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Background- HIV in the U.S.

- Since 1981, > 1.8 Million people have been infected with HIV
  - >650,000 have died

- Today- >1.1 Million people are living with HIV
  - ~16% don’t know that they are infected

- 2010- 47,500 new infections

- Philadelphians are being infected at a rate **FIVE TIMES** the national average, and are being infected at a rate more than 50% higher than residents of New York City
HIV Among Youth (2010)

- Youth aged 13 to 24 accounted for 26% of all new HIV infections
- Young gay & bisexual men accounted for estimated 19% (8800) of all new HIV infections & 72% of new HIV infections among youth

Estimates of New Infections Among Youth Aged 13-24 Years, by Race/Ethnicity and Sex, United States, 2010
By a Show of Hands...

- How many have heard of HIV?
- Do you know someone who has HIV?
- Do you know someone who has been tested for HIV?
- Who has been tested for HIV?
- You haven’t been tested for HIV but you’ve thought about it.
Discussion

- When should someone get tested?
- Are there certain people who should get tested?
Discussion

- 16% of HIV infected people don’t even know that they’re infected.

- 60% of youth aged 13 to 24 with HIV in the United States were unaware of their infection.

Some people choose to NOT get tested.

What are some of the reasons?
Reasons why people choose NOT to get tested

- Afraid of results
- Stigma (people will think I’m promiscuous, gay, etc.)
- Do not think they are at risk
- They are not in a “high-risk” population
SCENARIOS

1) Lisa & Dave- PINK

2) Gloria & Luke- BLUE

3) Kevin & Mike- YELLOW

4) John & Emily- GREEN
SCENARIO 1- Lisa & Dave

Lisa met Dave during her Sophomore year. They’ve been dating for the past 2 years and have plans to get married after graduation. Lisa and Dave are in a mutually monogamous relationship and they do not use condoms consistently. Should she get tested for HIV?
SCENARIO 2- Gloria & Luke

Gloria and Luke met at a party off campus. They had a few drinks and had sex. They woke up the next morning in the same bed and were not sure if they used a condom. Luke doesn’t seem to be concerned and initially Gina didn’t either. But later on that day Luke learns that he hooked up with “Guys Get Her” Gloria! Should Luke get tested for HIV?
SCENARIO 3- Kevin & Mike

Kevin and Mike have been dating for the past 3 months. Mike has had a history of dating his partners for a very short time (about 6 months for each relationship). Kevin and Mike have used condoms each and every time that they’ve had sex. Should Kevin get tested for HIV?
SCENARIO 4- John & Emily

John and Emily are Seniors in college and have been dating for about a year. Emily informed John that she was a virgin when they first started dating. Emily knew that John was very special to her so she decided to give up her virginity to him. She was on the pill so they had unprotected sex.

As they recapped their first sexual experience with each other, Emily mentioned that she’s never had vaginal sex before but used to have anal sex with her boyfriend in high school to keep her virginity. She added that they didn’t use condoms because there was no risk for pregnancy.

Should John get tested for HIV?
Where do I go to get tested?

- Text your Zip Code to KNOWIT (566948) and you’ll get a list of HIV testing sites in the area.