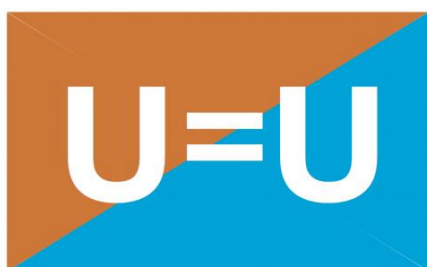


Tips to improve HIV testing rates

A few quick facts :

- HIV is commoner than you might think - 11 practices in Barnsley have populations with rates > 2 per 1000 , the level at which NICE recommends universal testing of all new adult registrants with primary care
- HIV is treatable and if an individual is fully suppressed on treatment they cannot transmit the virus to another person
- Treatment is usually one or two tablets once a day, and there are few side effect
- The biggest cause of death directly related to HIV is late diagnosis and many of these individuals have had multiple missed opportunities for testing.



Public Health England 2017 confirm:

Undetectable = un-transmittable

Don't be put off offering HIV testing – if Prince Harry can promote testing so can you!



Please consider:

- ❖ Advertising HIV testing in your waiting rooms
- ❖ Issue patient leaflets at reception so patients can consider testing before the consultation
- ❖ Make HIV testing part of routine care
- ❖ Add HIV to relevant test request sets on ICE