

**Research Update from the Canadian HIV Women's  
Sexual and Reproductive Health Cohort Study:  
Envisioning a Women-Centred Model of HIV Care and  
Building a National Community-Based Research Study**

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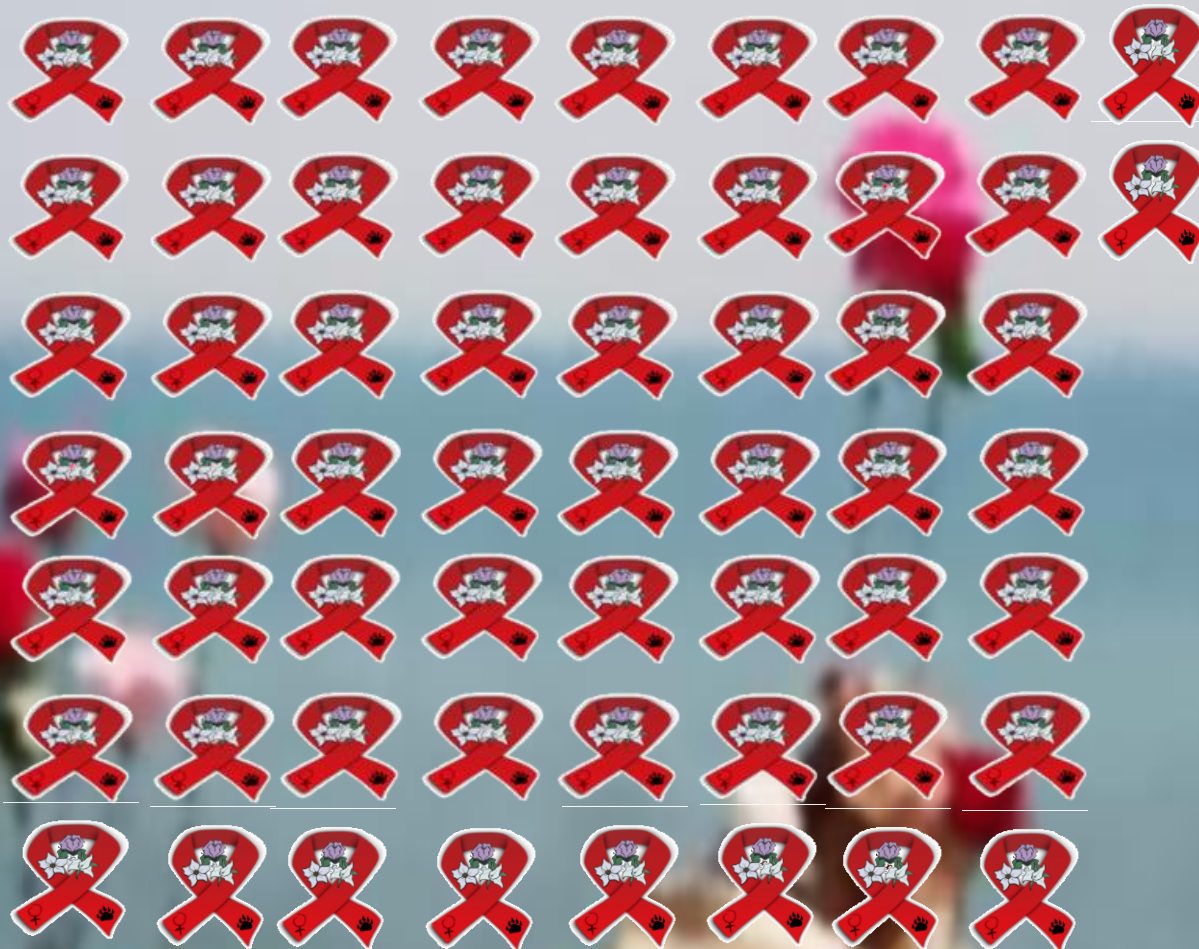
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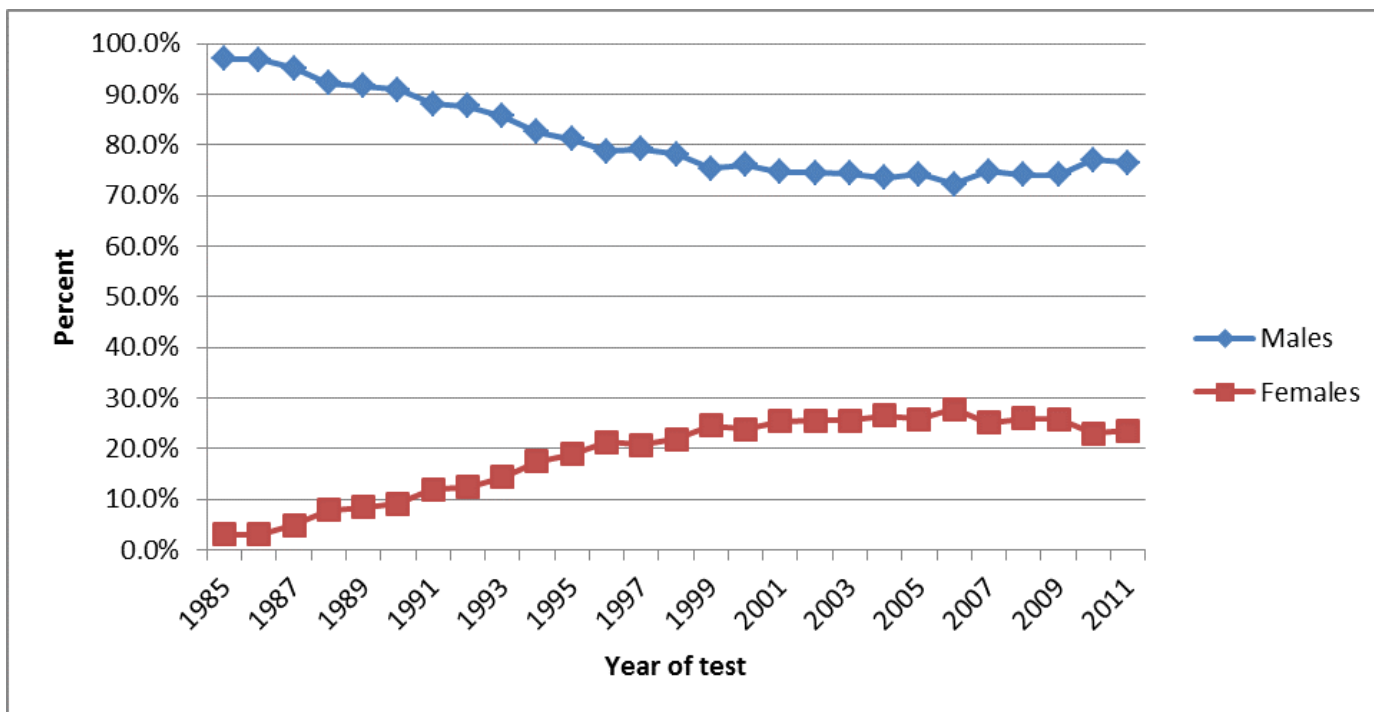
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# Increase in women with HIV

