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 - Visterra, Janssen, Cellerant, Merck

None of these will be discussed during this talk!

Outline:



- (1) End stage organ disease for people living with HIV in the US
- (2) What current options for transplantation exist in the US? What are their success rates?
- (3) Legal framework and operational logistics behind the HOPE Act
- (4) What has transpired so far in the US and beyond?
- (5) outline the options for patients and their caregiving teams to facilitate organ donation, both living and deceased



This is Gary.

*Gary is HIV+
and living a full, happy life
after a liver transplant.*

*This is... **HOPE**
IN ACTION →*

*Living with HIV?
You can be an organ donor.
You can receive a transplant.*



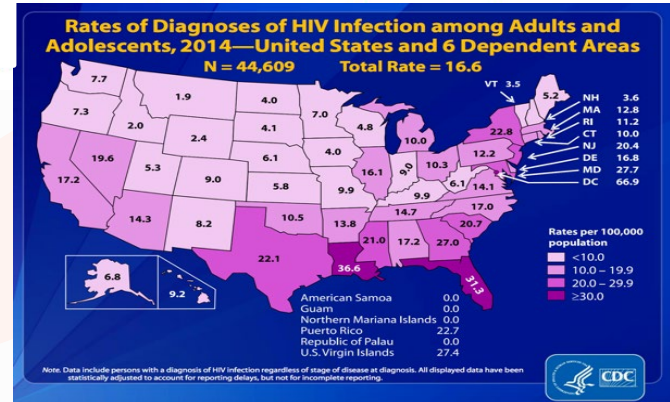
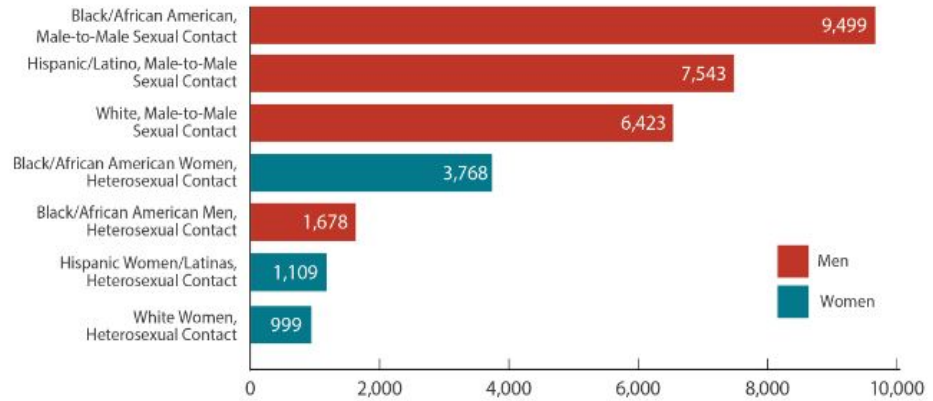


HIV for the non-ID provider

- Background US epidemiology
 - >1.1million infections (>13yrs) in the
 - 1 in 7 (15%) HIV+ patients don't know
- ~39,000 new infections every year
- Not evenly distributed:
 - Socioeconomically variable
 - Racially variable
 - Geographically variable

Yet people living longer, and healthier

New HIV Diagnoses in the US and Dependent Areas for the Most-Affected Subpopulations, 2018





Chronic liver and renal disease:

- 1 in 5-10 people with HIV will be at risk of chronic liver disease
 - D:A:D cohort 13% of deaths were liver related;
 - 15% of the Swiss HIV Cohort Study, increased to 18% if you included HCC)
- Prevalence of CKD in HIV population – between 2.5 % in Europe to 7.4% in North America.
- Once CKD has commenced for someone with HIV, the likelihood of developing ESRD is 2- to 20-fold greater compared to the uninfected counterpart.
- The increased susceptibility related to:
 - Things encountered in general population: age, hypertension and diabetes.
 - Also things unique to HIV: AIDS status, hepatitis B and C coinfection, low CD4 nadir, lipodystrophy and ART.
- Patients of African descent 18 to 50% higher risk of developing HIV-related ESRD compared to white

Genetic renal predisposition in AA?



- High risk alleles found for APOL1, a gene sited on chromosome 22, have been strongly associated with the development of the most severe form of HIV-associated glomerulonephritis such as focal segmental glomerulosclerosis (FSGS) and HIV-associated nephropathy (HIVAN).
- Because up to 20–30% of patients of African origin have no APO



Revolution #1: Simple, effective, and safe antivirals!

HIV

HCV

HBV



Circa 2005



2019



Revolution #2: We had experience with *old* ART



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

[A Correction Has Been Published >](#)

Outcomes of Kidney Transplantation in HIV-Infected Recipients

Peter G. Stock, M.D., Ph.D., Burc Barin, M.S., Barbara Murphy, M.D., Douglas Hanto, M.D., Ph.D., Jorge M. Diego, M.D., Jimmy Light, M.D., Charles Davis, M.D., Emily Blumberg, M.D., David Simon, M.D., Ph.D., Aruna Subramanian, M.D., J. Michael Millis, M.D., G. Marshall Lyon, M.D., Kenneth Brayman, M.D., Doug Slakey, M.D., Ron Shapiro, M.D., Joseph Melancon, M.D., Jeffrey M. Jacobson, M.D., Valentina Stosor, M.D., Jean L. Olson, M.D., Donald M. Stablein, Ph.D., and Michelle E. Roland, M.D. for the HIV-TR Investigators

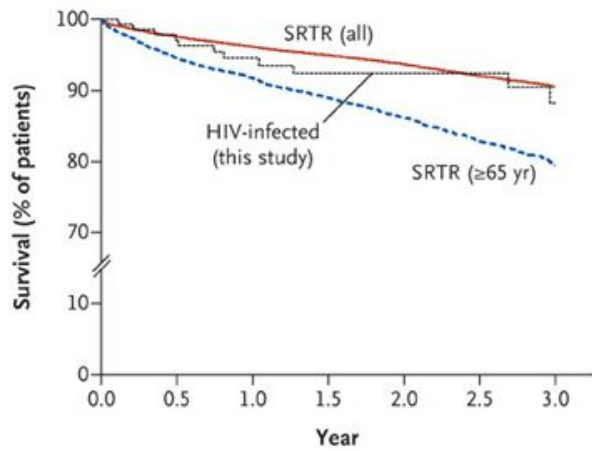
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Study period 2003-2009, US data





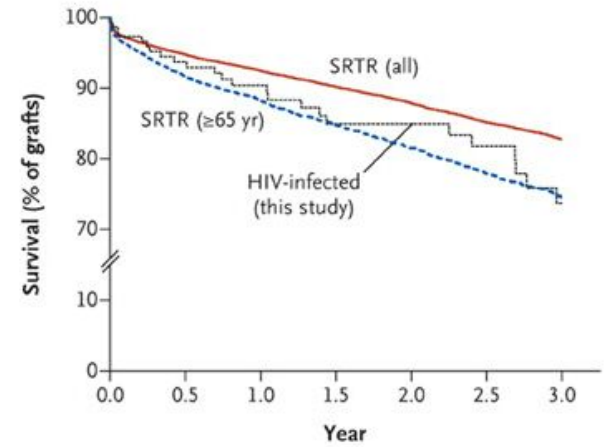
A Patient Survival



No. at Risk

SRTR (all)	29,928	16,792	6508
HIV-infected (this study)	96	68	36
SRTR (≥65 yr)	4,226	2,215	836

