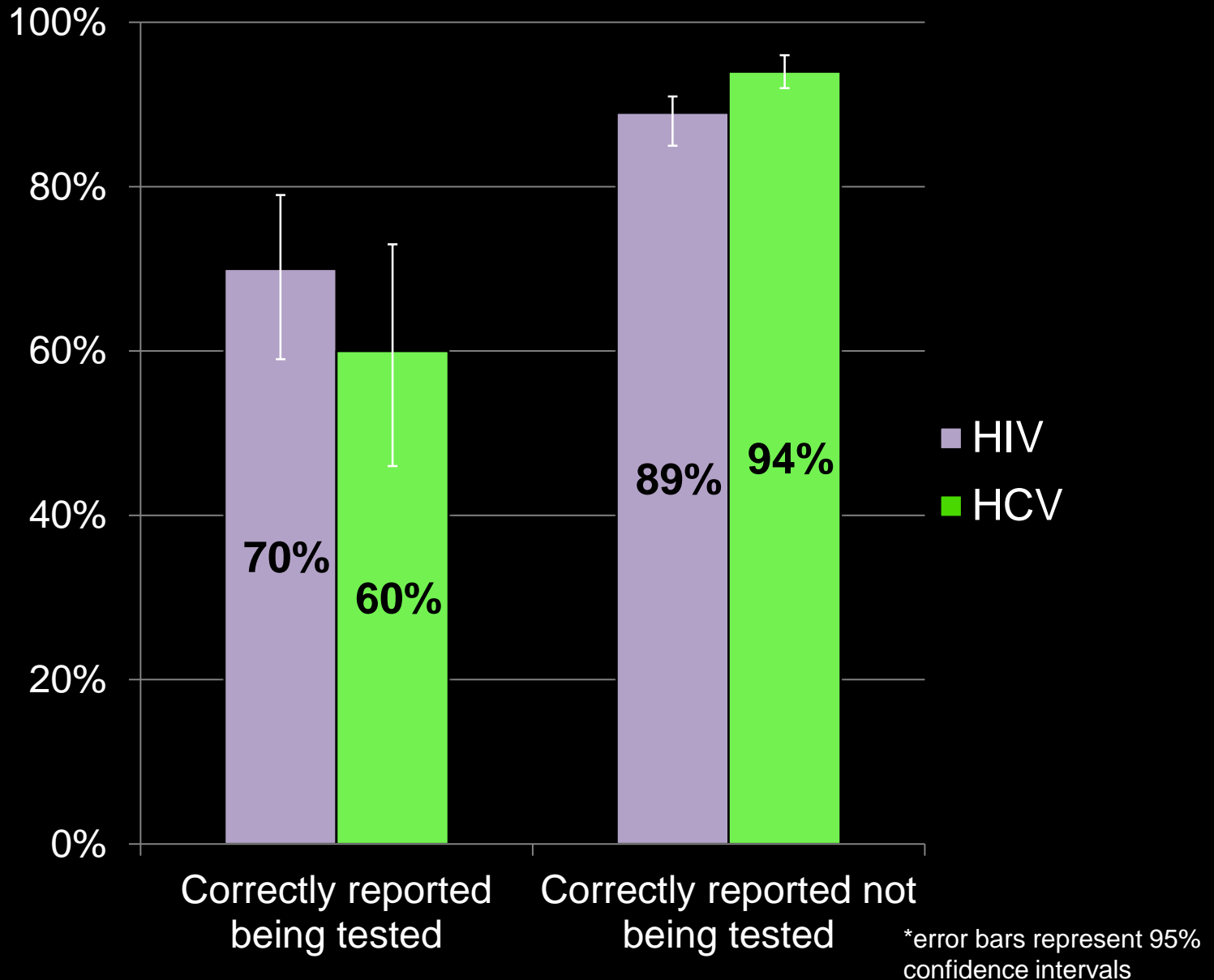
Characteristics n=492

Mean age 44, female 46%, Black 50%, Medicaid 80%

Tested for HIV n=98 (20%)

Tested for HCV n=56 (11%)

Patient Understanding of HIV and HCV Testing*



Conclusion

- Although most correctly reported whether or not testing was performed, many did not.
- Misunderstanding may pose:
 - medico-legal risks
 - false reassurances
 - promote high risk behaviors
 - influence future test acceptance
- Strategies to improve communication require evaluation.