





Safer conception options for HIV serodiscordant couples in the US: Experience of The National Perinatal HIV Hotline and Clinicians' Network

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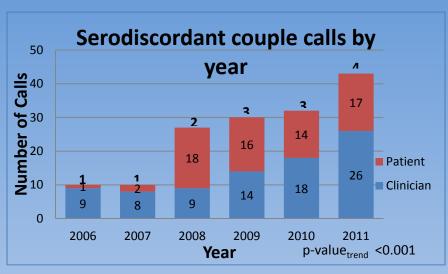
Background & Methods

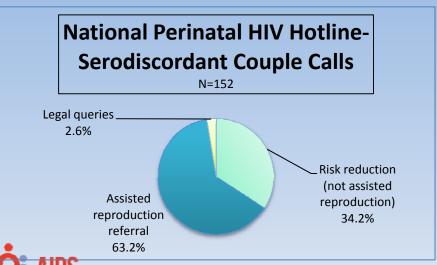


- 50% of the ~140,000 heterosexual HIV serodiscordant couples in the US desire children.
- Serodiscordant couples and their providers may not know the range of options to help reduce the risk of HIV transmission to the uninfected partner during conception attempts.
- Many couples lack access to assisted reproduction technologies, such as sperm washing and in vitro fertilization.
- Calls to the *The* National Perinatal HIV Hotline and Clinicians' Network from patients and clinicians were analyzed to determine number of calls, direction of serodiscordance in the couple, types of question asked.



Results & Conslusions





- Call volume increased significantly over time
- 63% requested referrals for assisted reproduction
- 34% sought risk reduction options when assisted reproductive technologies were unavailable or unaffordable, including preexposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and timed intercourse
- A majority of the calls (83.6%) related to HIV+ male/HIV- female couples

Direction of	Number of	
discordance	calls	Percentage
Male HIV+		
Female HIV-	127	83.6%
Female HIV+		
Male HIV-	14	9.2%
Male HIV+		
Surrogate	11	7.2%
Total	152	100.0%

- The Perinatal HIV Hotline is an increasingly utilized resource on this topic.
- •. Providing safer conception options to serodiscordant couples is a critical component of promoting the reproductive rights of HIV-affected couples in the United States.



ReproIDHIV Listserv



The ReproIDHIV listserv is a forum for

discussing clinical cases, finding patient referrals,

sharing protocols and upcoming events, and

networking with colleagues.

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Disco Survey: HIV- ♀ in a relationship with an HIV+ ♂ & desire children

- •IRB approval to recruit from other sites; study is ongoing
- •54 started, 32 completed
- •90% have used partners meds for prevention
- •58% had vaginal sex without condom with HIV pos partner
- •24% would pay \$1000-5000 to get pregnant, 21% \$500-999, 18% 5000-15,000, 10% >15,000
- •59% used condom always, 32% used condom half time, 9% never used condom
- •54% have seen a provider to discuss ways to get pregnant 57% same PMD, 95% saw an HIV specialist, 48% OBGYN, 53% REI





Positive Reproductive Outcomes for Men

- Launched July 2012
- •Men who have sex with women @ Ward 86 (~500 men)
- Focus groups
- Provider survey
- •6-7 minute patient focused video
- Provider algorithm
- •2 patient brochures