B Graft Survival

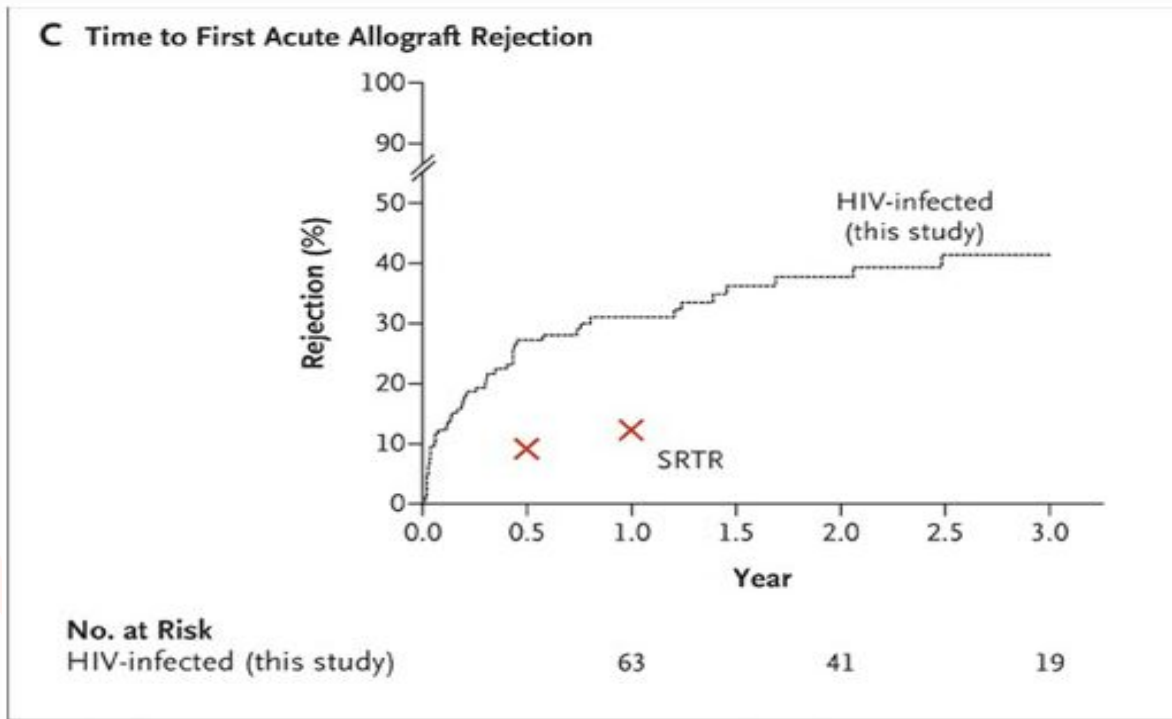


No. at Risk

SRTR (all)	29,064	16,114	6215
HIV-infected (this study)	93	64	31
SRTR (≥65 yr)	4,103	2,133	807



Word of caution:



? Secondary to under-dosing immunosuppression through fear of OI's?

? Secondary to inadvertent subtherapeutic calcineurin levels of I/S due to interactions with protease inhibitors

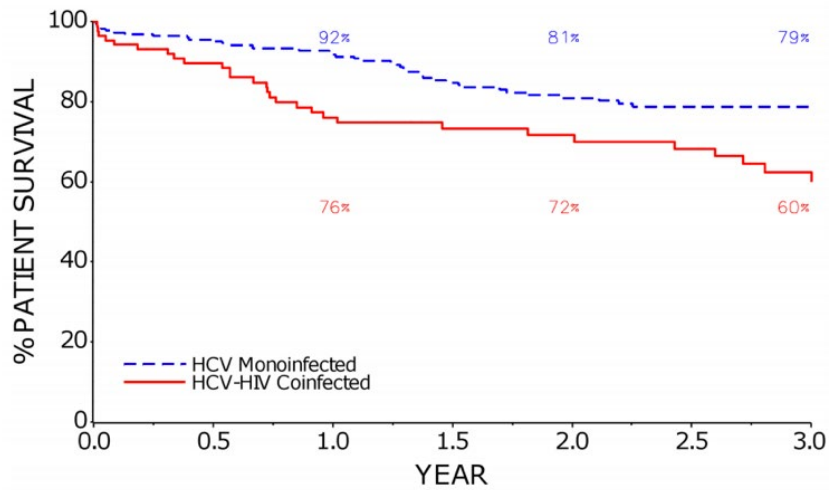
? Due to something unique about the HIV+ transplant recipient?



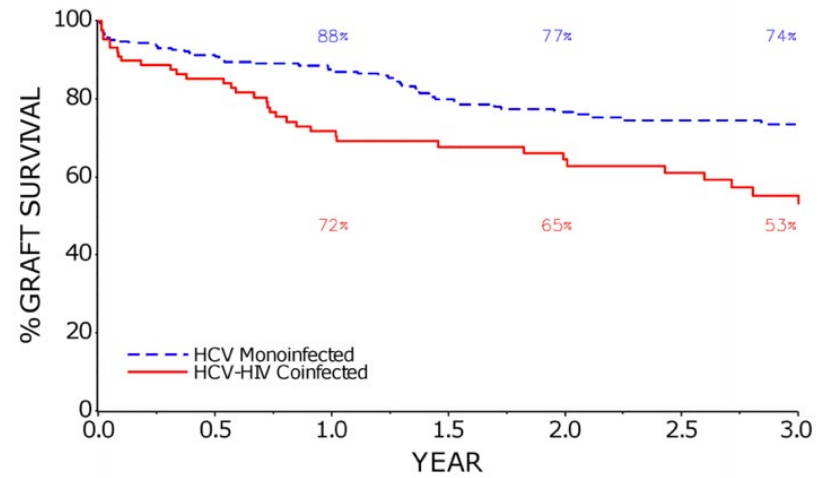
Infectious and Neoplastic Complications

Ciclosporin	Tacrolimus
HIV Viral Load	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Viral load blips (50 – 139 cps/mL) [n=4] 	HIV VL control in all patients (<50 cps/mL)
Tumour/Neoplasms	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kaposi's sarcoma (n=2) Bowen's disease (n=1) Melanoma (n=1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basal cell carcinoma (n=1) Bowen's disease (n=1)
Latent Viral Reactivation (LVR)	
N=22	N=12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LVR preceding allograft rejection (n=9) CMV Infection (n=13) CMV prophylaxis (n=9) Herpes simplex (n=4) Epstein-Barr Virus (n=0) BK viraemia/nephropathy (n=5) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LVR preceding allograft rejection (n=1) CMV Infection (n=7) CMV prophylaxis (n=23) Herpes simplex (n=2) Epstein-Barr Virus (n=2) BK viraemia/nephropathy (n=1)

HIV+ liver transplant outcomes, USA:



No. at Risk	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
HCV	183	116	70
HCV-HIV	60	43	26



No. at Risk	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
HCV	174	109	67
HCV-HIV	57	39	24



HIV+ liver transplant outcomes, USA:

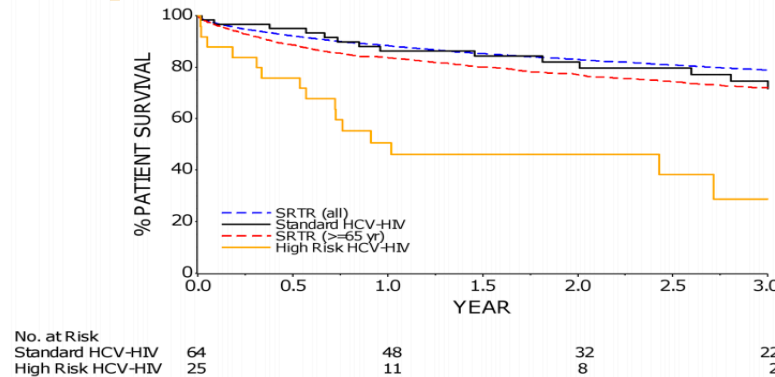


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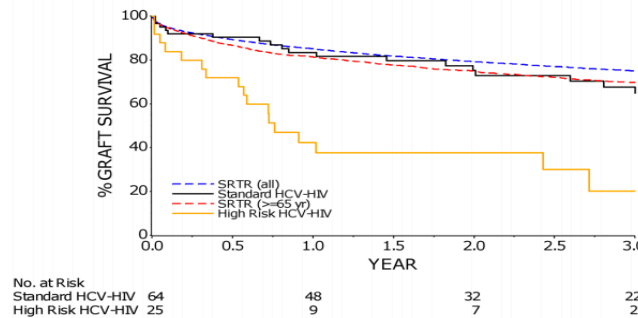


Figure 1.
 1A: Kaplan–Meier Estimates of Patient Survival in HCV-HIV and HCV Liver Transplant Recipients
 The 1 and 3 year patient survival rates (95% CI) were 76% (66–84%) and 60% (47–71%) in HCV-HIV, and 92% (87–95%) and 79% (72–84%) in HCV (p<0.001).
 1B: Kaplan–Meier Estimates of Graft Survival in HCV-HIV and HCV Liver Transplant Recipients

