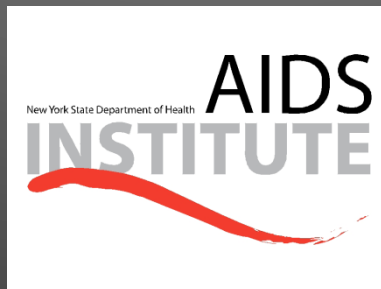


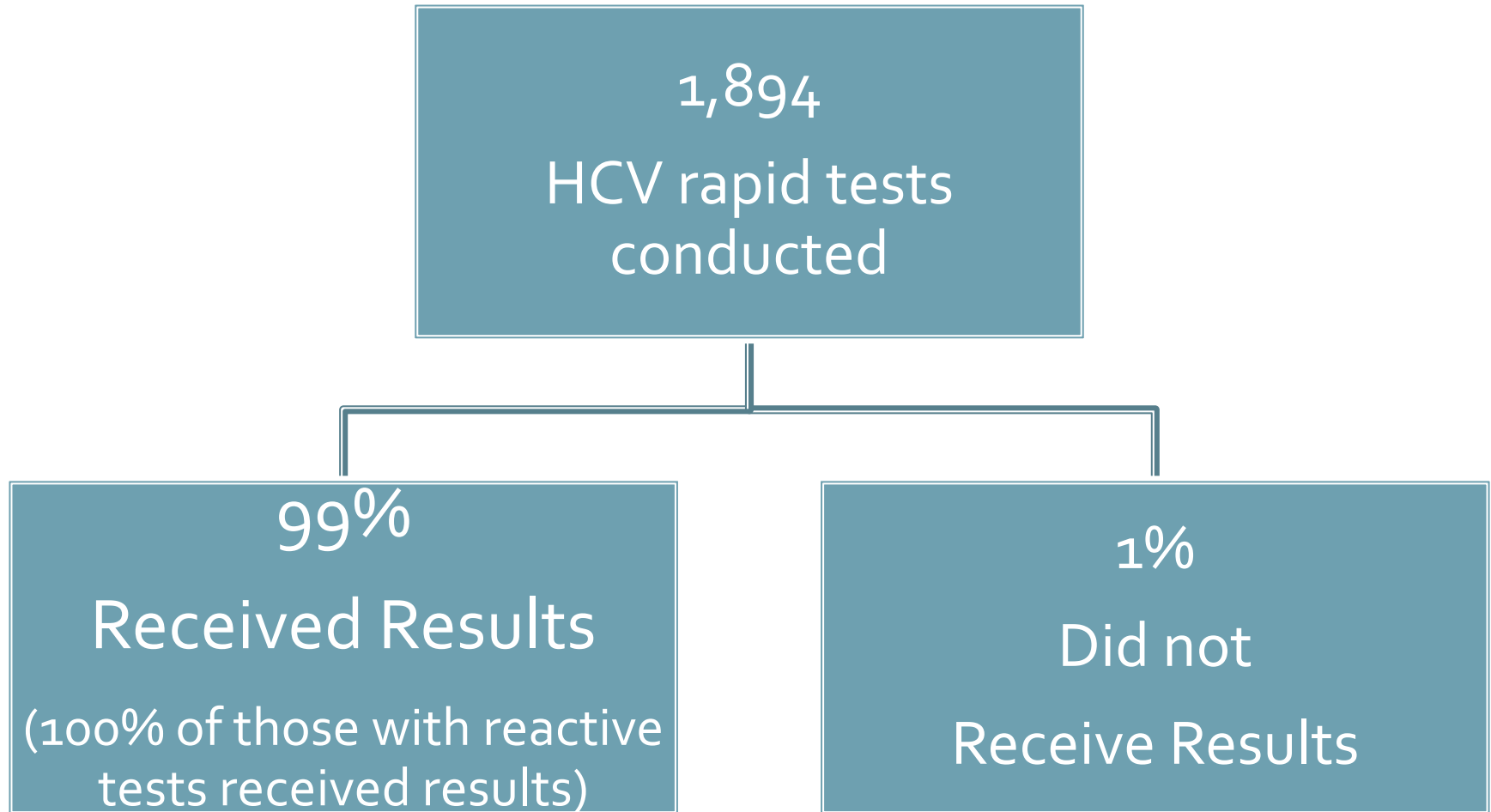
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Clients Receiving Results