Globally, women now over 50% of PLHIV

Canada, women now 23% of ~75,000 PLVIH

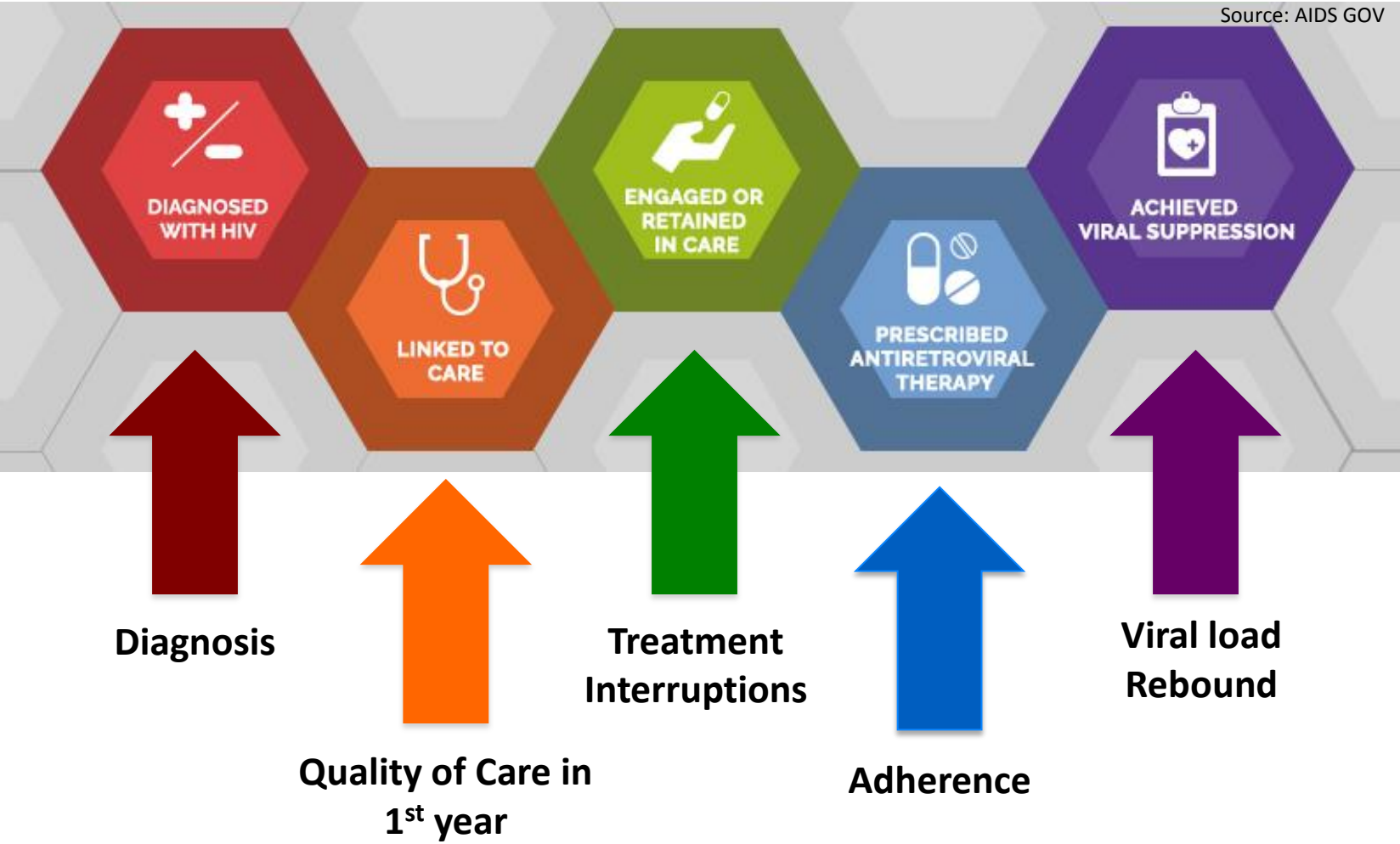
Proportion of positive HIV test reports, by sex (all ages), 1985-2011 (n=71,361)



