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# HIV 2023: An update for the family physician

(and how I sort of became one)

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# Before and after initiation of ARV therapy!

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Paul Sax Aug 2023: “Major advances... have drifted away from an infectious diseases doctor’s typical areas of focus”

# My patient, 2019:

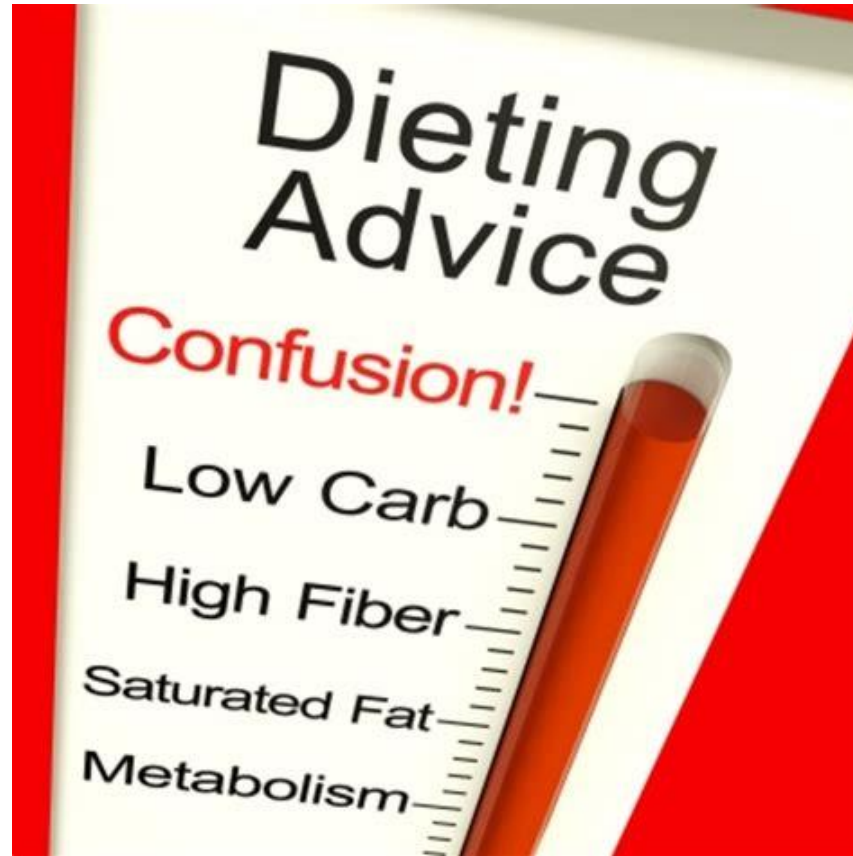
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- 35-year-old woman
- On TAF/FTC/DTG – baseline BMI 23
- On diet, exercising, BMI 44
- Switched to TDF/FTC/EFV continues to gain weight
- In clinic, in tears, helpless – “I am doing everything you tell me to do”
- BMI now 60

BMI classification	
Underweight	< 18.5
Normal range	18.5 - 24.9
Overweight	≥ 25.0
<i>Preobese</i>	25.0 - 29.9
Obese	≥ 30.0
<i>Obese class I</i>	30.0 - 34.9
<i>Obese class II</i>	35.0 - 39.9
<i>Obese class III</i>	≥ 40.0

My advice for meaningful weight loss for this patient on ARVs was mainly diet and exercise:

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# Quick SA numbers update...

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- **7.9 million with HIV / 52 million**
- **Over 5 million people on ARVs in SA; 150 000 on second line, about 3000 third line, both 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> dropping**
- **Dramatic reduction in paediatric numbers**
- **Life expectancy up a decade!**

- Uganda/ US/ UK – ‘higher life expectancy that matched populations’

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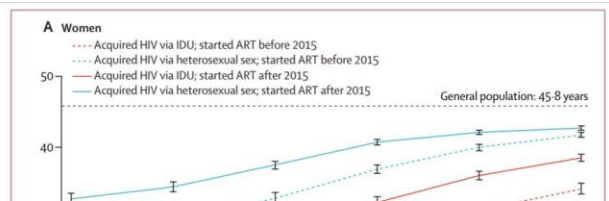
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Thanks: Julie Fox, Guys



# HIV treatment is VERY effective, if given early

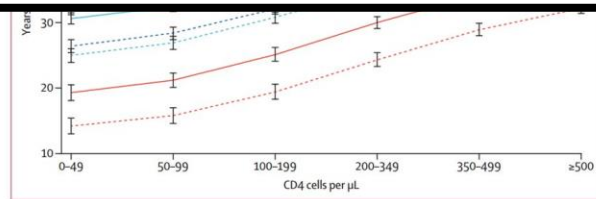


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23.7–25.9) than if they started ART after 2015. The corresponding estimates for men were 16.2 years (17.1–19.4) and 23.7 years (22.7–24.8). Women with CD4 counts of at least 500 had a median life expectancy of 40.2 years (39.7–40.6) of life left at age 40 years if they started ART after 2015. The corresponding estimates for men were 25.7 years (25.2–26.2).

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# TB...

Incidence dropping  
TB prevention very effective



A collage of three images. The top image is a newspaper front page from "The Star" dated Thursday, September 14, 2006. The main headline reads "ISOLATED Doctors tell how they rescued TB timebomb". The middle image is a health warning sign with the text "ON ENTERING THIS UNIT KINDLY WEAR A MASK AND COVER YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE. BE AT LEAST 1 METRE AWAY FROM EACH OTHER. THANK YOU." and illustrations of two people wearing masks. The bottom image is the cover of "The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE", dated March 5, 2020, featuring the title "Treatment of Highly Drug-Resistant Pulmonary Tuberculosis" and a list of authors.

