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People taking an active role in their health in the NHS.



Andrew, Andy B, Andy C, Chris M, Chris P, Richard, Chris W, Space, Nick, Dolly, Wesley, Colvin, Jimi, Kevin, Mike, Paul, Mark, Steve.

Outline

- HIV in the UK: 2014
- Patient/doctor collaboration
- Personal history
- UK advocacy HIV i-Base
- Global access:
 - Treatment Action Group (New York)
 - Treatment Action Campaign (South Africa)
- Question session

HIV in the UK: 2014

- Public Health England
- 6250 diagnosis in 2013
- 3250 in MSM
- ~3000 heterosexual
- 16% MSM younger than 24 yo
- 10% MSM older than 50 yo



https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/hiv-in-the-united-kingdom



World AIDS Day 2014

- Hunter Charlton
- Diagnosed in 2012
- age 20
- Gap year in Australia
- One exposure



The Independent (1 December 2014)

http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/health-and-families/features/world-aids-day-2014-this-is-what-hiv-looks-like-9894256.html

Young people and HIV

"I mean I just always use a condom really... but of course you've been in a situation where you haven't, I mean, everyone has."



56 Dean Street Clinic

"Young people's attitudes towards sex & HIV" (12 mins video)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ThCO_8CcHmU

Collaboration

- Collaborative approach is essential.
- Reduce gap between clinical expertise and individual use.
- People should be able to receive care as partners in our own health.
- We (think as a patient) are likely to have the strongest interest in staying alive.

Denver principles, 1983



http://www.actupny.org/documents/Denver.html

Denver principles, 1983

- We condemn attempts to label us as "victims".
- Be involved at every level of decision-making.
- Be included in all AIDS forums with equal credibility.
- Ethics: to inform and protect others
- Right to full explanations of all medical procedures and risks.
- To die--and to LIVE--in dignity.

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Wide interest in care

Limited:

Doctor to decide

Active:

Every decision

This can change over time as knowledge and information changes

patient:doctor dynamic

- Strange situation
- Reliance on doctor as gatekeeper to care (treatment, health and life).
- Often specialised language and potential cultural and class differences.
- All at a time of personal stress.

Why take an active role?

- Better care: from appointments to treatment
- Interactions with health workers
- Access to treatment (choice and new medicines).
- Information and understanding.
- Shared decision making helps if future outcomes are worse.

Disadvantages

- People are not always aware of these options.
- Many do not chose an active role.
- May be wrong in hindsight.
- Often needs confidence and persistence and to overcome fear of being a "difficult patient"

Personal history.1

- Likely HIV+ 1988/9.
- 1994: CD4 60 cells/mm³
- 1996: CD4 = 2.
- (range 400-1600 c/mm³)
- Cachexia, weight loss 45 kg
- Crypto/microspodia (MST 90 mg/d)
- Multiple Ol's: CMV in both eyes
- ARVs: d4T/3TC/indinavir expect no response.



Personal history.2

- Weight increased >1kg / week
- Energy returned
- Yr 1: CD4 = 100: stop CMV treatment
- Yr 2: CD4 = 200.
- Switch for side effects (kidney stones, lipoatrophy, toenails) and better formulations (TID> BD> QD)

AIDS Treatment Project (ATP)

- 1996: ~40 HIV+ people
- Volunteer phoneline: "does treatment really work?"
- "every person is able to make their own treatment decisions"
- Dr Fax, conferences, internet to reduce medical timeline

Early examples 1997/8

- 3 vs 2 drugs (including research)
- indivavir vs saquinavir: 63 vs 43%
- Viral suppression > drug resistance.
- Use of viral load and resistance tests
- Long-term vs short term benefit
- HAART for PMTCT,
- d4T and lipoatrophy

i-Base (April 2000)

- Medical meetings
- HIV Treatment Bulletin (HTB)
- HTB editions in S. Africa, Turkey, Balkans
- Treatment guides (>35 languages)
- Phoneline and online Q&A
- UK-CAB

