



Minutes CROI Investigator Meeting
Monday 28th February 2011 Boston

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Partner Status Update
3. Recruitment strategies and Discussion
4. Australian study
6. Newest data on transmission risk and CROI presentations

1/ We identified the fact that it would be useful to recommend to sites a clear strategy for recruitment of patients. This strategy involves

- a) "high throughput screening" - involving asking as many patients as possible whether they have a seronegative partner and creating a list of contact details of such patients
- b) research staff going through the list to contact patients and ask them when they last had unprotected sex, and offering the study to those fulfilling entry criteria

This enables screening of large numbers of patients because initially the question of unprotected sex does not need to be broached.

We will prepare a one page guidance for clinics on implementing this strategy as one that has been shown to work in other sites. This will also include a reminder about how relevant the question remains and that data at CROI, such as they are, only serve to increase the uncertainty over the question.

2/ Discussion with Andrew Grulich in Sydney made us wonder if there is more that can be done through outreach and community activity

3/ There was agreement that the one month lag for unprotected sex was probably too restrictive and we plan to discuss on our next call increasing this to 4 months.

4/ We will ask Tina to look at the baseline questionnaires to see what proportion of people are indeed reporting unprotected sex on the baseline questionnaire.