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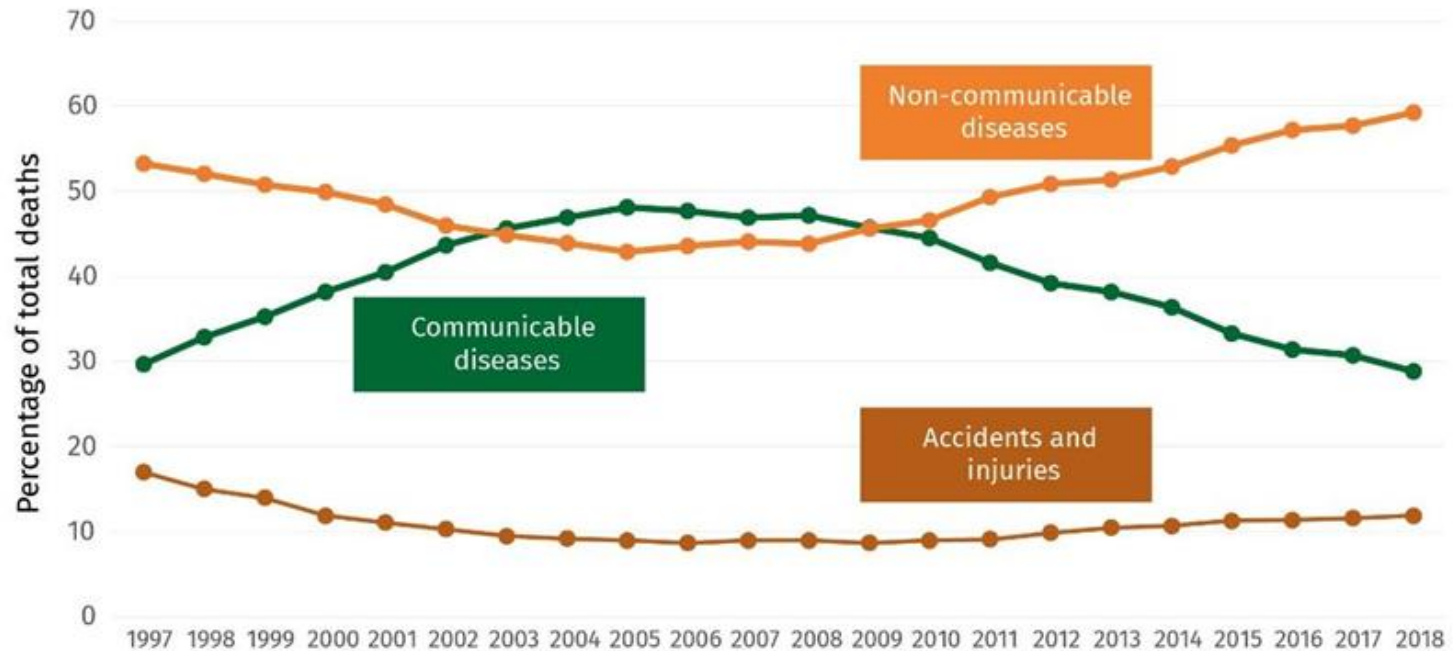
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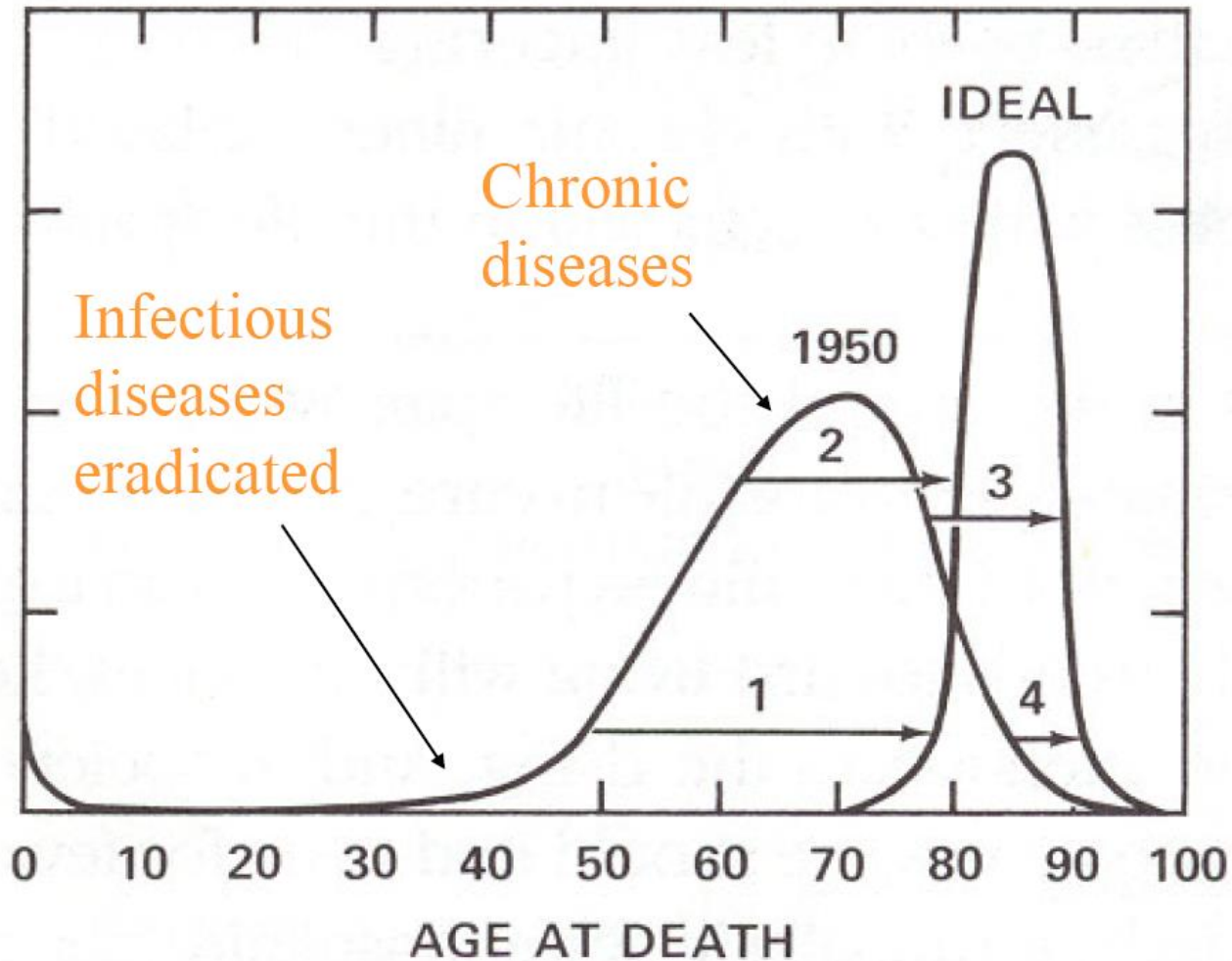
ABSTRACT