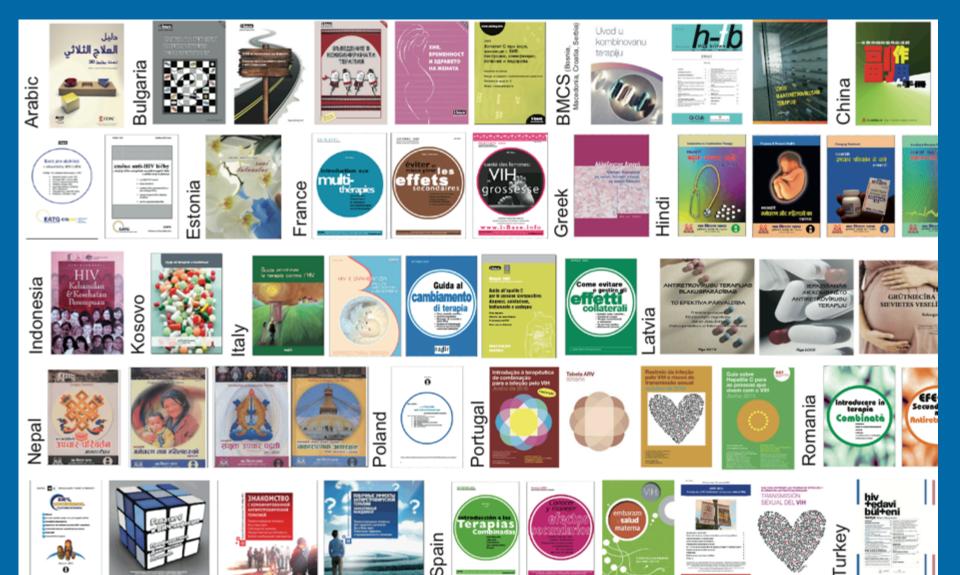








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UK-CAB (2002)



- Network of UK activists.
- Community Advisory Board ~ 600 members/120 organisations
- BHIVA guidelines and conferences
- Four meetings/year + online forum
- Language: HIV positive (not infected)
- www.ukcab.net

Global health and access

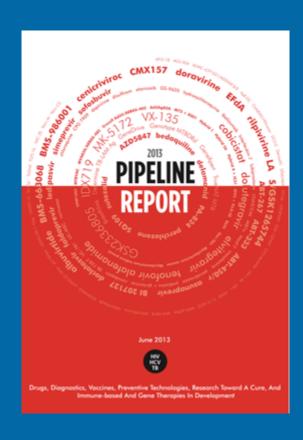
- "none of these drugs are for Africa" meetings with pharma co's 1996-2000
- 2014: >12 million people on ART
- Generics and patents (Yusef Hamied, Cipla: \$10K/year to < \$1 a day
- Second-line drugs, new drugs, etc.
- d4T (neuropathy, lipoatrophy)

Treatment Action Campaign



TAG/i-Base pipeline reports

- Better drugs: more effective, easier to tolerate, less resistance
- Cost & access, paediatrics
- HCV and TB coinfections
- Cure research
- PipelineReport.org



Current issues

- Cure research
- Generics in the UK
- When to start treatment



Martin Delaney

- TasP: Treatment as Prevention
- PrEP: Pre-exposure prophylaxis

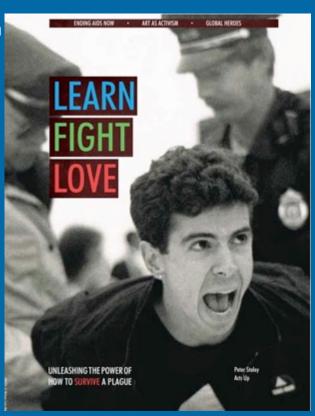
Conclusion and summary

 Powerful examples of where medical advances change peoples lives

 Powerful examples of where activism (community, health workers, politicians) show that change is possible.

Further watching

- And the Band Played On (also Jaffe talk with clips: http://www.hivdrugtherapy.org)
- Angels in America
- Blue (Derek Jarman)
- Fire in the Blood (Global access)
- How to survive a plague (ACT-UP/TAG)
- Philadelphia
- Precious
- United in Anger (ACT-UP)



Thank you

Time for questions

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