

OptTEST by HIV in Europe

Optimising testing and linkage to care for HIV across Europe

Duration: 3 years - (from June 2014)

Main partner:

- CHIP, Rigshospitalet, University of Copenhagen, DK

Associated partners:

- Aids Fonds – Stop AIDS now! – Soa AIDS, NL
- European Aids Treatment Group, Belgium
- Public Health of England, UK
- St. Stephens AIDS Trust, UK
- MEDFASH, UK
- Institute Nationale de la Santé et de la Recherche Médicale, France
- Stitching Global Network of People living with HIV/AIDS- GNP+
- Instituto de Salud Carlos III, Madrid, Spain
- National Institute for Health Development, Tallinn, Estonia



Project objectives

- To develop strategies to improve early diagnosis and care of people with HIV across Europe
- To increase knowledge on linkage to and retention in HIV care after diagnosis across geographical and healthcare settings and target groups
- Implementation of a novel HIV testing strategy (Indicator Condition-guided) in selected European healthcare settings
- To assemble and evaluate the cost-effectiveness of various existing HIV testing strategies in Europe
- To increase knowledge of how stigma and legal barriers to HIV testing affects the uptake of HIV testing and treatment



Main target groups

- Health care professionals and (non) HIV clinicians
- Health care managers and researchers
- Social workers and civil society organization staff
- Policy makers and government officials
- Relevant press
- (Undiagnosed) PLHIV and most affected populations



Four core work packages

- WP4: Explores and documents linkage to and retention in HIV care, and access to therapy in Europe
- WP 5: Develops and implements tools for indicator condition (IC) guided HIV testing across regional healthcare settings
- WP 6: Estimates the survival benefits, costs, and cost-effectiveness of innovative HIV testing strategies in Europe
- WP 7: Supports in-depth analysis of the data and evidence on access to testing and uptake of treatment from the PLHIV Stigma Index



Interlinkage of WPs

Appendix 2: Diagram showing the inter-linkage of Work Packages