“High Risk HCV+/HIV+” included one or more of:
 (a) BMI < 21
 (b) Combo liver / renal Trx
 (c) HCV+ donor

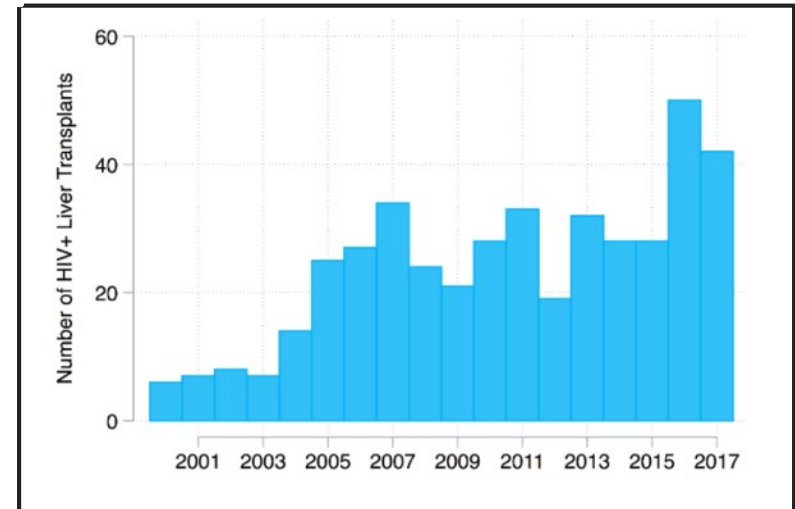
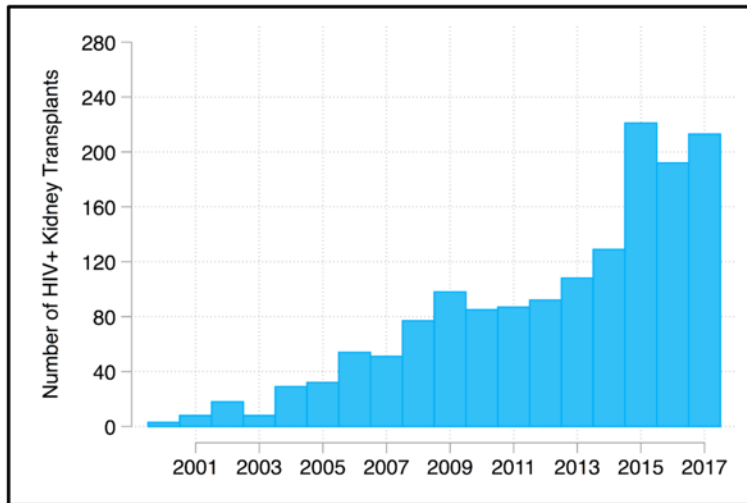
Acute rejection:
 (a) 1.6x higher in HIV+ group, (39% vs 24%)
 (b) 54% of these episodes occurred in the first 21d

Again, all data collected pre effective HCV DAA therapy





HIV for the non-ID provider



UNOS data, courtesy A.Wilk,
personal communication, May 2018



Revolution #3: someone just started.... 10+ years of HIV+ SOT donors

“I started to realize I am so often refusing organs from a patient because they have HIV. Then I thought this doesn’t make sense because we have patients with HIV who we can’t give dialysis to. So this was a simple way of solving the problem.” –Dr. Muller

HIV+/+ kidney transplantation Results at 3 to 5 years



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Elmi Muller, M.B., Ch.B., M.Med., Zunaid Barday, M.B., Ch.B., Marc Mendelson, M.D., Ph.D., and Delawir Kahn, M.B., Ch.B., Ch.M.

First D+/R+ kidney transplant Sept 2008,
still alive at 10 years.

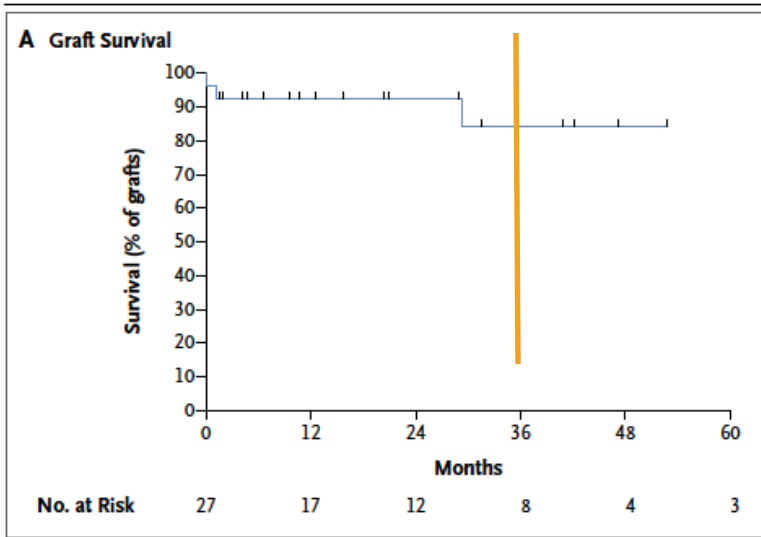




HIV+/- positive kidney transplantation

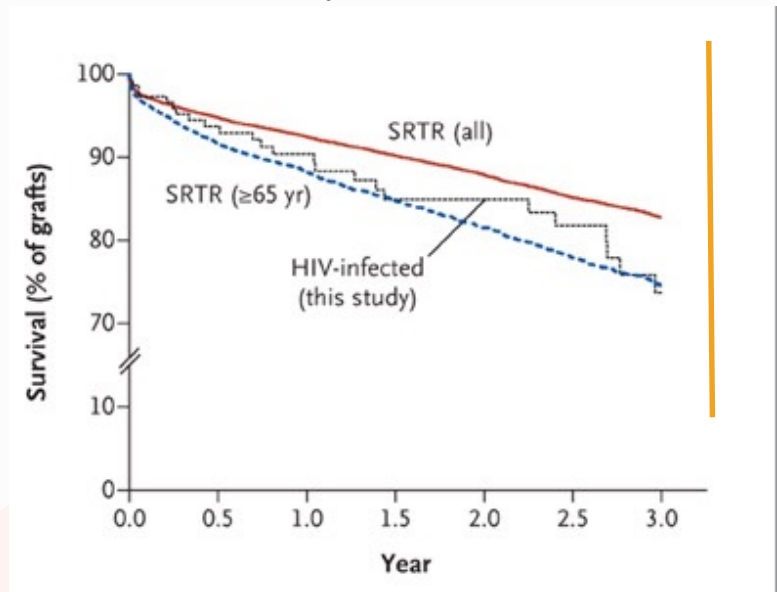
Results at 3 - 5 years

HIV+ to HIV+



Rejection: 8% at 1 yr, 22% at 3 yrs
6/8 treated successfully, 2 developed graft failure

HIV- to HIV+ (Stock et al., NEJM 2010)



Should we believe it's the same in USA?



- Epidemiologic differences:
 - HIV prevalence (17.8 in South Africa versus 0.6% in the United States)
 - Annual HIV deaths (310,000 in South Africa versus 17,000 in the United States)
 - Transmitted resistance (<5% in South Africa versus 10–18% in the United States)
- Logistical / Health care difference:
 - Dialysis not really an option for most in S. Africa



In a US Context? Potential Organ Availability

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Estimating the Potential Pool of HIV-Infected Deceased Organ Donors in the United States

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- 2000-2008
- 2 national registries (NIS, HIVRN)
- Excluded those with missing data and medical contraindication
- **500-600 donors per year**



How many organs are we talking about?