Source: Public Health Agency of Canada, Internal data 2012

# Challenges – HIV Cascade of Care

Source: AIDS GOV

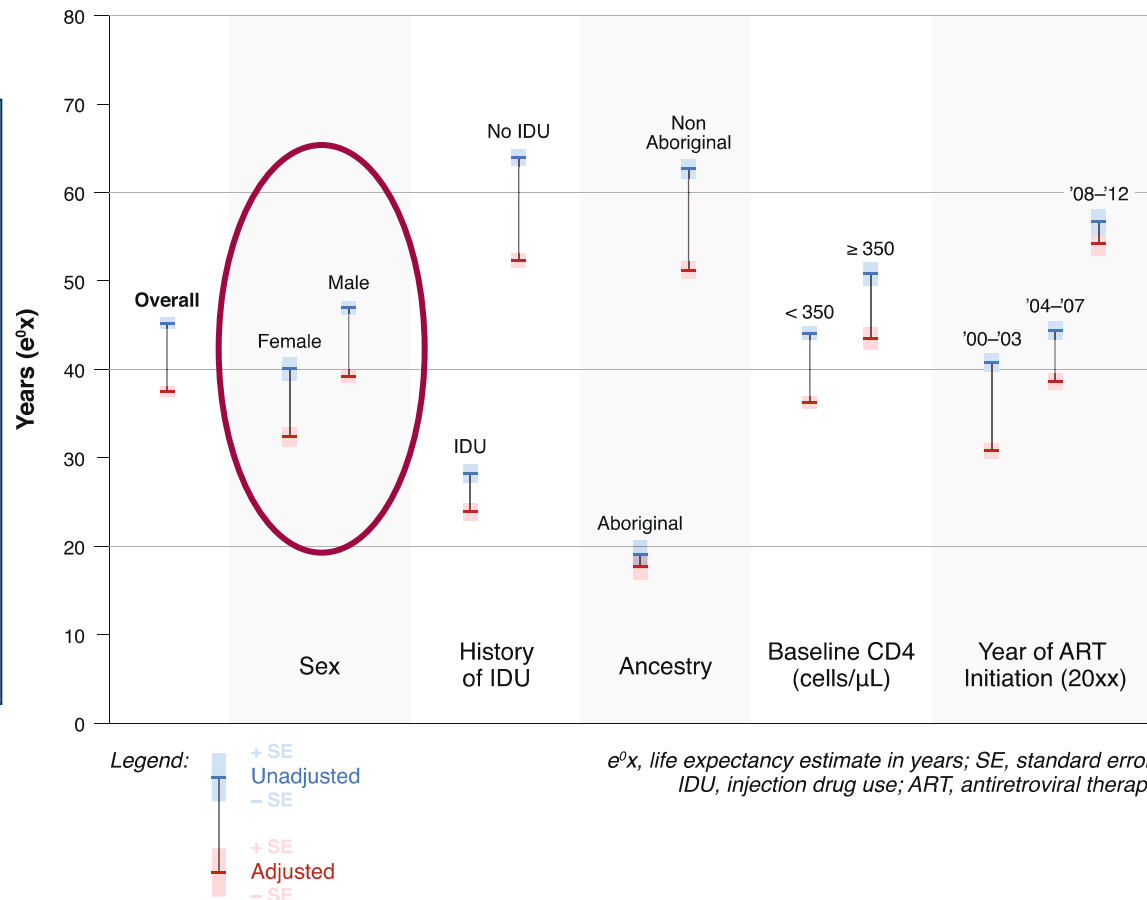




# Inequity in life expectancy

Patterson et al. BMC Infectious Diseases (2015) 15:274

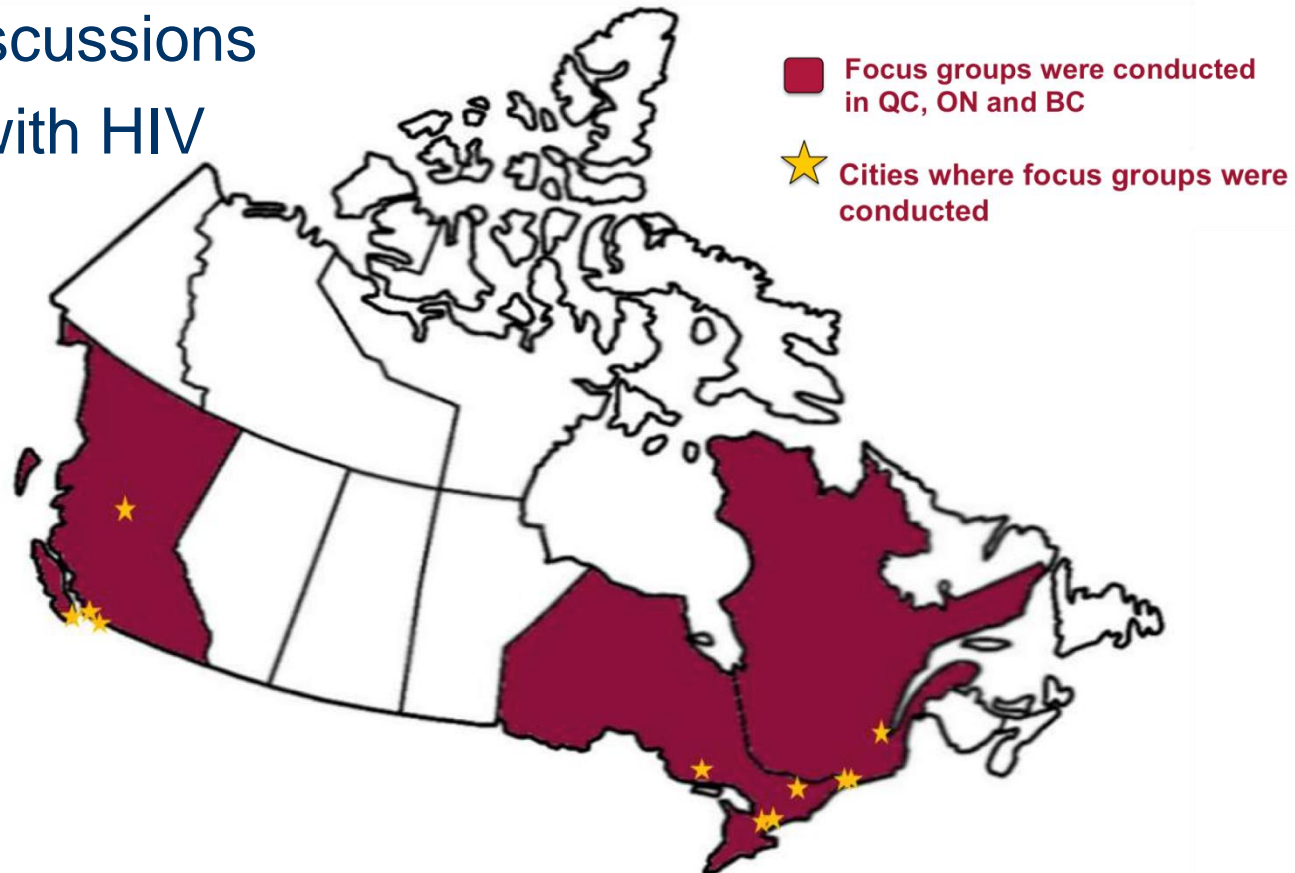
**32 women  
39 men  
at 20 years  
  
7 years  
difference!**



**Fig. 1** Life expectancy estimates at age 20 years, showing unadjusted and adjusted values, by clinical and sociodemographic characteristics at baseline

# Focus Groups: What is women centred HIV care

- Co-led by women living with HIV with research training
- In collaboration with ASOs & clinics
- 11 focus group discussions
- 77 women living with HIV



# Envisioning women-centered HIV care

**Question: What does women-centered HIV care mean to women seeking HIV care in Canada?**

1. What's missing from your healthcare?
2. What is working well?
3. In an ideal world, what would your care look like?

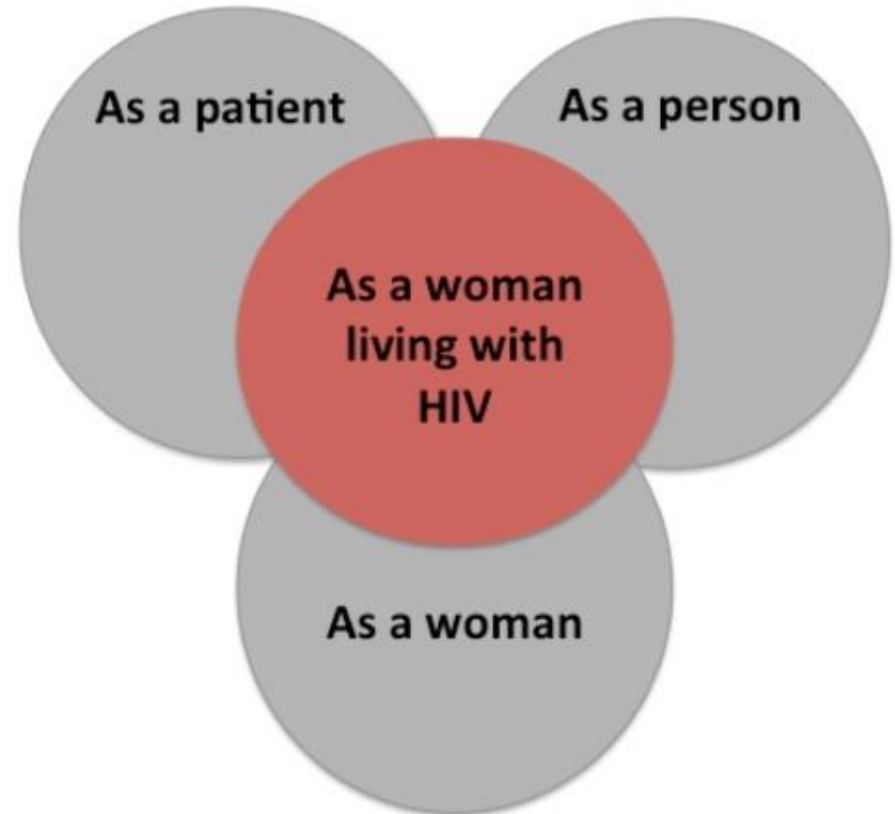
# Analysis process

Researchers and women living with HIV conducted a thematic content analysis:

- close readings of the transcripts
  - highlighting important passages
  - coding key themes
  - reflexive provincial & national discussions
- Preliminary findings were presented for feedback:
    - provincial Community Advisory Board (CAB)
    - national Steering Committee
    - and conferences (CAHR, IAS, IWHW)

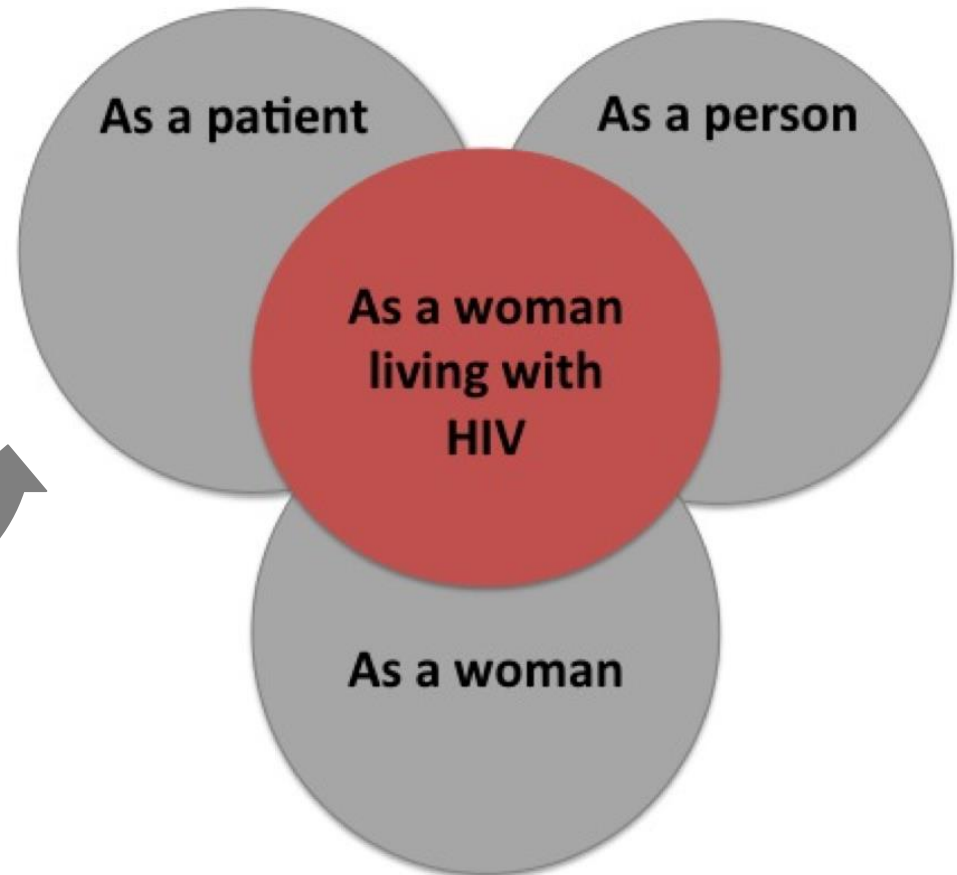
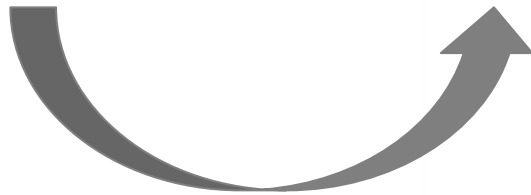
# Vision of Women Centred HIV Care (WCHC)

Women's recommendations for how to devise health care services were structured around care that respond to their complex needs as a patient, a person, a woman, and as a woman living with HIV.