Thanks: Braamie Variava

# South Africa changing epidemiology



# Changing Life-Expectancy



# Uganda/ US/ UK – PLWHs higher life expectancy than general populations – people on ART will get older and gain weight and collect diseases

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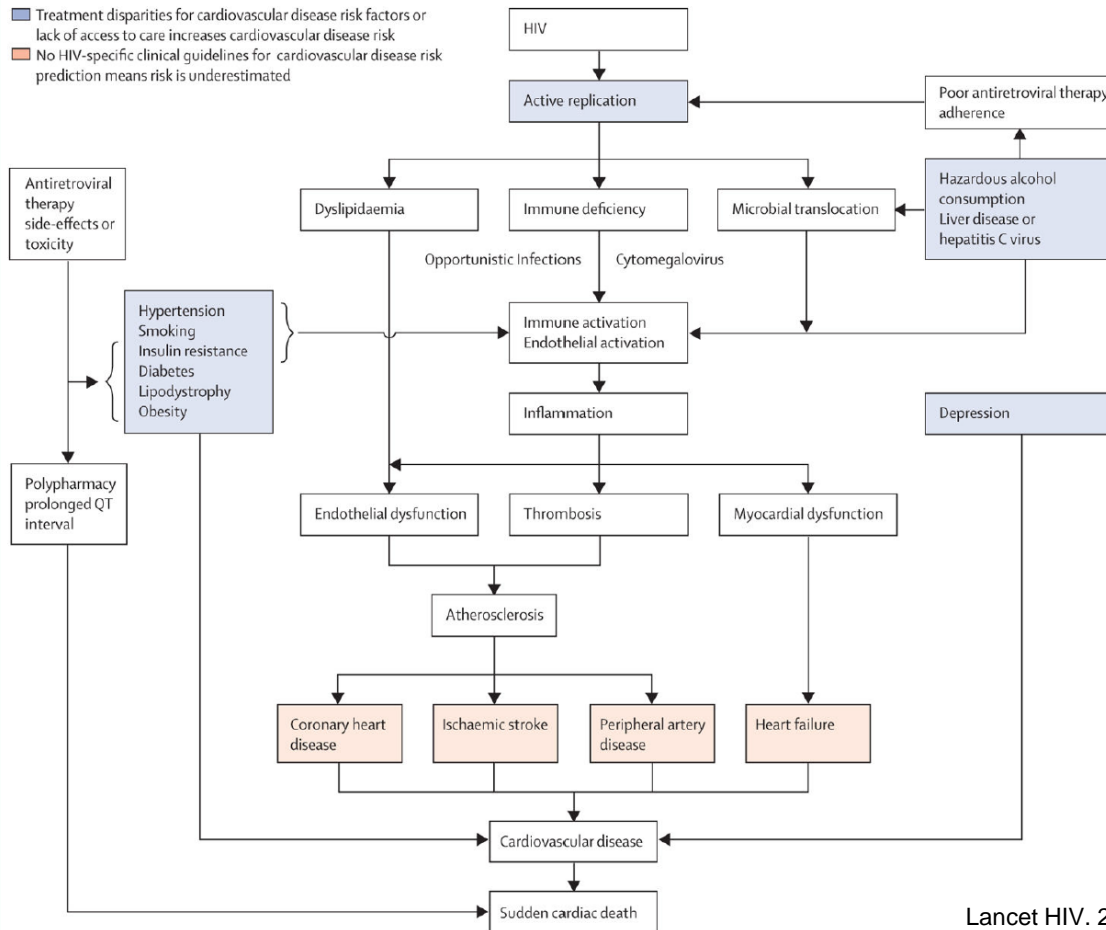
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## Pathophysiology



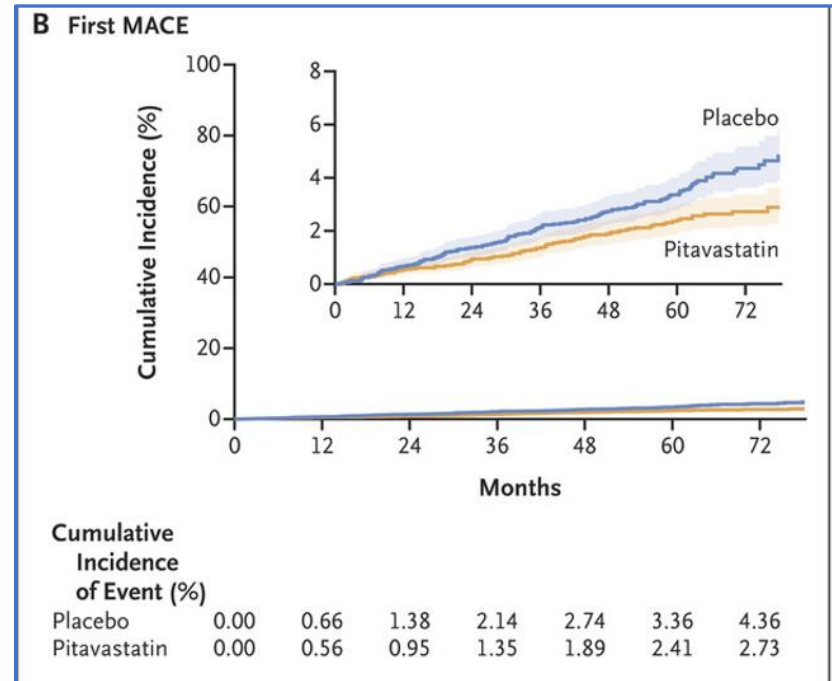
Lancet HIV. 2020. 7(4): e279–e293

Thanks: Joel Dave, UCT

# Hot off the press...

- REPRIEVE – statins for primary prevention in low-medium
- ?applies to us – but the way the field is going