Blumberg et al:

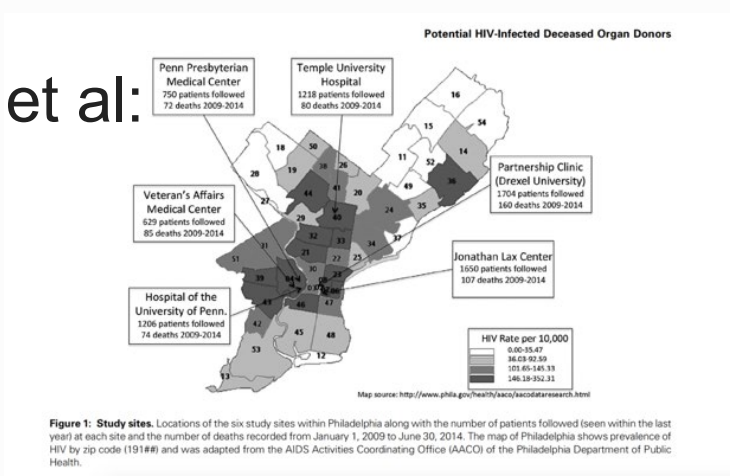
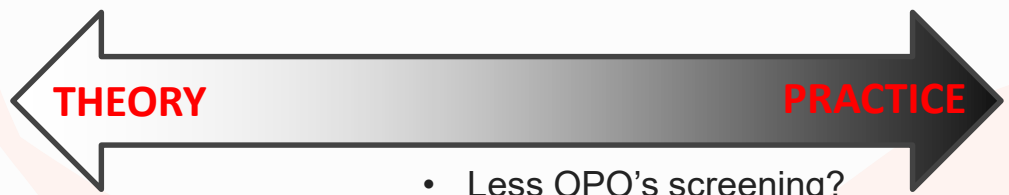


Figure 1: Study sites. Locations of the six study sites within Philadelphia along with the number of patients followed (seen within the last year) at each site and the number of deaths recorded from January 1, 2009 to June 30, 2014. The map of Philadelphia shows prevalence of HIV by zip code (1914#) and was adapted from the AIDS Activities Coordinating Office (AACO) of the Philadelphia Department of Public Health.



- Less OPO's screening?
- Donor center reluctance?
- Donor family reluctance?
- Financial or logistical constraints?
- Recipient center caution?

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graph TD
    A[HIV+ patients dying 1/2009-6/2014 (n=578)] --> B[Deaths in care (n=508)]
    A --> C[70 excluded: not in care]
    B --> D[Deaths in the hospital (n=173)]
    B --> E[260 excluded: death outside the hospital]
    D --> F[Deaths on mechanical ventilation (n=110)]
    D --> G[75 excluded: unknown place of death]
    F --> H[Documented brain deaths (n=23)]
    F --> I[63 excluded: not on mechanical ventilation]
    H --> J[Potential donors (n=13)]
    H --> K[History of malignancy (n=3)]
    H --> L[VL>200 copies/mL (n=7)]
    H --> M[87 excluded: no documented brain death]
  
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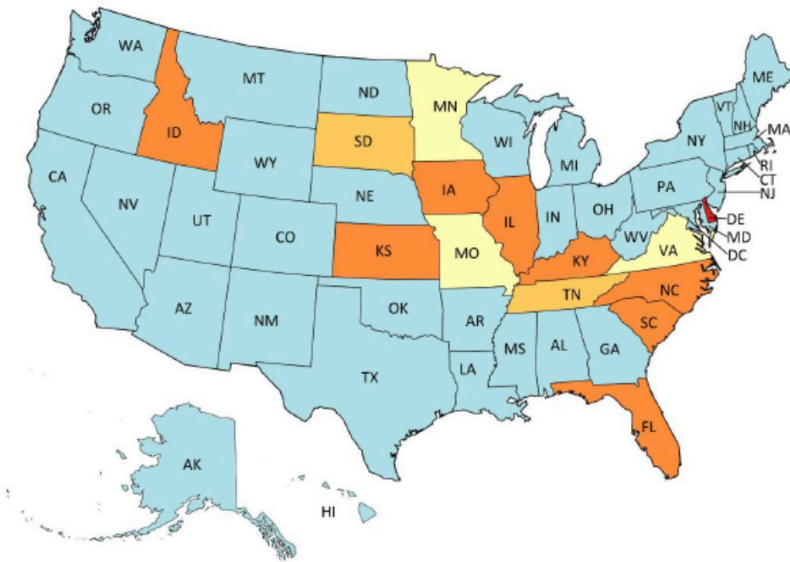


The HOPE Act



- HIV Organ Policy Equity Act was enacted on November 21, 2013
- People with HIV (PWH) Organ Donation allowed under the HOPE Act since 2015

Federal Law is not enough...



Type of legal Prohibition	States	Applies to OPOs and transplant center?	Applies to deceased or living donors?	Interpretation
■ Law prohibits transfer or use of organs from HIV+ individuals	Delaware	Yes	Living and Deceased	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HIV+ to-HIV+ donation and transplantation is prohibited Revision to state law required in order to facilitate HOPE Act protocols
■ Law prohibits HIV+ individuals from donating organs.	Florida Idaho Illinois Iowa Kansas Kentucky North Carolina South Carolina	No	Living	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Individuals" is interpreted as a living person The state cannot prosecute a decedent. Participation in deceased donor HOPE Act research protocols should not be impacted Living HIV+ donors are implicated and revision to these state laws is necessary to enable HIV+ living donor transplantation. For 2 states living donation is nonetheless permissible with living consent
■ Law prohibits HIV+ individuals from donating but permissible with consent	<i>Permissible with consent:</i> South Dakota Tennessee			
■ Law allows for HIV+ organ donation for "medical research."	Minnesota Missouri US VI Virginia	No	Living and Deceased	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HIV+ to-HIV+ transplants should be permissible in these states as they are currently limited to research protocols If HIV+ to-HIV+ transplantation becomes standard of care, it will be prohibited in these states
■ Laws don't directly implicate organ donation				

NC Department of Health 'Control Act':
Duke granted research exemption in 2017, Eventually statewide modification in 2018