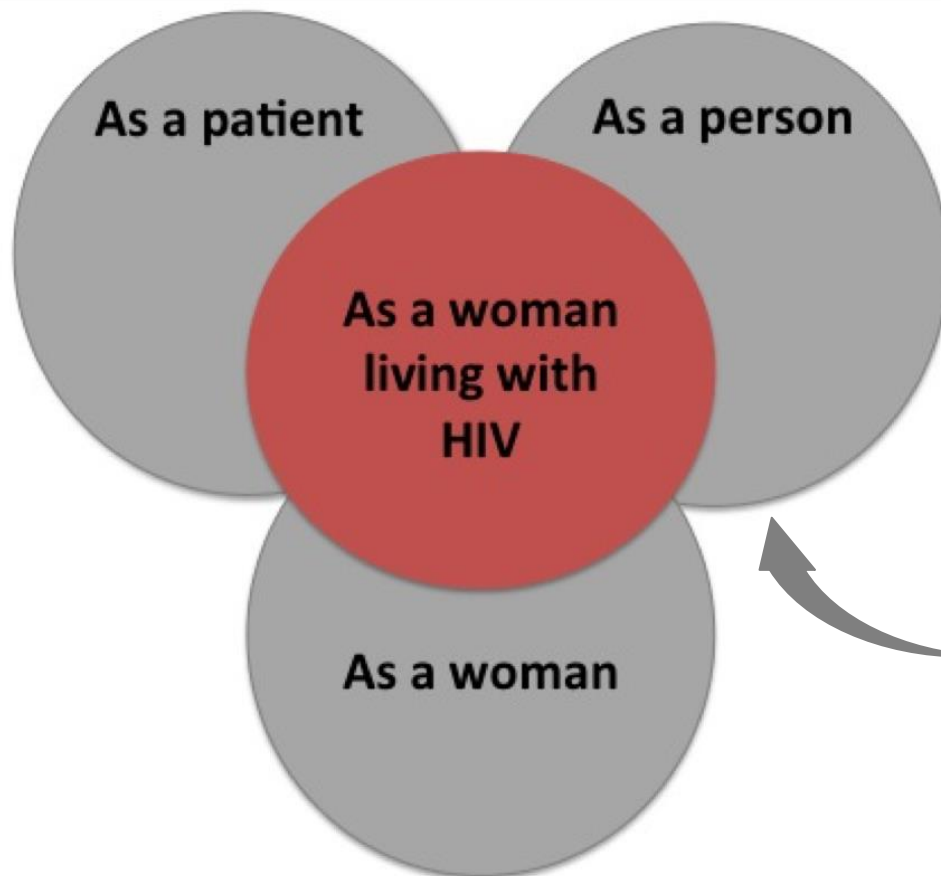


# Vision of WCHC – as a patient

As a patient: *I went to see a gynecologist and he didn't know about HIV and I was trying to explain to him where I was, you know my CD4 count, and I was informing - educating my doctor.*



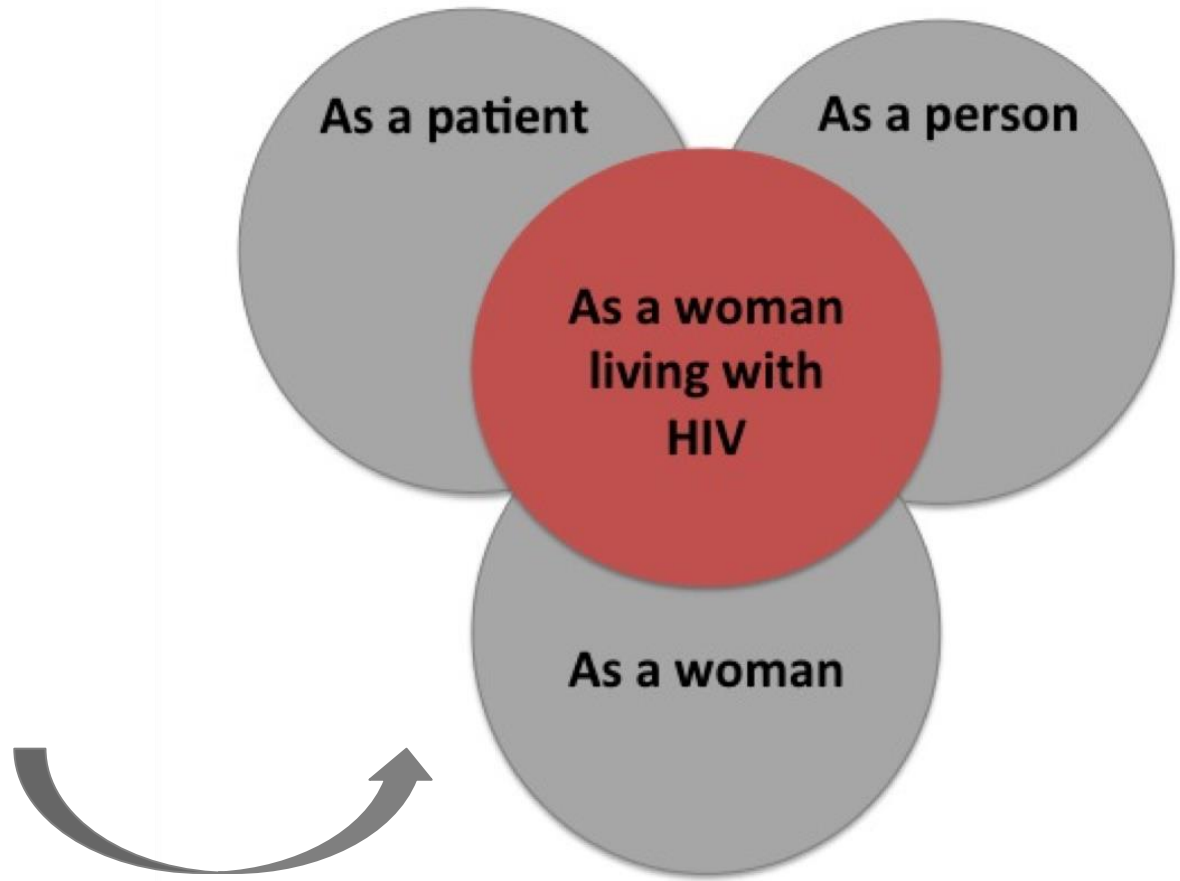
# Vision of WCHC - as a person



As a person: *He doesn't just check with your health . . . He was interested in all those aspects that make you a whole person . . . He'd always ask if I was working on my garden. You weren't just a chart with a bunch of numbers.*

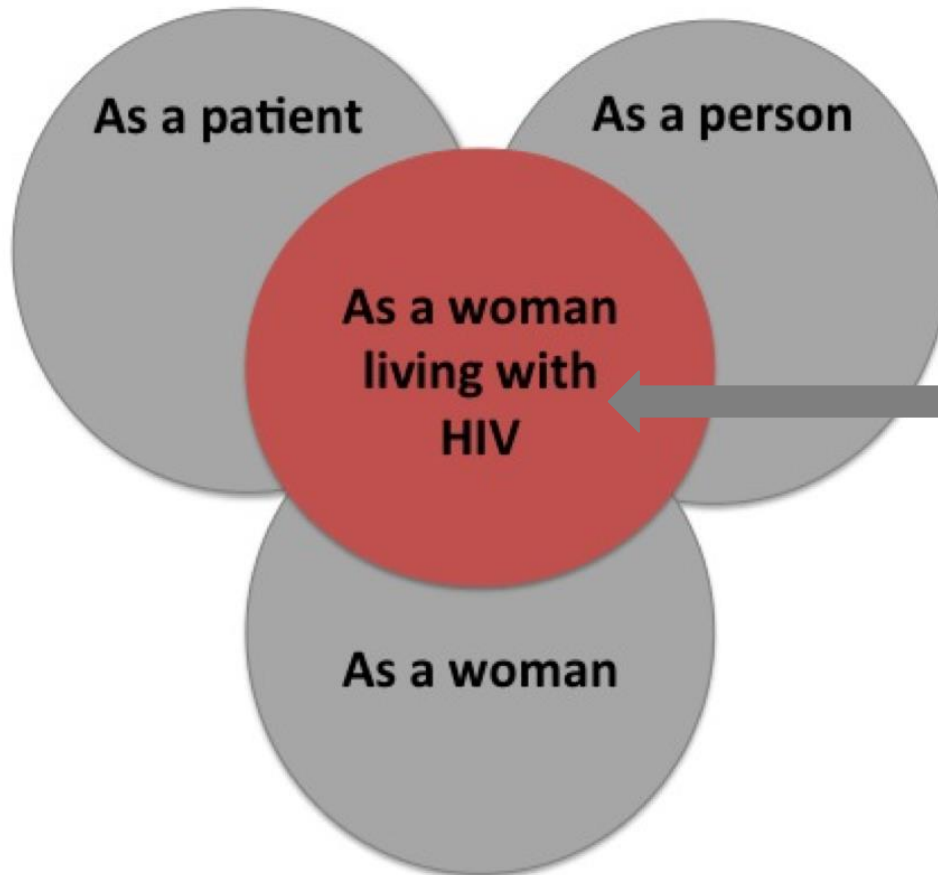
# Vision of WCHC - as a woman

As a woman: *It's been 3½ years that I haven't managed to get an appointment . . . I'm no longer pregnant, but I'm still living with HIV and I need follow-up [for a Pap Test].*