Grinspoon, NEJM, 2023



# Vision... chronic care

Diagnosis and staging, good primary care that suits patients



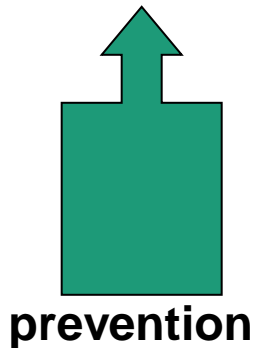
***Good ARV access, TB prophylaxis***



Minimal hospitalization, chronic disease control



CD<sub>4</sub>

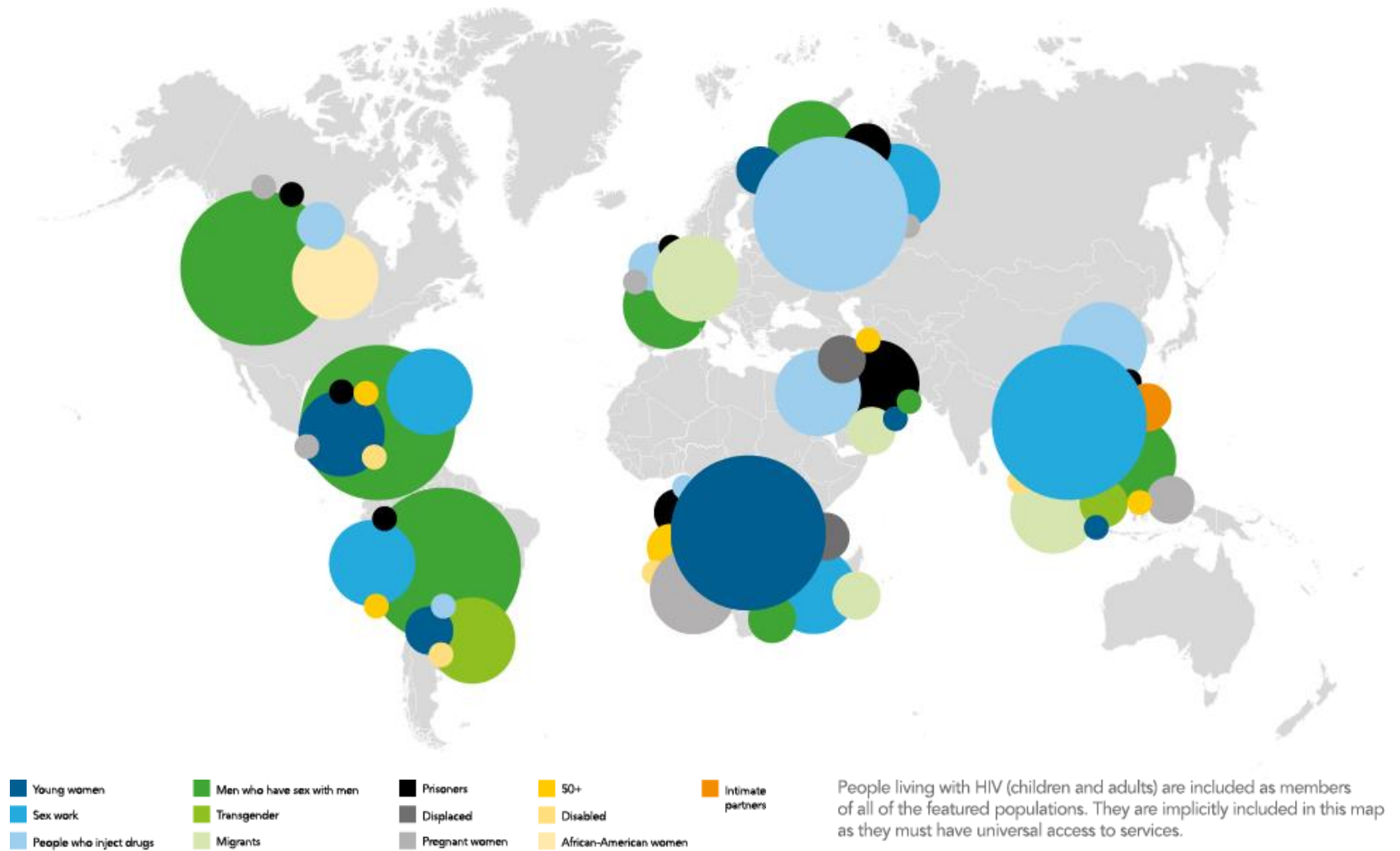


**8 to 10 years**

**40 years**



## The importance of location and population



# In Africa, young women and girls are disproportionately affected by HIV

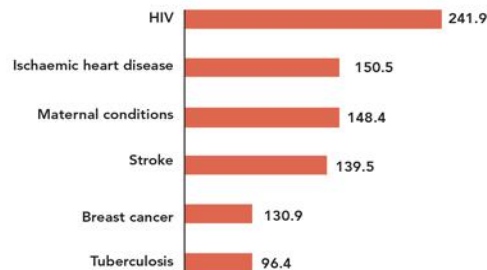
## AT A GLANCE



In sub-Saharan Africa, three in four new HIV infections among 15–19-year-olds are among girls.

Source: UNAIDS 2017 estimates.