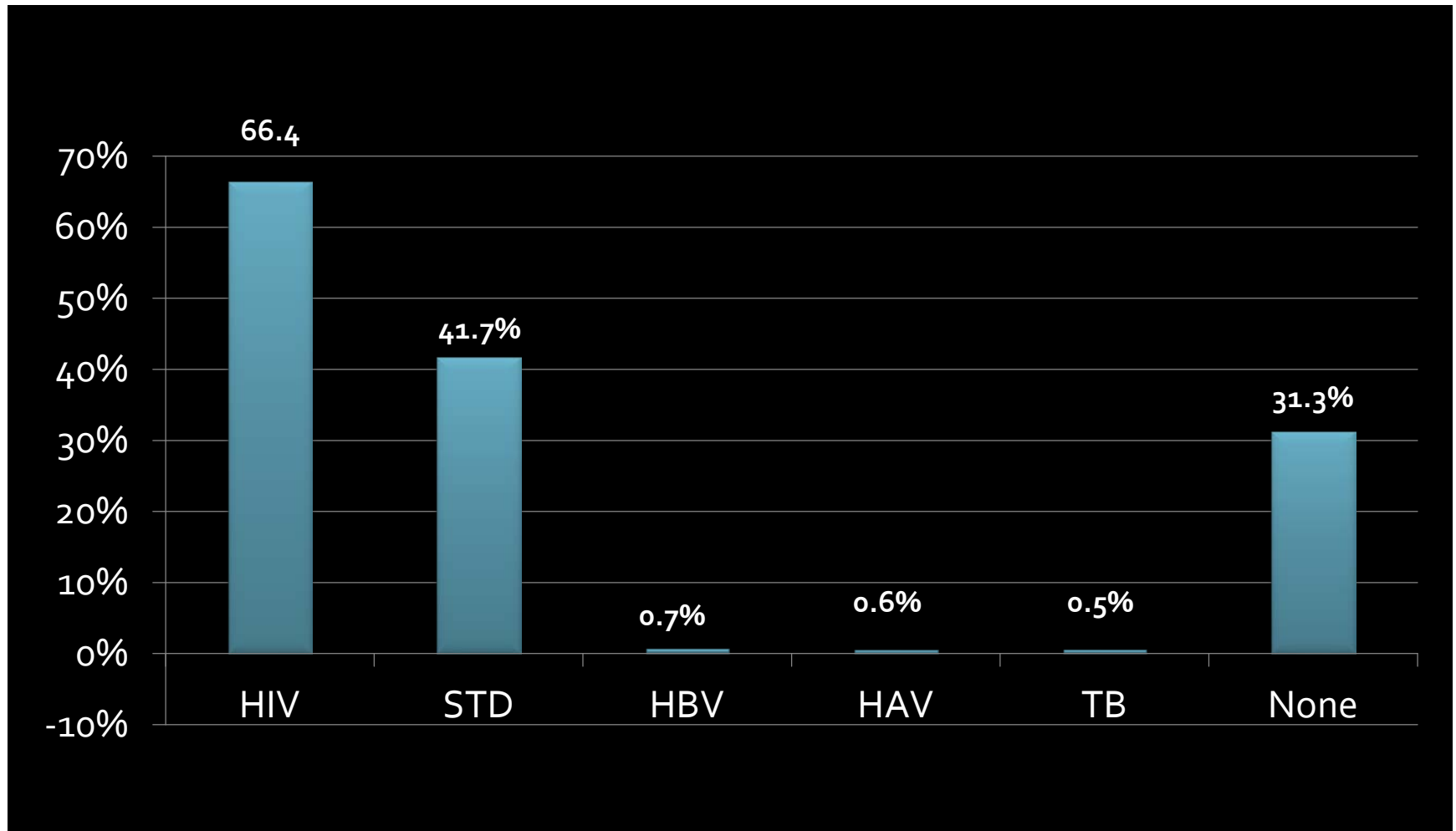
HCV diagnostic testing by referral

	N	%
Kept referral appointment for PCR testing	41	39%
Missed referral appointment for PCR testing	39	37%
Refused PCR testing	25	24%