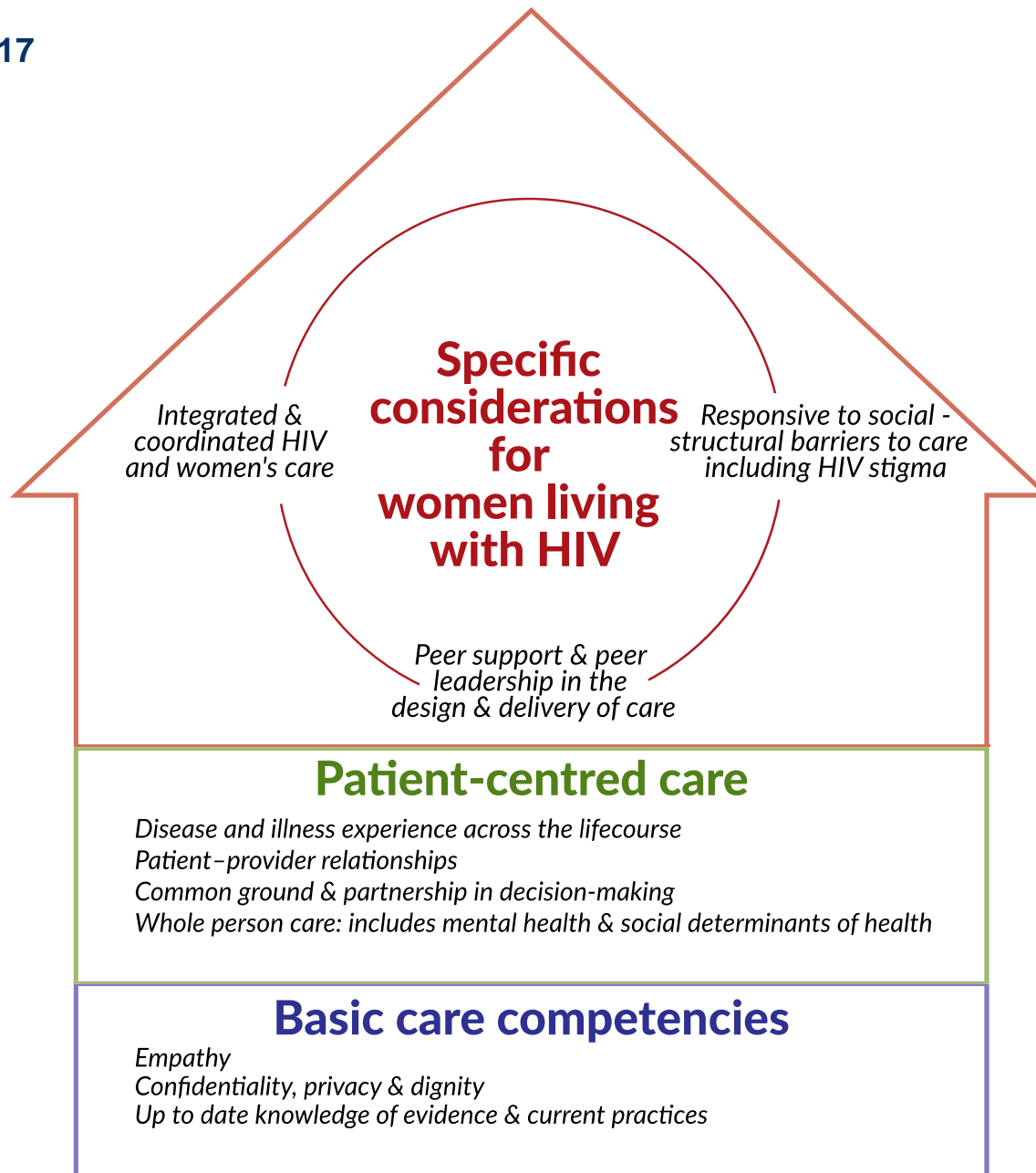




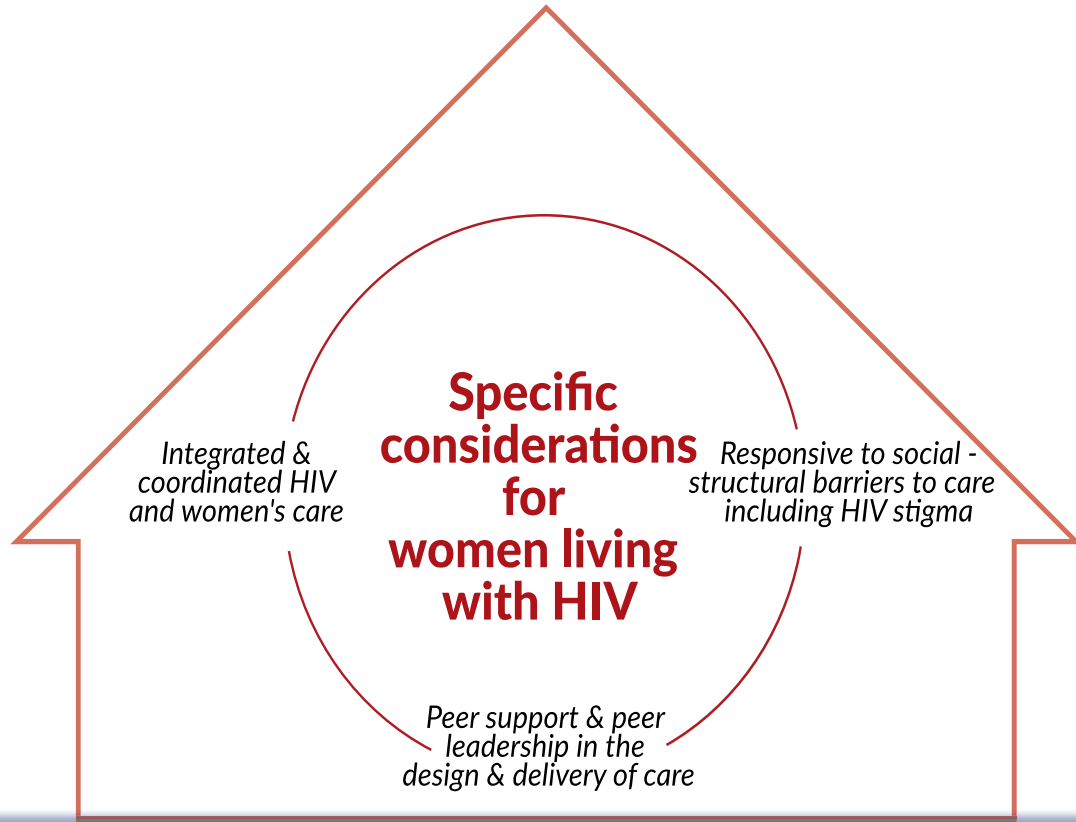
# Vision of WCHC - as a women with HIV



**As a WLHIV:** *I think that everything is working well when we go to [HIV] specialized clinics . . . They know us, and they're very friendly. However, when we go to other clinics, when we're asked for our [HIV] status, then they discriminate against us.*