AIDS-related illnesses are the leading cause of death among 15–49-year-old females globally (hundred thousands)



Source: Global health estimates 2015: deaths by cause, age, sex, by country and by region, 2000–2015. Geneva, World Health Organization, 2016.

### 10X

HIV INCIDENCE IS 10 TIMES HIGHER AMONG FEMALE SEX WORKERS THAN AMONG THE GENERAL POPULATION

Source: UNAIDS. Prevention gap report. Geneva: UNAIDS, 2014.



42% of **urban** young women aged 15–24 who live in sub-Saharan Africa who have had sex and have had an HIV test.



30% of **rural** young women aged 15–24 who live in sub-Saharan Africa who have had sex and have had an HIV test.

Source: Population-based surveys, 2011–2016. The statistics are based on available data from 28 countries in which 83% of all women aged 15–24 in sub-Saharan Africa live.



16% of **rural** currently married adolescent girls and young women who live in sub-Saharan Africa report using a modern contraceptive.

23% of **urban** currently married adolescent girls and young women who live in sub-Saharan Africa report using a modern contraceptive.

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Globally, young women are twice as likely to acquire HIV as their male counterparts.

Source: UNAIDS 2017 estimates.

### 52%

of adolescent girls and young women in rural areas are unable to make decisions about their own health, compared with

### 47%

in urban areas.

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IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA, 42% OF WOMEN LIVING IN **URBAN** AREAS AGED 15–24 HAD A PREGNANCY BEFORE THE AGE OF 18. IN **RURAL** AREAS, MORE THAN 50% OF WOMEN AGED 15–24 HAD A PREGNANCY BEFORE THE AGE OF 18.

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Each year, 12 million girls are married before the age of 18—married too soon, endangering their personal development and well-being.

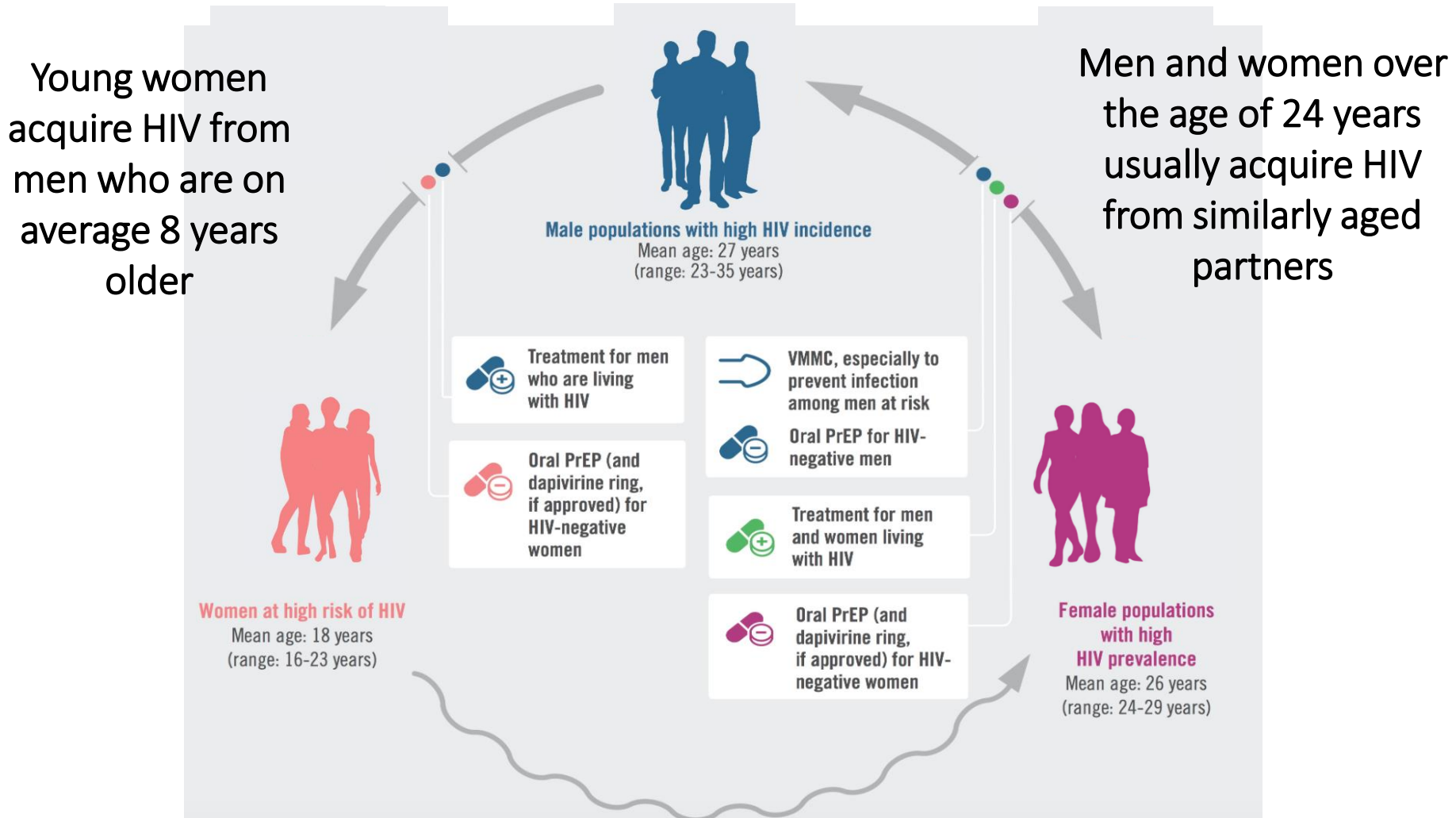
Source: UNICEF 2018 estimates.

## AROUND 150

adolescents (10–19 years) died of AIDS-related illnesses every day in 2016.

Source: UNAIDS 2017 estimates.

