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A Randomized Controlled Trial and Cohort Study of HIV Testing and Linkage to Care at Community Corrections

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Abstract

The CDC has recommended that routine testing be adopted in prisons and jails because prisoners are at increased risk for HIV infection and often do not get tested at traditional health care settings. The CDC has not offered specific recommendations for testing individuals on probation or parole (community corrections). However, the community corrections population is a much larger group, likely to expand in coming year, includes people who have never been incarcerated, and may be at a higher risk for HIV. The dual study proposes to explore implementing the full spectrum of seek, test and treat intervention in community corrections venue in two states.

The hypothesis is that community corrections will be a suitable venue for recruitment of individuals for HIV testing (seek), that individuals recruited from community corrections will be more likely to undergo rapid HIV testing on site than in the community (test), and that recruitment of individuals with HIV at community corrections into Project Bridge will be feasible.