# Women-Centred HIV Care



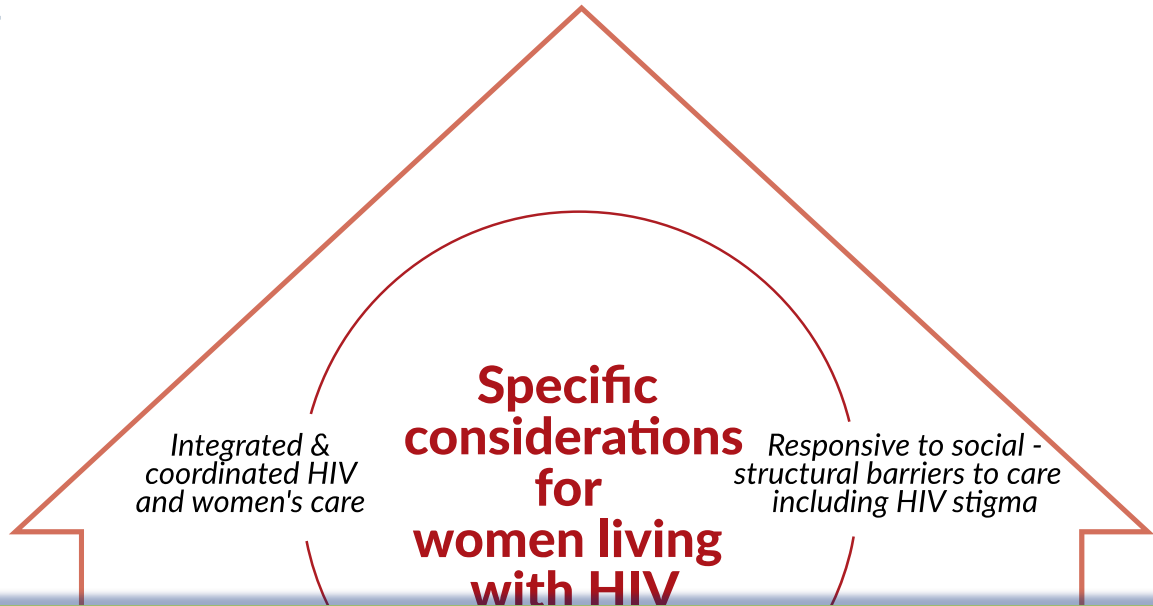
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- Empathy*
- Confidentiality, privacy & dignity*
- Up to date knowledge of evidence & current practices*

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## Women-Centred HIV Care





## **Patient-centred care**

- Disease and illness experience across the lifecourse*
- Patient-provider relationships*
- Common ground & partnership in decision-making*
- Whole person care: includes mental health & social determinants of health*

### **Basic care competencies**

- Empathy*
- Confidentiality, privacy & dignity*
- Up to date knowledge of evidence & current practices*

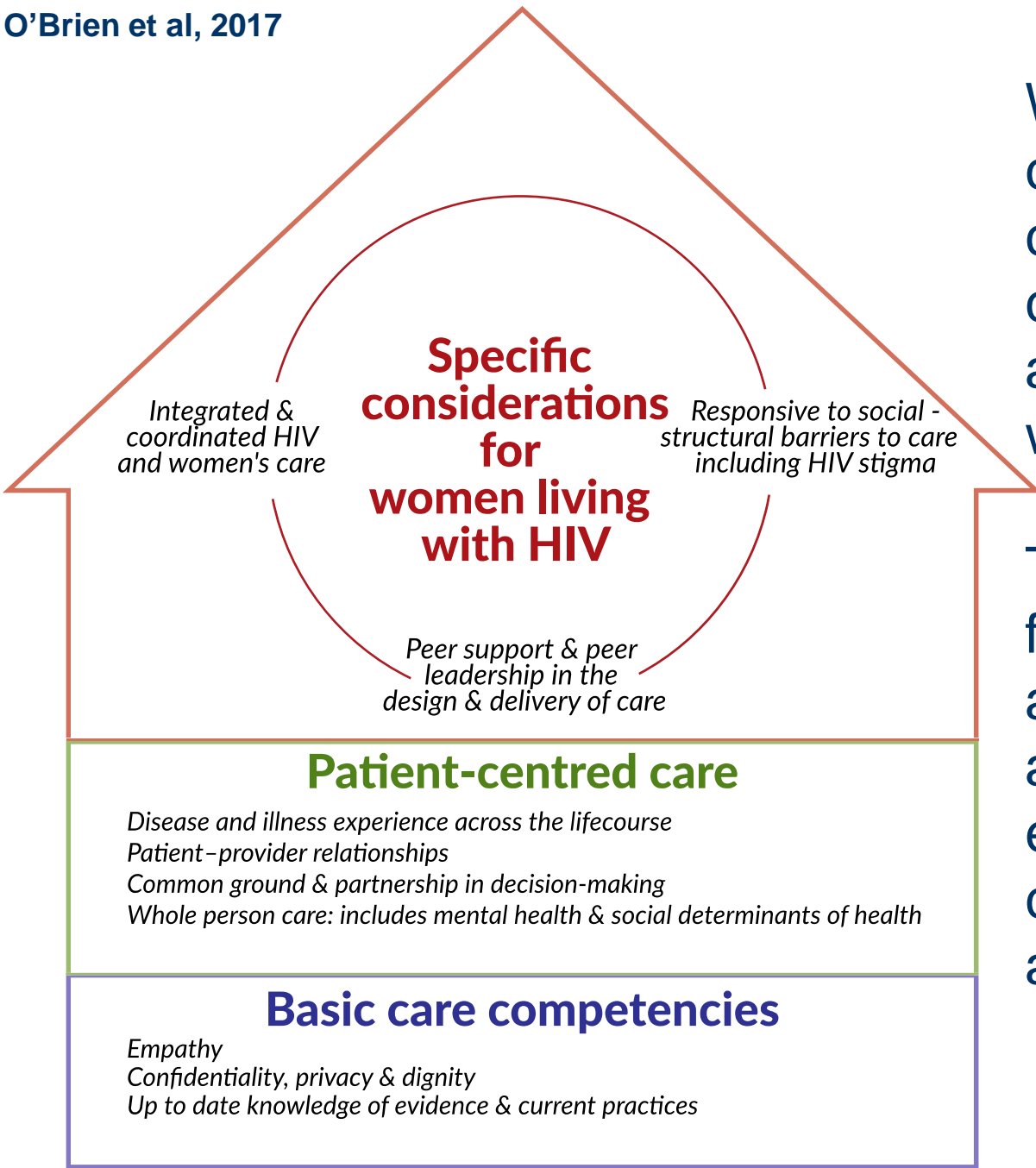
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# Women-Centred HIV Care





Women centred HIV care includes basic care competencies, patient-centred care principles, and features specific to women living with HIV.

These combined features promote care in a manner that is safe and accessible, while ensuring medical competency in both HIV and women's health.



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## Envisioning Women-Centered HIV Care: Perspectives from Women Living with HIV in Canada

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### ABSTRACT

**Background:** Women comprise nearly one-quarter of people living with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) in Canada. Compared with men, women living with HIV experience inequities in HIV care and health outcomes, prompting a need for gendered and tailored approaches to HIV care.

**Method:** Peer and academic researchers from the Canadian HIV Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health Cohort Study conducted focus groups to understand women's experience of seeking care, with the purpose of identifying key characteristics that define a women-centered approach to HIV care. Eleven focus groups were conducted with 77 women living with HIV across Quebec, Ontario, and British Columbia, Canada.

**Results:** Women envisioned three central characteristics of women-centered HIV care, including i) coordinated and integrated services that address both HIV and women's health care priorities, and protect against exclusion from care due to HIV-related stigma, ii) care that recognizes and responds to structural barriers that limit women's access to care, such as violence, poverty, motherhood, HIV-related stigma, and challenges to safe disclosure, and iii) care that fosters peer support and peer leadership in its design and delivery to honor the diversity of women's experiences, overcome women's isolation, and prioritize women's ownership over the decisions that affect their lives.

**Conclusion:** Despite advances in HIV treatment and care, the current care landscape is inadequate to meet women's comprehensive care needs. A women-centered approach to HIV care, as envisioned by women living with HIV, is central to guiding policy and practice to improve care and outcomes for women living with HIV in Canada.

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# CHIWOS: Étude sur la santé sexuelle et reproductive des femmes vivant avec le VIH au Canada

- Cohorte canadienne longitudinale
- Enquête sur les soins VIH centrés sur les femmes
- Deux suivis à 18 mois (vague 2 et vague 3)
- 2011-2019
- Multicentrique: QC, ON, C-B.
- Basée sur les principes de la recherche communautaire (RC), GIPA et MIWA.