# Breaking the Cycle of Heterosexual Transmission



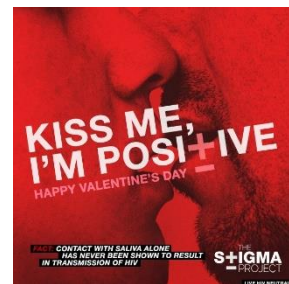
When teen women with HIV reach their mid-20s, if they aren't on effective ART, then they may transmit to partners of the same age—and vice versa

Adapted from: Dellar R, Tanser F, Abdool Karim Q, et al. Manuscript in preparation. / Abdool Karim Q. *HIV infection in young women in Africa: An overview*. Presentation at AIDS 2016. <http://programme.aids2016.org/Programme/Session/1257>.  
<http://www.avac.org/infographic/breaking-cycle-heterosexual-transmission>

# Sex is now safe



- PrEP/PEP: almost total protection
- As treatment: undetectable=untransmissible
- Partners study Sub-study of men-(Lancet Aug 2018)
  - who-have-sex-with-men (MSM)
  - Almost 77 000 unprotected anal sex acts – no transmission
  - WHO statement Aug 2023: ‘No transmission’
- Intermittent PrEP for gay men
  - “on-demand” – 2 tabs 2-24 hours before sex, 1 tab at 24, then 48 hours
  - 1500 (mainly MSM) – no transmissions
- SA sex worker operational PrEP programme – no transmissions on PrEP
- Injectable PrEP– better than oral PrEP

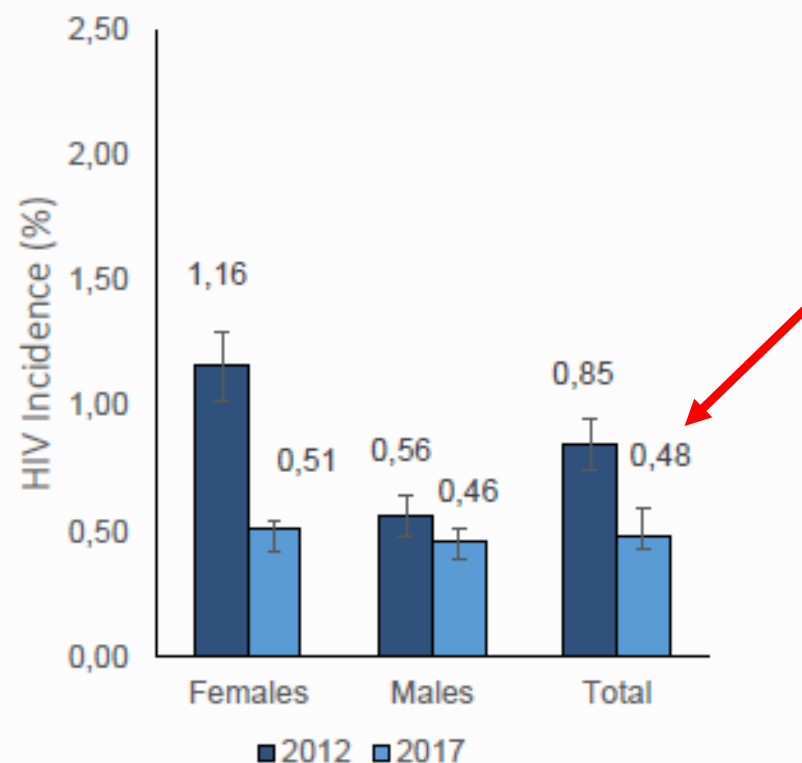


# Reproduction is safe

- Near 0% transmission to sex partner or foetus



- NB. The 2012 results were re-calculated using the 2017 test parameters
- The overall HIV incidence has significantly dropped by 44%.
- The largest decline (56%) in incidence was among females.
- Among males the incidence declined by 18%



# Prevention bearing fruit

- SA: 44% reduction– in only 5 years (2012-2017)!
- Similar in Swaziland
- Botswana – 30% (finally!)
- Melbourne, San Francisco also >50% drops
- US states with the highest PrEP use had greatest declines

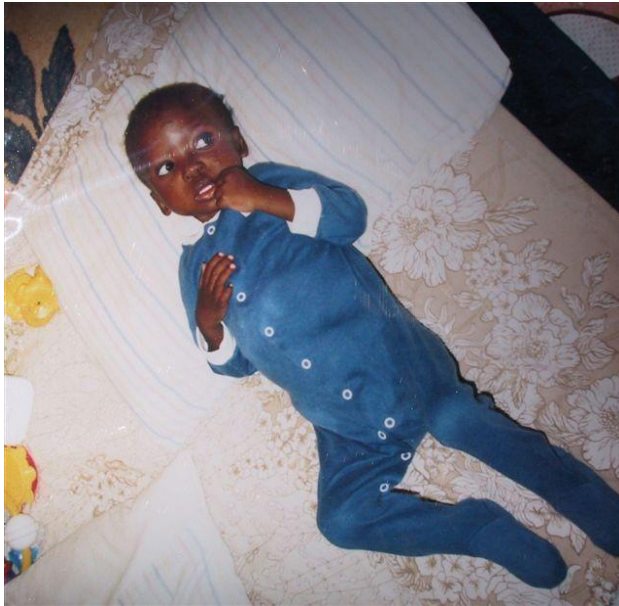
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# CD4: “When to start debate...”

