

# HIV PREVENTION LEARNING COMMUNITY



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## EQUALIZE

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## December Newsletter

### WORLD AIDS DAY

World AIDS Day was **December 1st**, and provided a vision to follow through the end of 2022 and beyond.

This year's motto was **Equalize**, with a call to action to address the inequities fueling the ongoing HIV-epidemic.

Those **inequities look different from community to community**. We know in the US that **new HIV infections** disproportionately affect both Black men who have sex with men and Black heterosexual women. We also know that PrEP is not reaching all communities equally.

Clinics are in a unique position to focus on equity in their program design and delivery. What does this look like at your site?

### NOVEMBER LC RECAP

November's LC focused on **Express STI Testing**. Dr. Cohall provided an overview of express testing, including the rationale, processes, and some models of care.

We then heard from two clinics - Bell Flower in Indianapolis and NYC Sexual Health Clinics in NYC - who shared their **models of express testing**, and some successes and challenges.

Other clinics shared how this model may or may not work at their clinic, and some of their barriers, including staff time, staff buy-in, and other clinic priorities. **Are you interested in discussing what express testing may look like at your clinical setting?** We're here to help!



## RESOURCES

- [November LC Slides](#)
- [NACCHO STI Express Initiative](#)
- [Express Testing Models](#)
- Article: [Whitlock et al., 2018](#)
- Article: [O'Byrne and Orser, 2019](#)
- Article: [Kuehn, 2019](#)

*What's next?*

## NEXT MONTH'S LC

### Details:

- January 24th at 12-1pm EST
- Topic: TBD

### Reminder!

- Goal of LC is to have a discussion where clinics can learn from each other
- All participants keep cameras on. Need a webcam? Let us know!
- All participants contribute to the discussion
- 2-4 individuals per site participating



## CLINIC HIGHLIGHTS

Six clinics have participated in the LC over the last year. We are so grateful for your time and energy, and proud of all the progress that has been made!

Here are a few clinic highlights from 2022...

- [Bell Flower Clinic](#) (Indianapolis, IN): updated EMR with PrEP questions, which led to more offers & uptake of PrEP
- [Corona Clinic, NYC DOHMH](#) (NYC, NY): re-opened clinic after COVID closure, now offering ongoing PrEP care
- [Mary Eliza Mahoney Clinic](#) (Newark, NJ): increased PrEP uptake, moved clinic sites
- [Migrant Health Center](#) (Puerto Rico): increased PrEP uptake, planning to open an STI clinic, received permits for STI lab
- [Morrisania Clinic](#) (Bronx, NY): launched PrEP starter packs program, amended EMR to have a PrEP express lane
- [Take Care Down There](#) (Columbus, OH): began providing treatment for STIs, started offering self-collection as an option for extragenital testing

We look forward to seeing all you accomplish in 2023!

Have a clinical question? Check out the clinical consultation line: [www.stdccn.org](http://www.stdccn.org)