## Principes de la recherche communautaire (Minkler, 2004)

- Un engagement équitable des personnes affectées *par* la recherche *dans* les projets de recherche
- Prise de décision partagée tout au cour de l'étude
- Axé sur l'action et les changements positifs





# Survol du processus de formation des PARs

- Objectifs de renforcement des capacités.
- Processus collaboratif sur plusieurs mois afin de développer une formation à multi-phases et à plusieurs niveaux.
- Groupe de travail national (chercheurs, expert en RC, FVVIH) et embauche d'une consultante en éducation des adultes pour la conception de la formation des PARs

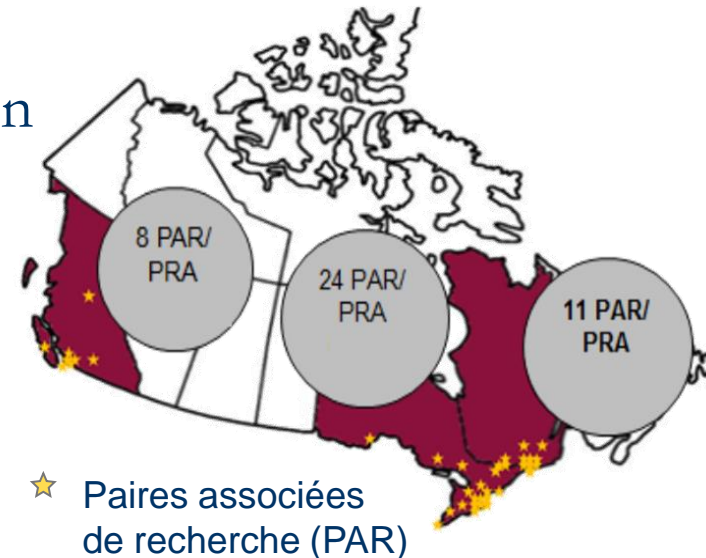


# Survol du processus de formation des PARs

- Formations
  - Vague 1 (Baseline): 2 sessions de formations en personnes de 2 jours, basées sur un curriculum national.
  - Formation continue et interactive tout au long de l'étude et formation spécifique et de révision en personne pour les vagues 2 et 3.
- Thèmes abordés:
  - La mission et les objectifs de l'étude, le rôle des PARs, l'éthique de la recherche, l'entretien de recherche, introduction au questionnaire et à la banque des participantes (informatique), le recrutement et la rétention des participantes, le bien-être et le soutien aux PARs.

# Rôle des Paires Associées de Recherche (PARs) dans CHIWOS

- 35 PARs au Canada dont 11 au QC
- Rep. provinciales NMT
- Rep. provinciales au transfert des connaissances
- Participent au recrutement et au suivi des participantes
- Consentement libre et éclairé lu et discuté avec les PARs
- Passation des questionnaires
- Participation active à la rédaction et révision des publications
- Activités de transfert des connaissances, de recrutement et de rétention des participantes initiées et menées par les PARs



# Développement du questionnaire

Questionnaire développé à partir de 11 focus group Menés entre 2011 et 2012 au QC, ON, C.-B. (O'Brien et al., 2017) :

Plusieurs groupes de travail (PARs, chercheurs, cliniciens, intervenants, etc) guidés par différentes approches telles que:

- Déterminants sociaux de la santé;
- Intersectionnalité;
- Critique féministe
- Anti-oppression et justice sociale



Section 1: Données démographiques et statut socioéconomique  
Section 2: Information médicale et sur l'infection par le VIH  
Section 3: Soins de santé et utilisation des services sociaux  
Section 4: Santé reproductive des femmes  
Section 5: Stigmatisation et discrimination  
Section 6: Consommation de drogues et d'alcool  
Section 7: Violence et maltraitance  
Section 8: Santé sexuelle des femmes  
Section 9: Bien-être émotionnel, résilience et qualité de vie liée à la santé

Dans quelle province se déroule l'entrevue?

- Colombie Britannique
- Ontario
- Québec

# Critères d'éligibilité

- S'identifier comme femme
- Vivre avec le VIH
- Être âgée de 16 ans et plus
- Vivre au QC, en ON ou en C.-B.
- Parler français ou anglais (possibilité de faire appel à un traducteur)

**ÊTES-VOUS  
UNE FEMME  
VIVANT AVEC LE  
VIH?**

**Participez à une étude sur les besoins  
de soins de santé des femmes vivant  
avec le VIH au Canada.**



# Recrutement

## Plusieurs stratégies utilisées (Webster et al., 2018)

- Réseau des PARs et bouche-à-oreilles
- Forme de recrutement le plus efficace en ON (49%)
- PARs plus efficace pour recruter: LGBTQ, UDI, sans traitements ARV, sans soins VIH.

**35% recrutées par les PARs**

**34% recrutées dans les cliniques VIH**

- Forme de recrutement le plus efficace en C.-B. (40%) au QC (43%)
- Cliniques plus efficace pour: femmes de 16 à 29 ans, n'utilisant pas les services communautaires VIH

Recrutées par des intervenants et référées au PARs

**19% recrutées dans les Organismes communautaires VIH/sida**

**12% Autres**

Médias/publicité (site internet, Facebook, Twitter, affiches, dépliants)

# Cohorte CHIWOS

➤ 1,422 femmes vivant avec le VIH

➤ De Août 2013 à Mai 2015

Âge: 43 $\mu$   
(16-74)

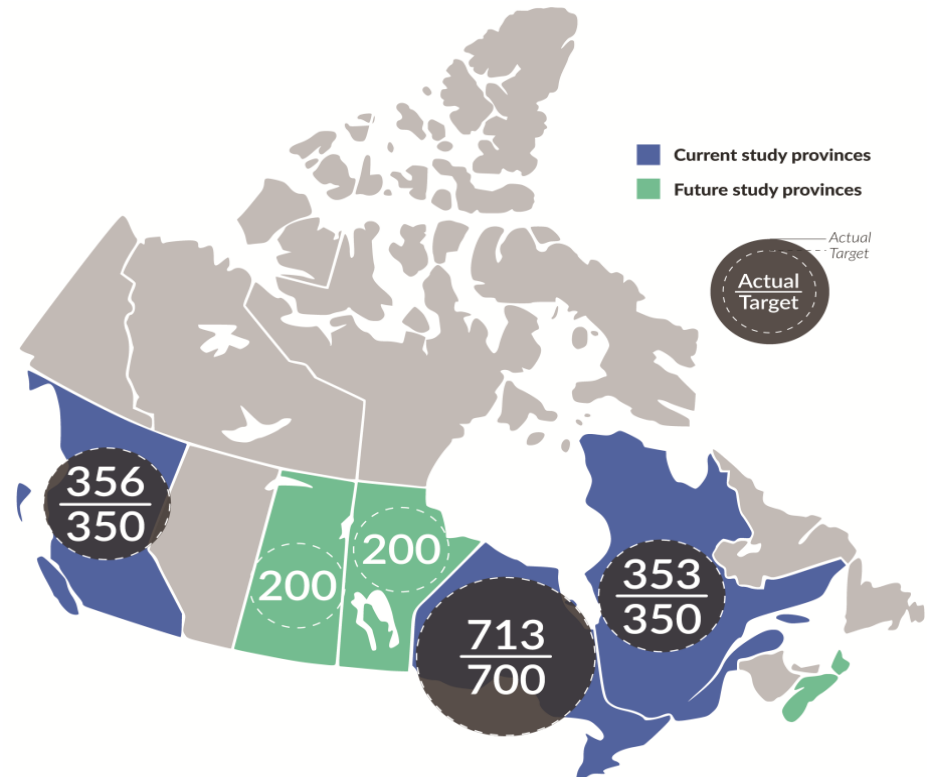
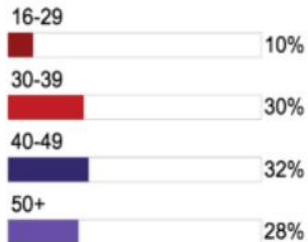
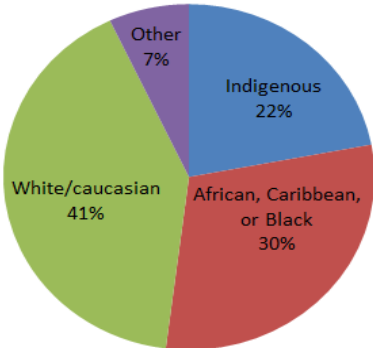


Fig 1 : Current and upcoming CHIWOS sites with target and actual recruitment numbers.

# Cohorte CHIWOS

CHIWOS a recruté des participantes représentant la diversité des femmes vivant avec le VIH au Canada

**Etnicity**



Historique d'injection de drogues  
n=438



Femmes trans  
n=54



Femmes actuellement impliquées dans le travail du  
n=82



LBQ2S  
n=180



Jeunes femmes  
n=137



Femmes n'ayant pas de soins VIH  
n=77





# Vague 2

- De juin 2015 à janvier 2017
- Questionnaire de suivi à 18 mois
- 1,252/1,422 entrevues vague 2
- 88 % taux de rétention au plan national



**Have you participated in CHIWO'S?**

**CHIWO'S**  
CANCER OF THE BREAST  
IN WOMEN OF COLOR  
RESEARCH STUDY

If you are a woman living with HIV, you may have answered a 1st questionnaire as part of our study!

**If yes, it may be time for your follow-up interview.**

**What is involved?**  
A follow-up questionnaire with a peer research associate. Follow-up interviews take place 18 months after first visit.