HCV diagnostic testing on-site

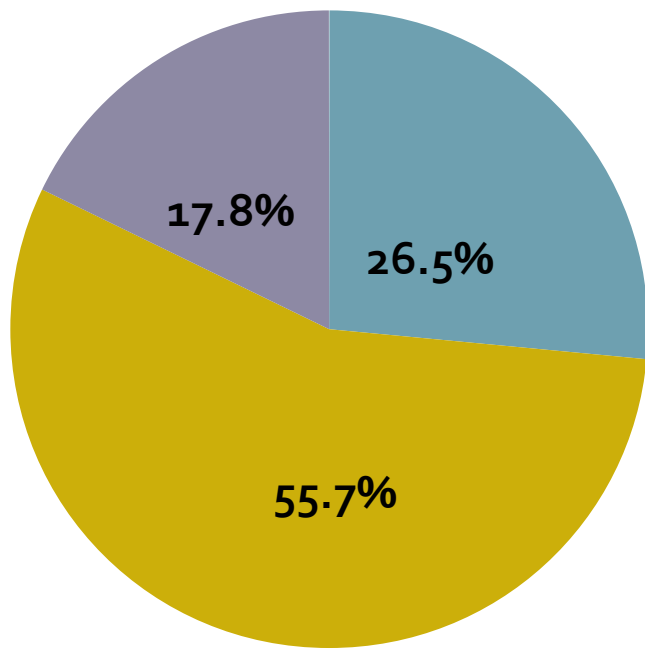
	N	%
Returned for PCR test	18	47%
Did not return for PCR test results	11	29%
Refused PCR testing	9	24%

Other testing conducted

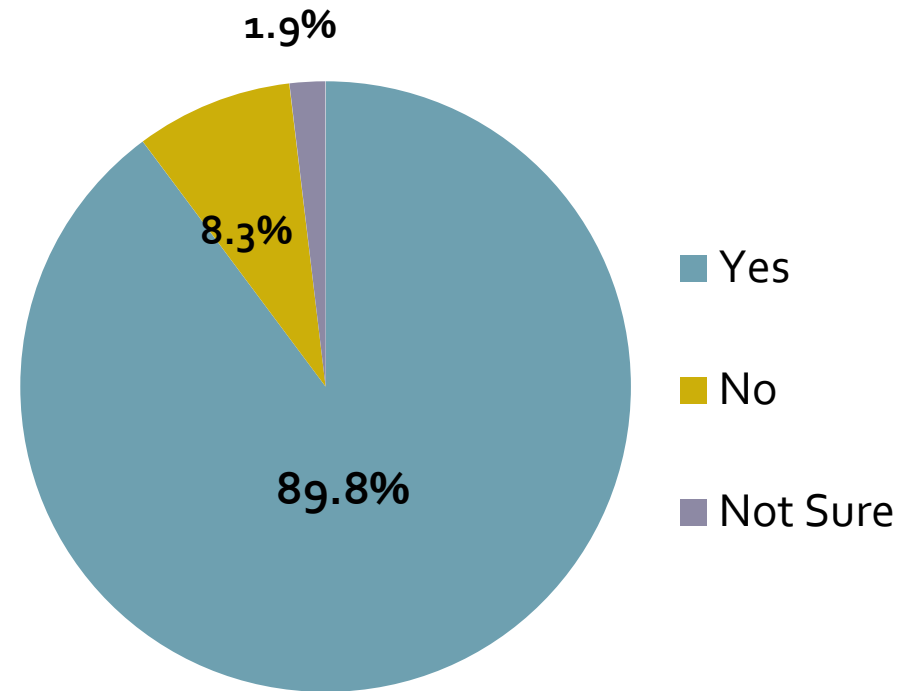


HIV and HCV testing history

HCV



HIV



- Yes
- No
- Not Sure

Conclusions

- HCV rapid testing technology is effective in ensuring people get screened for HCV and receive their screening results.
- More work needs to be done to motivate and educate those with reactive antibody tests to ensure they are properly diagnosed with HCV and linked to care.
- Adequate infrastructure similar to what is and has been available for HIV screening may improve access to free HCV screening and more people knowing their HCV status.
- Integrating HCV screening at locations already offering HIV and STD testing may increase the number of clients tested for each.
- More works needs to be done to better understand why clients refuse the HCV PCR test

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