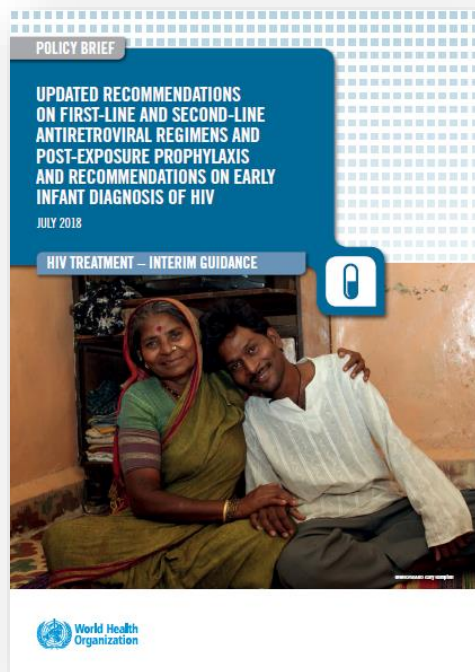
- Occupied entire field for 20 years
- CD4 risk – terrible things below 350, especially 100; but lots above 350 cells/ul – worse if poor!
- Balance drug toxicity/cost vs risk of disease
- Drugs so safe, start immediately

**“Treat All”: From Policy to Action - What will it take?**

Thursday, 9 June, 13.00 – 14.30  
Conference Room 11, United Nations

World Health Organization

# WHO: 2019 recommendations first-line ART regimens - DOLUTEGRAVIR



## BOX 1. RECOMMENDATIONS: FIRST-LINE ARV DRUG REGIMENS

- 1.** A DTG based regimen may be recommended as a preferred first-line regimen for people living with HIV initiating ART (*conditional recommendation*)
- Adults and adolescents (*moderate-certainty evidence*)
  - Women and adolescent girls of childbearing potential<sup>a</sup> (*very-low-certainty evidence*)
  - Infants and children with approved DTG dosing<sup>b</sup> (*low-certainty evidence*)



# Old ART

**Tenofovir**



**XTC**



**Efavirenz**

*Failure*

**AZT**

(zidovudine)



**3TC**



**Protease/r**

(LPV or ATV)

*Failure*

XTC, other nukes

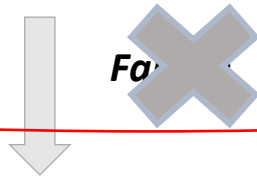
**Darunavir**

**Dolutegravir**

**Etravirine**

# New ART

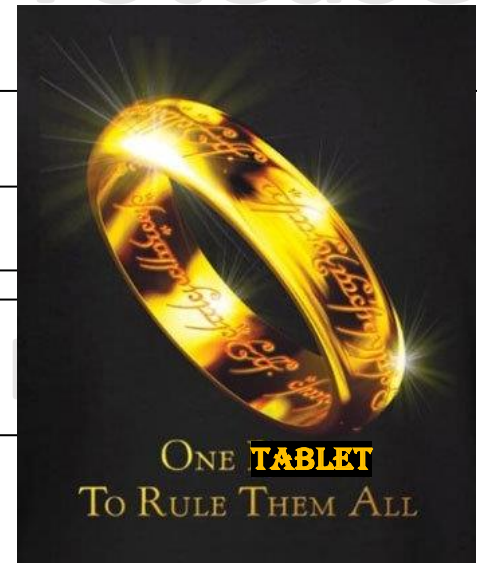
Tenofovir + 3TC + Dolutegravir



- Incredibly well tolerated
- Almost no resistance
- Safe in pregnancy
- HOTP: UCT – may be OK in TB

Darunavir

Dolutegravir



# The Evolving HIV Treatment Paradigm

- 3TC=lamivudine; ZDV=zidovudine



AZT monotherapy

AZT/3TC



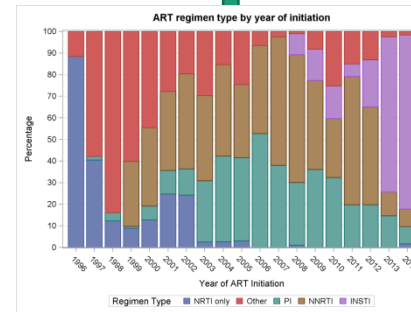
Triple-Drug Therapy



Single-Tablet Regimens

Long Acting Injectable?

The Integrase Era



HIV-1 discovered



1983

1987

1995

1996

2006

2012–2013

2020

2023

?????



## CLINICAL UPDATE

# Cutting the cost of South African antiretroviral therapy using newer, safer drugs

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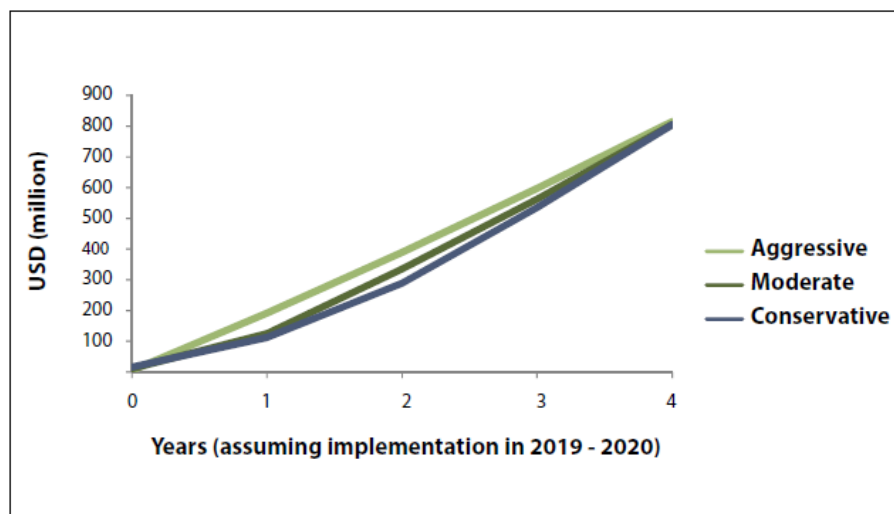
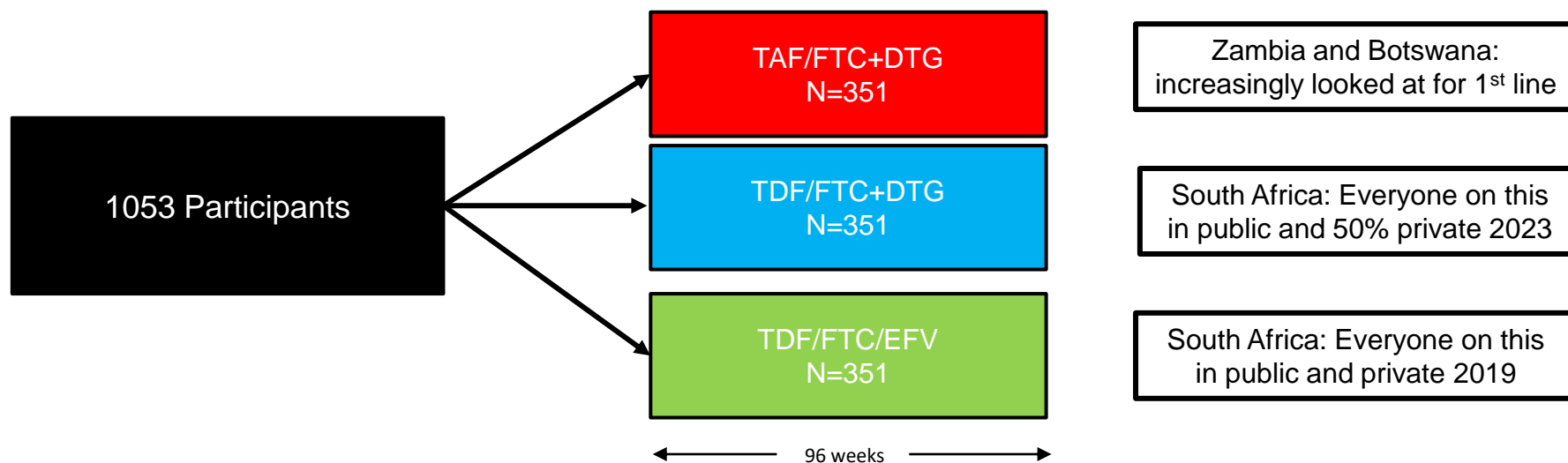