**Confidentiality is assured.**

For more information on your follow-up interview, please contact:

Karine Proulx-Boucher,  
Study Coordinator, at:  
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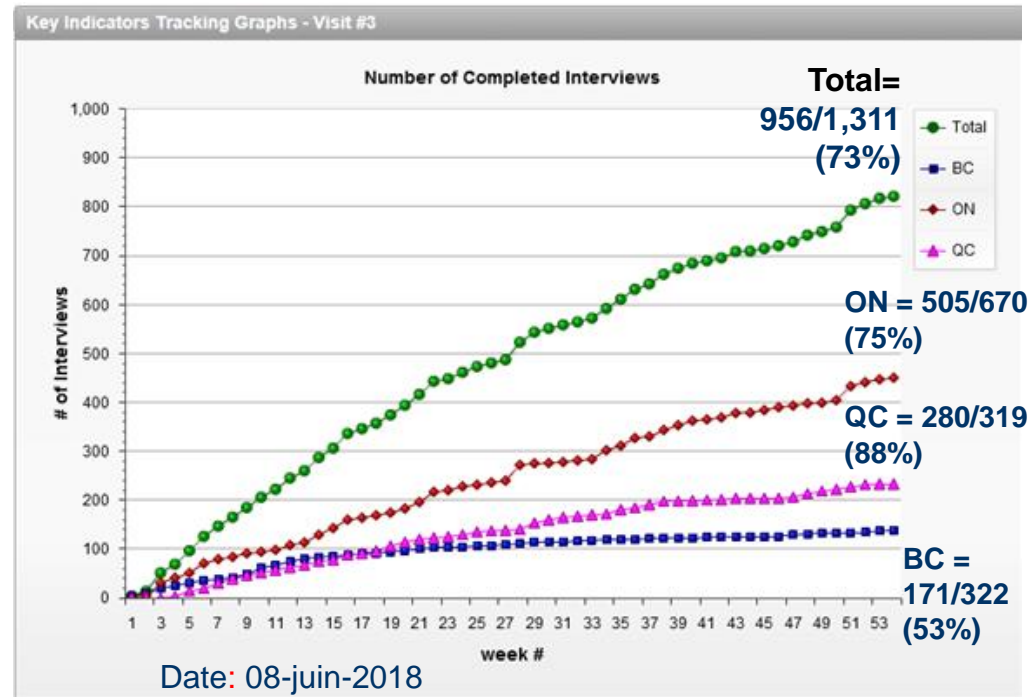
# Vague 3- en cours

Lancée le 1er Fév 2017 (17 mars 2017 au QC)

- Suivi à 36 mois
- Mise à jour du questionnaire avec de nouvelles priorités

## Au plan national:

- 956 entrevues de suivi à ce jour
- 73 % de rétention à ce jour





# Analyses menées au QC

## Quebec-led DRFs

1. Pap screening
2. Pap and HPV vaccine
3. Pregnancy and Motherhood experiences
4. Co-morbidities: Prevalence and risk factors
5. Comprehensive health care
6. Reproductive discussion between women and MD
7. Reproductive intentions and maternal support
8. Overall satisfaction with HIV care

À venir.....

### Accéder aux données CHIWOS?

- Contacter la coordonnatrice CHIWOS QC
- Karène Proulx-Boucher

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Date of request:  
Name:  
Contact phone:  
E-mail address:  
Province the request comes from:  
 British Columbia  Ontario  Québec  Saskatchewan  Manitoba  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:**  
Please complete an electronic copy of this form and submit to your Provincial Coordinator.  
Please review the '[CHIWOS PROJECT AND DATA REQUEST POLICY](#)' of this document before beginning.  
For most sections below you only have to write one or two sentences. If you have any questions, please contact your Provincial Coordinator.

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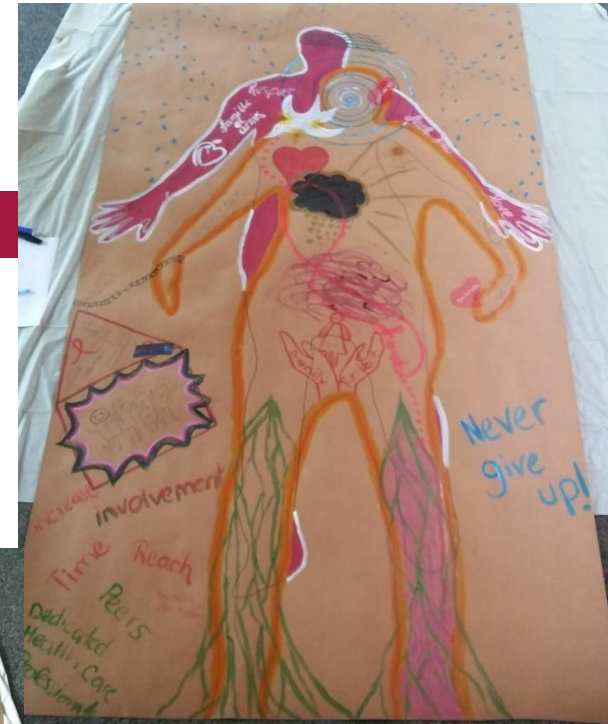


# Prochaines étapes !



# Body Mapping

- Mené par Saara Greene
- Possibilité d'adapter l'art-thérapie à la recherche et à un outil de revendication pour CHIWOS, en mettant l'accent sur de nouvelles perspectives sur les soins centrés sur les femmes.
- Ateliers sous forme de retraite tenues dans chaque province

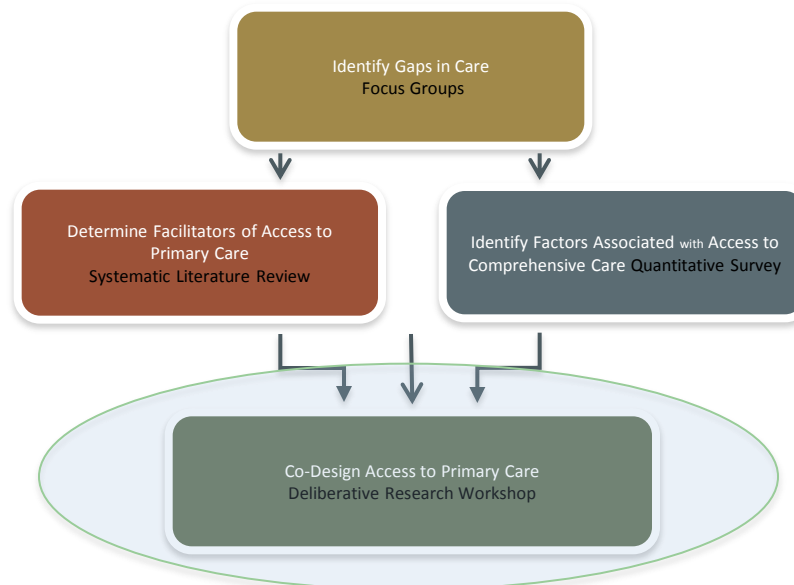


# Upcoming Deliberation Project

**Purpose:** engage patients & providers in deliberations

- 1) discuss, support, and refute findings from my PhD
- 2) identify key intervention opportunities
- 3) produce recommendations for policy and practice.

**Grant Funding Secured :** FRQS -Réseau SIDA - \$30,000



# What is Deliberative Dialogue?

- Stakeholder **engagement** method
- Particular type of discussion
- **Diverse** participants are provided with **evidence**
- Encouraged to discuss and challenge information and **consider each other's views**
- Identify recommendations or directions **for action**

– Abelson, 2003

Deliberation “*is used not so much to give participants a ‘voice’... but to create a process in which the **participants themselves produce conclusions that can then be relayed to others, for example policy makers***” - Evans & Kotchetkova, 2009



# Upcoming Deliberation

**Method :** To be conducted in 2018

- 1 patients & 1 provider deliberations “similar power”
- Time for critical reflection
- 1 joint deliberation – expert facilitation
- Not consensus driven, multiple recommendations

**Patients**  
n =8

**Providers**  
n=8

**JOINT**  
**Patients and Providers**  
N=16

# Interested in participating?



- We are looking for 8 **care providers**
  - Nurses
  - Physicians
  - Social Workers
  - Etc..
- Participation will be compensated
- Come see me after the rounds
- Or email me: **obrien.nadia@gmail.com**

# Questions



# Merci !

# Thank you!

## Pour plus d'informations:

## For more information :

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Autres provinces:

**Rebecca Gormley (BC)**

BC Coordinator info will be available shortly

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