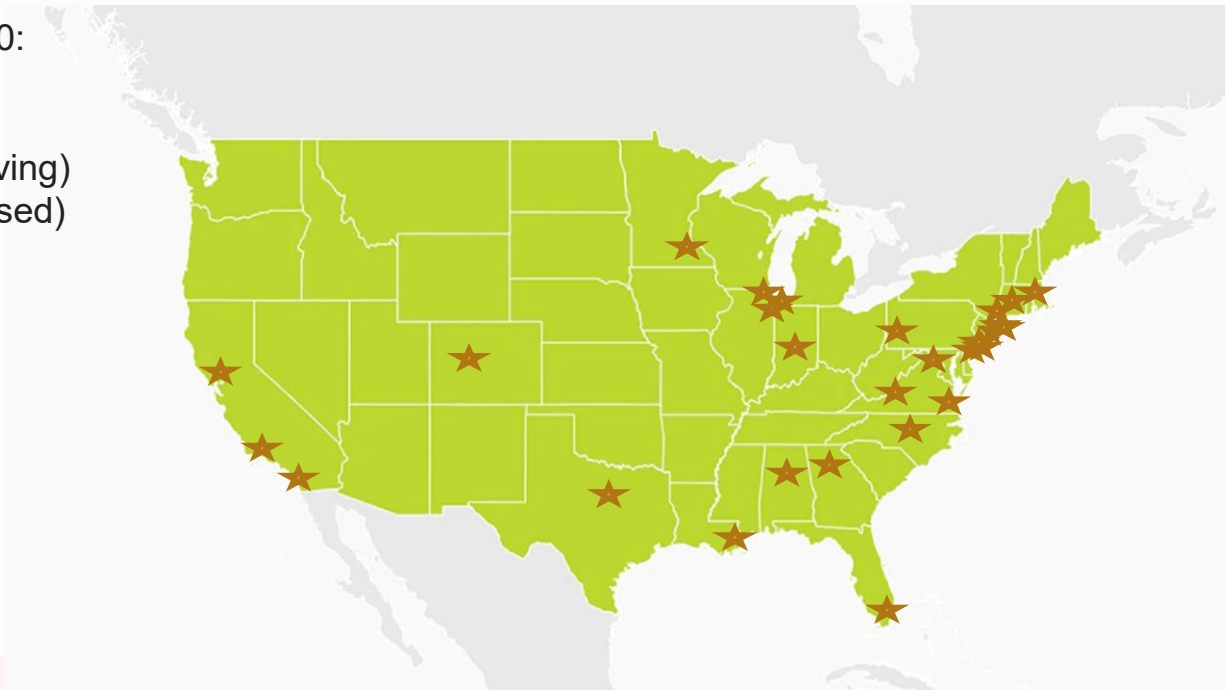


Currently Active HOPE Act Centers

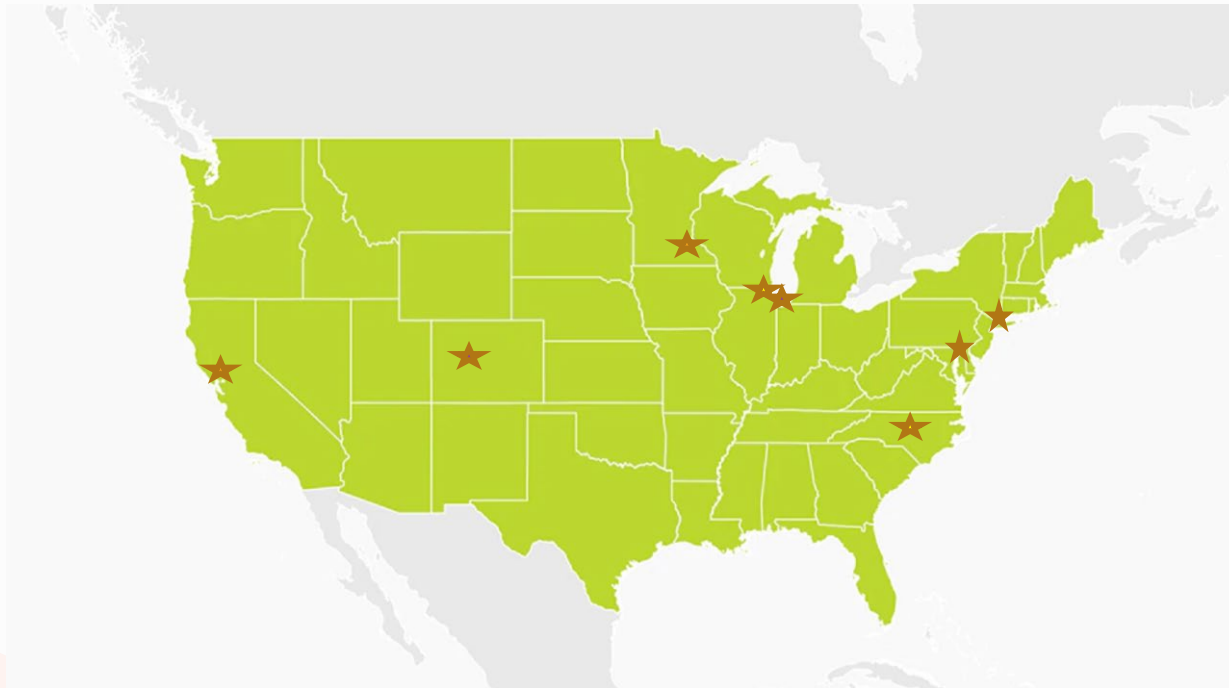


As of Jan 16th, 2020:

177 transplants
132 kidney (inc 2 living)
45 livers (all deceased)



Active Living Donor HOPE Act sites:



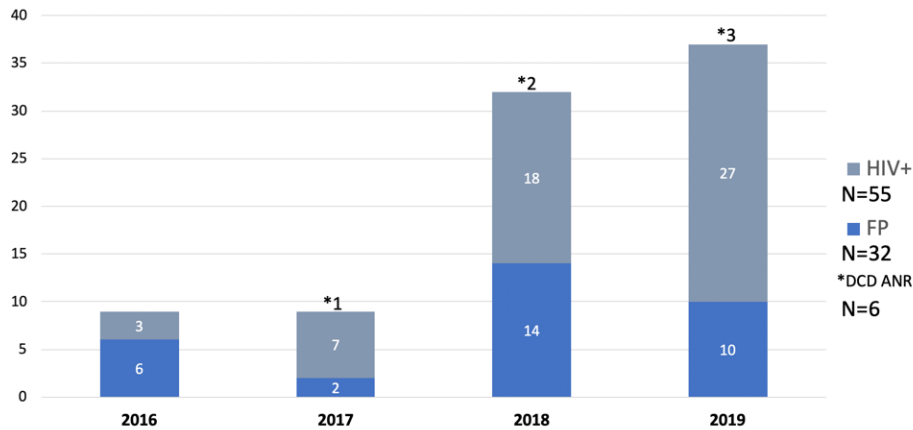
- ★ Living Liver
- ★ Living Kidney
- ★ Both kidney/liver



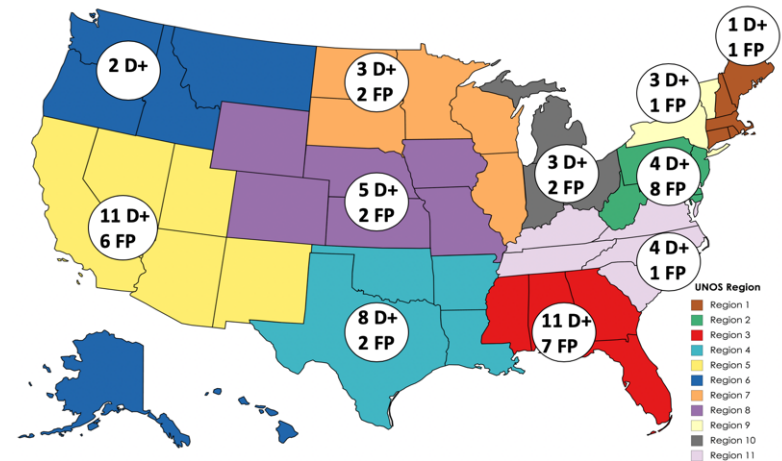
HOPE Donors – what do they look like?



HOPE Donors Increasing Over Time (N=87)
Jan 2016 - Nov 2019, by Year



Distribution of 87 HOPE Donors, by UNOS Region





Current baseline stipulations?

Recipient Eligibility	CD4+ T-cell count $\geq 200/\mu\text{L}$ (kidney)
	CD4+ T-cell count $\geq 100 \mu\text{L}$ (liver) within 16 weeks prior to transplant and no history of opportunistic infection (OI); or $\geq 200 \mu\text{L}$ if history of OI is present.
	HIV-1 RNA < 50 copies/mL and on a stable antiretroviral regimen.
	No evidence of active opportunistic complications of HIV infection.
	No history of primary central nervous system (CNS) lymphoma or progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy (PML).

Additional stipulations at most centers:

- All routine transplant hurdles must be passed, first
- All patients to be accepted onto HIV- list

- Clinical review by TxID faculty before hand to evaluate ART
 - Compliance ($> 16\text{wk}$ undetectable), drug interactions (ritonavir, coBI, TDF) , OI history etc

- $> 18\text{yrs}$ only (to date, no pediatrics, no that we can't!)

- TxID actively involved in donor selection





Risks – donor kidney as “Trojan horse”

- The donor kidney may super-infect the recipient
 - Either a *recombinant* form of virus or with virus of a *different clade*
 - Relies on blood (if viraemic), archived genotype data, podocyte or urine infection
- The donor kidney may transmit drug-resistant virus
- The donor kidney may transmit other infectious diseases / malignancy
- High background rate of HIV-associated renal and liver disease make *living* donation challenging
- Ethically appropriate for pt. with HIV to be *positively* discriminated against?



