# Public Health Careers in HIV Care and Prevention

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## Background

- Bachelor of Science in Health Science Ball State University, 2010
- Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES®) October 2016
- Delaware County Health Department May 2010-November 2012
  - Asthma Program Coordinator May 2010-August 2011
  - Tobacco Control Program Coordinator August 2011-November 2012
- Hendricks County Health Department November 2012-March 2017
  - Public Health Education Specialist/Accreditation Coordinator/Hendricks County Health Partnership Coordinator/Grant Writer/Public Information Officer



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#### **Answer:**

False. AIDS, also known as late stage HIV, is defined as someone with HIV infection who has a CD4 count of < 200 cells/mm<sup>3</sup> and is diagnosed with an AIDS-defining condition (i.e. opportunistic infection)



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Blood

Pre-seminal fluid

Vaginal fluid

Rectal fluid

Breastmilk



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- Anal sex
- Vaginal sex
- Needle sharing
- Breastfeeding
- Pregnancy
- Childbirth

- Needle stick
- Oral sex (rare)
- Blood transfusions (rare)
- Organ transplant (rare)
- Contact with HIV-infected body fluids through broken skin (bites, cuts)



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- Condom use during sexual activities
- Post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP)
- Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)
- Vaginal birth

- Suppressed viral load (Undetectable = Untransmittable)
- Universal precautions
- Clean needle/IV drug equipment use
- Formula feeding



#### **The Good**

- HIV is no longer a death sentence normal life expectancy with medication adherence
- HIV is now a communicable <u>AND</u> chronic disease that can be managed through medication
  - Clinicians need to learn how to treat co-morbid conditions with HIV "more likely to die from your smoking than your HIV"
- HIV transmission can be prevented through medication
  - U=U, PrEP, PEP
- Many resources to help patients living with HIV
  - Insurance, medical care, and housing assistance



#### **The Bad**

- HIV takes a huge mental health toll that is difficult to address
  - Stigmatized and criminalized Duty to Warn
  - Certain mental health conditions and substance use can increase risky behaviors, which can increase risk of acquisition and lower medication adherence
  - Can cause psychological disorders (dementia, depression)
- HIV still affects certain communities at higher rates
  - MSM, African American, Latino/Hispanic, Transgender
- HIV, STD, and Hepatitis C outbreaks are on the rise
  - Scott County, Indiana: 229 new HIV cases in 2015 outbreak
  - Nine counties declared as "high risk" for an outbreak by CDC
  - Nine counties have/had syringe exchange programs after declaring HIV and/or Hepatitis C outbreaks



#### What We Do at MATEC Indiana

- Funded through the Ryan White Program Part F, the Minority AIDS Initiative, and the Indiana State Department of Health
- Primary Focus: providing training to health care professionals with limited HIV care knowledge and experience
  - Build capacity of clinicians to provide HIV care
  - Expand HIV care and services across Indiana
  - Connect patients to care faster
  - Retain more patients in care for the long term



#### What We Do at MATEC Indiana

- Primary Projects:
  - HIV Practice Transformation Project
  - Clinician Scholars Program
  - Statewide Trainings
    - HIV/STD Update, STD Intensive, PrEP Summit, HIV 101
- Primary Services:
  - Customized training on HIV care and prevention
  - Clinical observations and consultations
  - Technical assistance on HIV care and prevention
- Additional Projects:
  - Midwest Fellowship for Primary Care Champions
  - Midwest Integration of the National HIV Curriculum
  - HIV ECHO Project



#### What We Do at MATEC Indiana

- Responsibilities:
  - Recruit and train expert faculty around the state to provide training and education to novice clinicians
  - Coordinate training logistics (location, food, participant recruitment and registration, faculty recruitment)
  - Develop and provide lower-level training and education opportunities
  - Facilitate relationships between health care providers, community organizations, high-risk communities, and the general public
  - Develop mechanisms for disseminating information to stakeholders



#### Careers in HIV Care and Prevention

#### **Direct Patient/Client Care**

- HIV Tester/Counselor
- Outreach Worker
- Linkage to Care Coordinator
- Non-Medical Case Manager/Care Coordinator
  - Medical Case Manager with additional education/experience



#### Careers in HIV Care and Prevention

#### **Epidemiology/Disease Tracking**

- Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS)
- Linkage to Care
- Field Epidemiologist (local and statewide)



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#### **Community Health Education**

- Outreach Worker
- HIV Tester/Counselor
- Linkage to Care Coordinator
- HIV Prevention/Care Educator
  - Local Health Departments
  - Indiana State Department of Health
  - Family Planning Clinics
  - AIDS Service Organizations



## **Questions/Comments**



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