Outcomes to date:

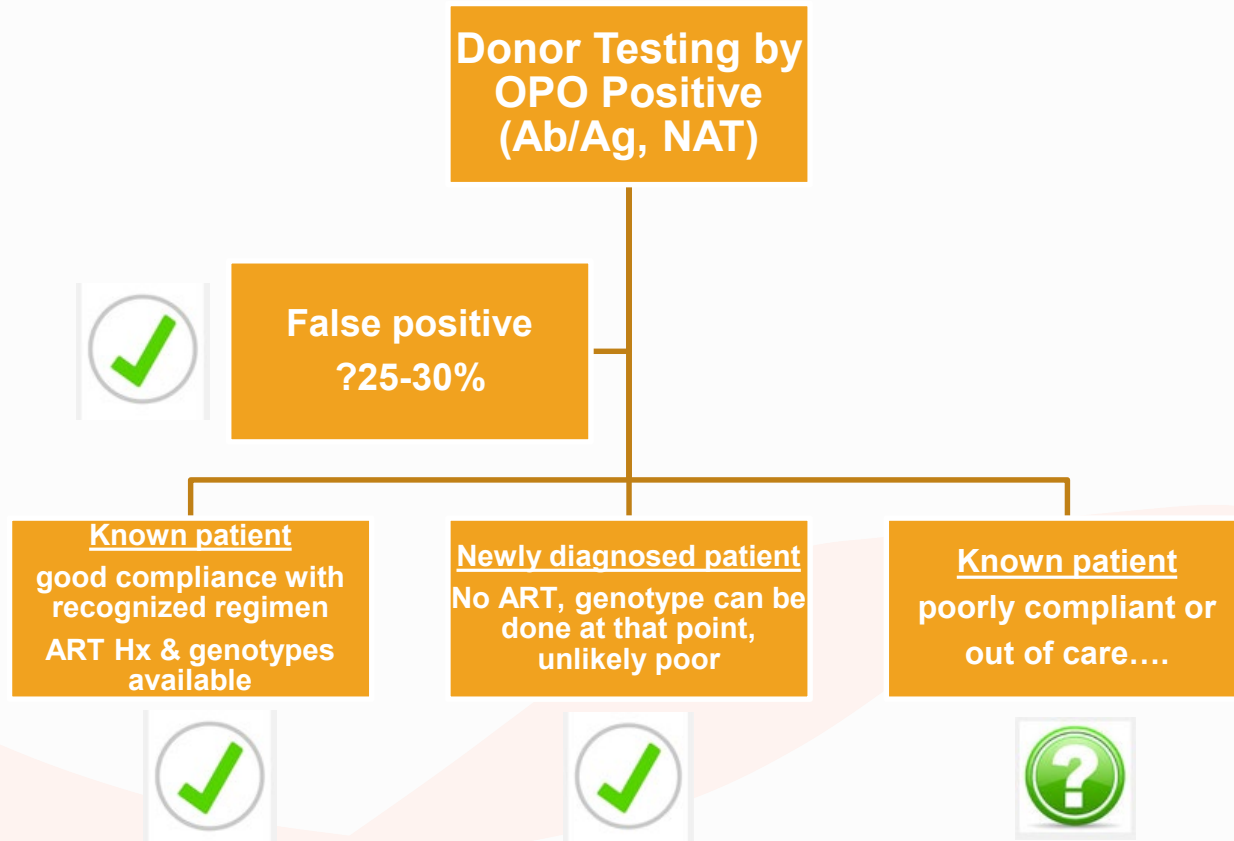


- 132 kidney transplants and 45 liver recipients
- No significant viral rebound (no donor, or mixed strain virus)
- Typical infectious and surgical complications for transplant
 - 2 graft thrombosis (2,10 days); 1 primary kidney failure (90d), 4 chronic rejection
 - Comparable graft survival between D+ and D- recipients
- Of note – almost twice the rejection at 1 year mark...
why??

More detailed results in publication... stay tuned!!



How can an HIV+ donor present?





Personal experience recently:

- 23yr white male, MSM, rural NC, dies of opiate overdose
- Cr 0.7, GFR >100
- HIV Ab and HIV-1 NAT qualitative positive. Not previously known positive
- Family remember he was “using PrEP” in the last 12 months..
- Our recipient on - ABC / 3TC / DOL
- Rilpivirine added peri-transplant to ‘reinforce’ Triumeq in case of 184v /65R?
- Ultimately posthumous donor genotype = K103N

Personal experience recently:



- 49yr old woman, died of seizures and anoxic brain injury
- HIV identified during donor evaluation, no previous documented +’s
- No history of taking ARV’s
- CrCl > 100, good UO; synthetic liver function excellent
- Psych history of some depression / bipolar

- More history – well until 3 weeks prior had first seizure. CT brain normal. Then fell at home, fractured ankle, ORIF, sent to rehab.
- In rehab becomes somnolent over some days, found “arrested” in bed one morning, ?aspirated. WCC 1.6, lymphopaenic

- CrAg + 1:640, LP = CrAg positive, pressure elevated. Organs declined

Heart and/or Lung Transplant if you're HIV positive?



The Journal of Heart and Lung Transplantation



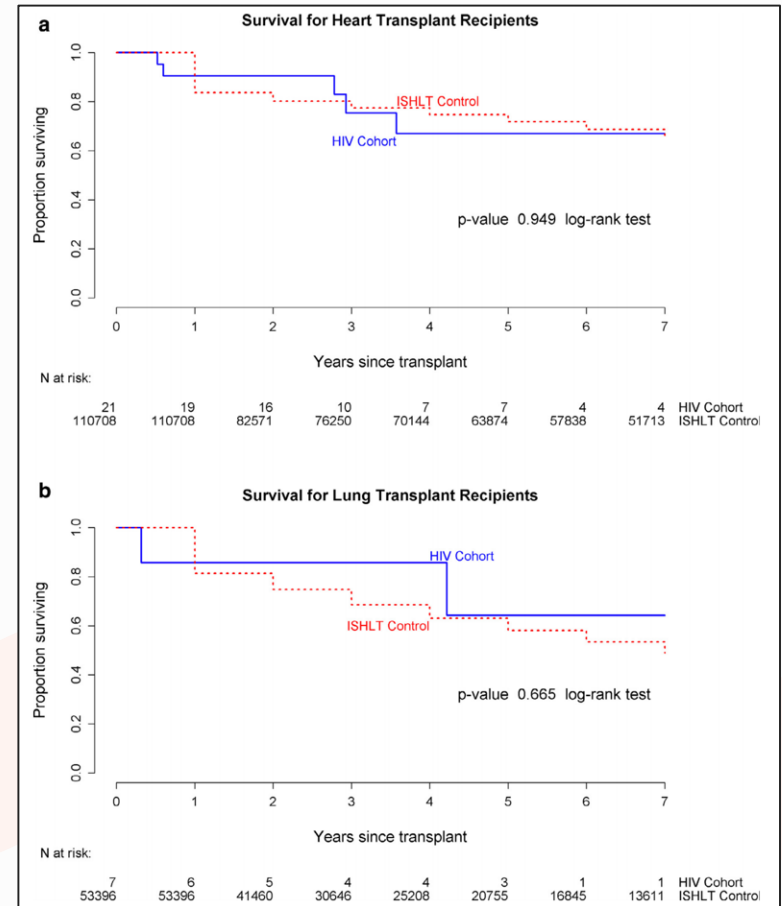
The Official Publication of the International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation

Heart or lung transplant outcomes in HIV-infected recipients

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OUTCOMES

	Heart N=21 (%)	Lung N=7 (%)	Heart Lung N=1*
Patient Survival			
1 Year	19 (90)	6 (86)	1
3 year, heart N=15, lung 5	11 (73)	4 (80)	NA
5 Year, heart N=11, lung 4	7 (64)	3 (75)	NA
Functional Status 1 yr N=17,7,1*			
Acute care	0	1 (14)	0
Home, not working for income	10 (59)	4 (57)	0
Home, working for income	5 (29)	1 (14)	1
Died	2 (10)	1 (14)	0



Challenges that remain?



- HIV – especially poorly controlled HIV - remains associated with a number of other conditions that can impact transplant:
 - Psychiatric illness
 - Substance abuse
 - Higher rates of liver and kidney disease
 - Accelerated cardiovascular / cerebrovascular disease
 - Stigma - hence loved ones may not know status; hard to approach
 - Co-infection (hepatitis C, syphilis especially)
- Is there a different standard to measure suitability for living donation?





Living Donors with HIV?

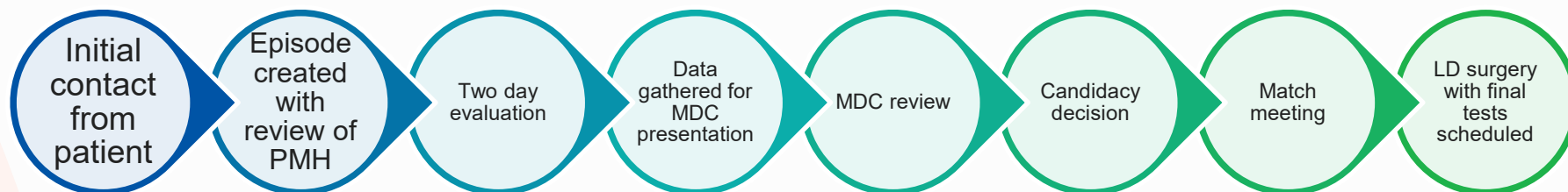


I don't want to be
anyone's hero.

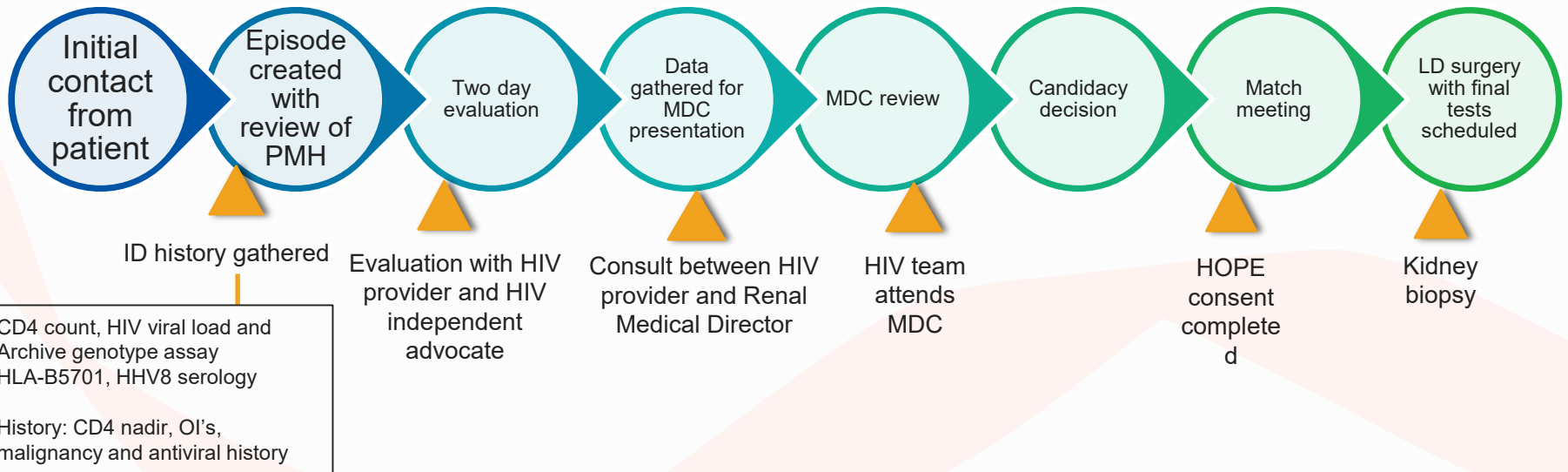
I want to be
someone's example,
someone's reason
to consider donating.

- Nina Martinez

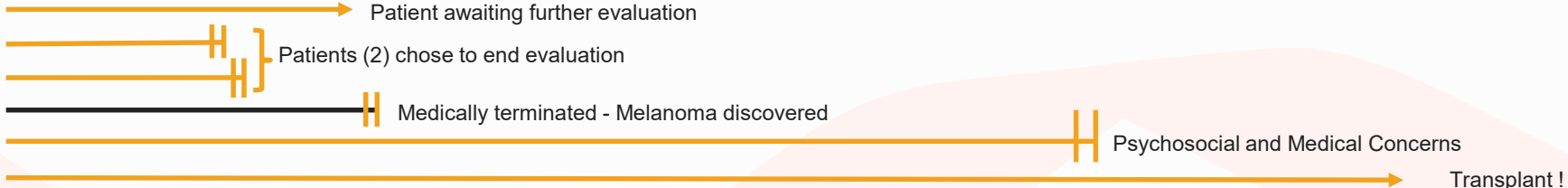
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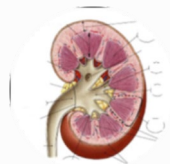


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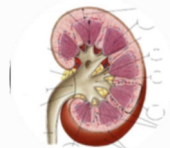




Case Study of Potential NDD



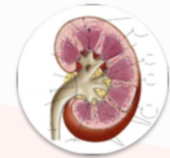
Transplant Professional, Early 50s, Caucasian, Male



Current smoker with history of hypertension, recent 50lbs weight loss with discontinuation of HTN medications

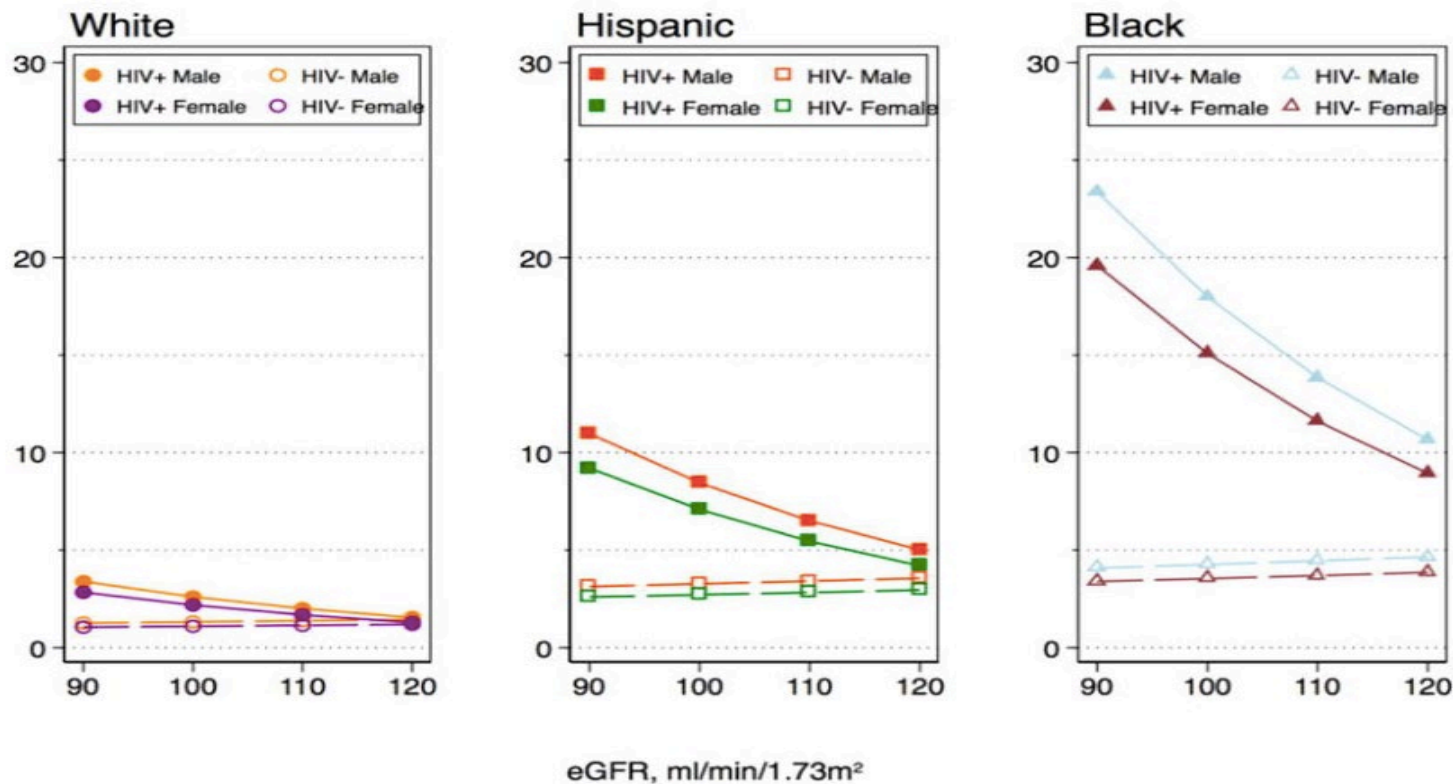


HIV+ for 10 years, non-viremic, CD4 counts >500, and on Atripla (TDF / FTC / EFV) medication regimen



Evaluation found elevated microalbuminuria level

9-Year Cumulative Incidence, per 10,000



Am J Transplant. 2017 Jul;17(7):1823-1832. doi: 10.1111/ajt.14235. Epub 2017 May 12.

Risk of End-Stage Renal Disease in HIV-Positive Potential Live Kidney Donors.

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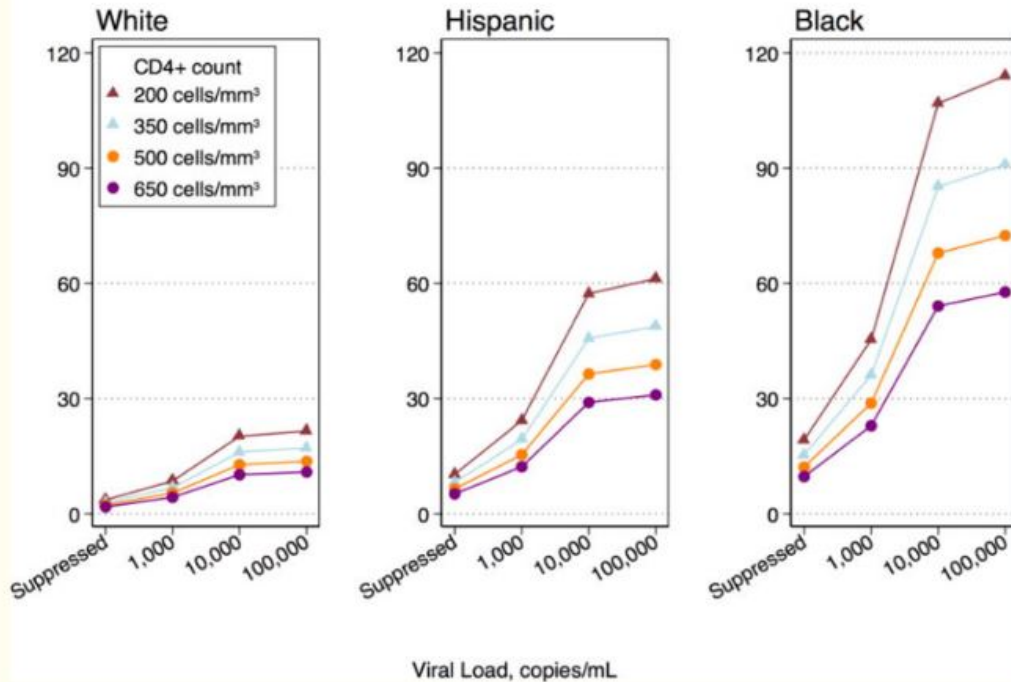


Figure 1

Estimated 9-year cumulative incidence of ESRD among HIV-positive participants of the North American AIDS Cohort Collaboration on Research and Design (NA-ACCORD) according to HIV viral load and CD4+ cell count for the hypothetical profile of a 40-year-old male with no diabetes, no hypertension, no HCV co-infection, and expected eGFR by age and race/ethnicity (95, 95, and 105 ml/min/1.73m² for white, Hispanic, and black individuals).

Scenarios including suppressed viral load and CD4+ count >500 cells/ μ L meet the Department of Human and Health Services criteria for well-controlled HIV infection in a HIV-positive potential live kidney donor (5)

Estimated 9-year cumulative incidence of ESRD among other hypothetical HIV-positive and HIV-negative populations^a

#	Age	Race	eGFR ^c	Hypertension	9-year risk ^b		Risk Increase ^d
					HIV-positive	HIV-negative	
1	40	White	95	No	3.0	1.3	1.7
2	40	Black	105	No	15.8	4.4	11.4
3	40	White	90	No	3.4	1.3	2.1
4	40	Black	90	No	23.4	4.1	19.3
5	50	White	90	No	1.8	1.6	0.1
6	50	Black	100	No	9.5	5.5	4.0
7	50	White	90	Yes	4.8	1.7	3.1
8	50	Black	100	Yes	25.5	5.6	19.9
9	30	White	105	No	4.3	1.0	3.3
10	30	Black	115	No	23.0	3.5	19.5



“ Like many 20 year old gay men in the 80’s, one of things in the forefront of my mind was staying alive. Now 30 years later as a healthy undetectable HIV + transplant coordinator, I have the ability to help someone else worried about staying alive. Donation was not a difficult decision to make. “

- Karl







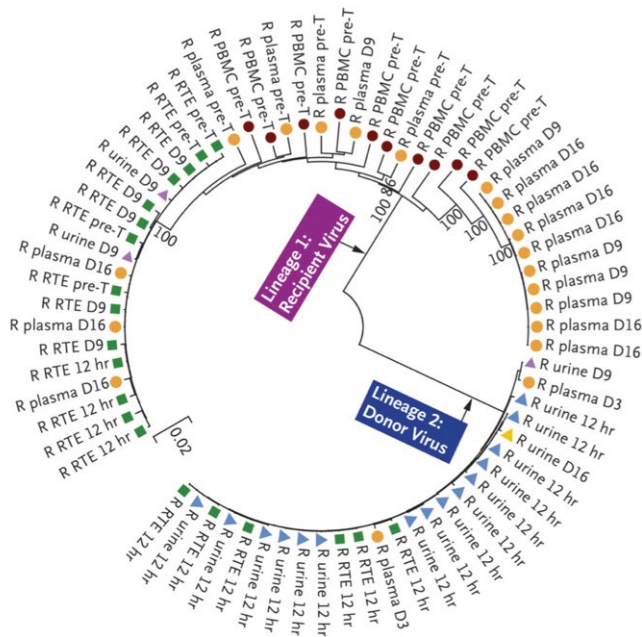
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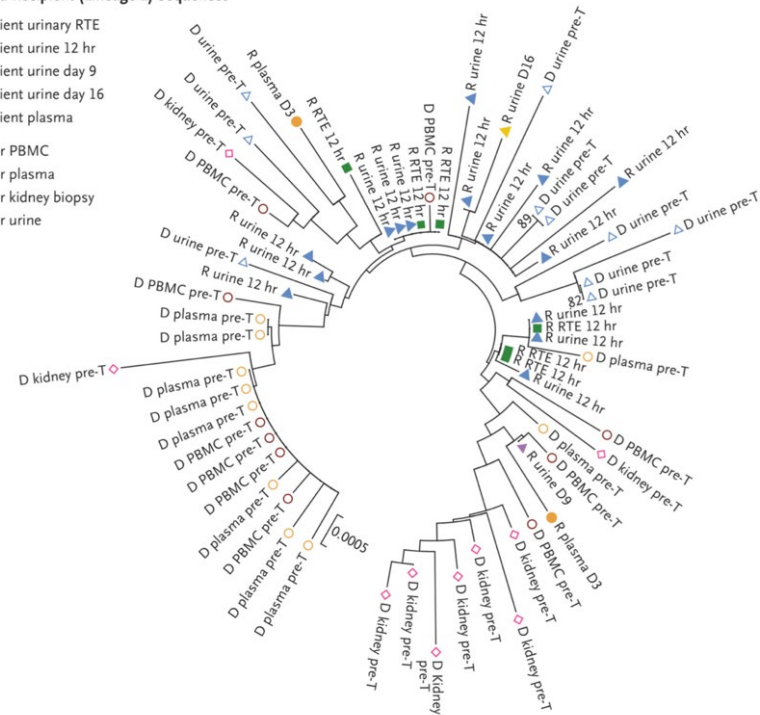
A Recipient Sequences

- Recipient PBMC
- Recipient plasma
- Recipient urinary RTE
- ▲ Recipient urine 12 hr
- ▲ Recipient urine day 9
- ▲ Recipient urine day 16



B Donor and Recipient (Lineage 2) Sequences

- Recipient urinary RTE
- ▲ Recipient urine 12 hr
- ▲ Recipient urine day 9
- ▲ Recipient urine day 16
- Recipient plasma
- Donor PBMC
- Donor plasma
- ◇ Donor kidney biopsy
- △ Donor urine



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HIV positive mom's liver transplanted into HIV negative child

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Minister of Health Aaron Motsoaledi at the Wits Donald Gordon Medical Centre. Picture: Karen Sandison/African News Agency (ANA)

Johannesburg- In what is believed to be the first in the world, researchers at Wits University have transplanted a liver from an HIV positive mother to her HIV negative child.



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