Fig. 2. Estimated crude savings on antiretroviral drugs (assuming implementation of new regimen in 2019 - 2020). Cumulative savings compared with status quo (conservative = 300 000 annually, transition from old regimen to new over 3 years; moderate = new regimen, 400 000 annually, transition over 2 years; aggressive = new regimen, 500 000 annually, transition over 1 year).

# Most boring study ever: ADVANCE – results April 2019

- **Three different WHO regimens - EFV vs DTG, TAF vs TDF**
- **Cost and toxicity differences**

Inclusion criteria: treatment-naïve, HIV-1 RNA level  $\geq 500$  copies/mL, no TB or pregnancy, no baseline genotyping



Open-label, 96-week study in Johannesburg, South Africa

Study visits at Baseline, Week 4, 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72, 84, and 96



# Are new antiretroviral treatments increasing the risks of clinical obesity?

Andrew Hill<sup>1\*</sup>, Laura Waters<sup>2</sup> and Anton Pozniak<sup>3</sup>

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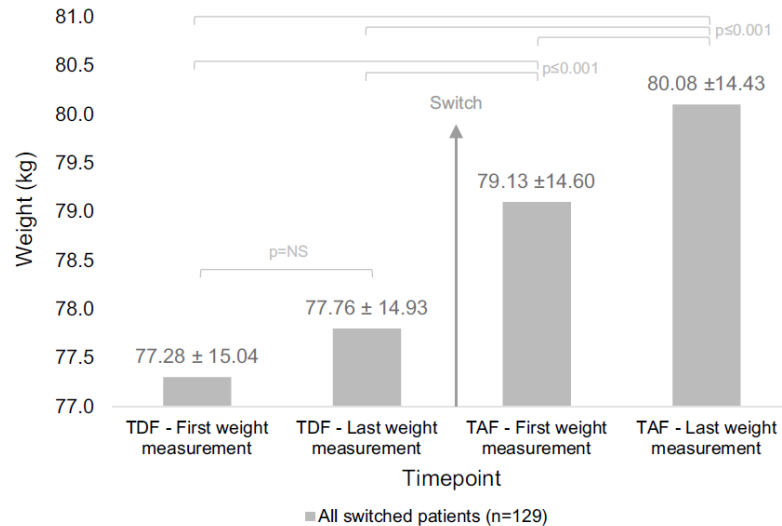
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<sup>3</sup>Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, London, UK; London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK

**Table 1.** Effects of raltegravir, dolutegravir and bictegravir on body weight in randomised trials

Study [ref]	Design	Results
<b>Raltegravir</b>		
NEAT 001 [12] (naïve, n=126)	DRV/r+RAL DRV/r + TDF/FTC	DEXA sub-study: trunk fat 7.3% higher DRV/r/RAL vs TDF/FTC/RAL at week 96 (P=0.021)
ACTG 5260s [10,11] (naïve, n=126)	TDF/FTC/RAL TDF/FTC/DRV/r TDF/FTC/ATV/r	Higher risk of severe weight gain for RAL vs ATV/r
<b>Dolutegravir</b>		
NEAT 022 [13] (switch, n=415)	NRTIs + DTG NRTIs + PI/r	+1 kg increase in body weight to week 48 (P=0.002)
SPRING-1 [13] (naïve, n=204)	TDF/FTC/EFV TDF/FTC/DTG	Increases in body weight higher in DTG arms
Gilead 1490 [15] (naïve, n=645)	TAF/FTC/DTG TAF/FTC/BIC	+3.9 kg increase in body weight to week 96 +3.5 kg increase in body weight to week 96
MONODO [9] (naïve, n=8)	DTG monotherapy	+4.1 kg increase in body weight to week 24
ATV/r; atazanavir/ritonavir; BIC: bictegravir; DRV/r: darunavir/ritonavir; DTG: dolutegravir; FTC: emtricitabine; NRTI: nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors; PI/r: ritonavir-boosted protease inhibitor; RAL: raltegravir; TAF: tenofovir AF; TDF: tenofovir DF.		

## Change in body weight after switch from TDF to TAF – German cohort study



Only switch patients are shown, “TDF (TAF)—first/last weight measurement” denotes the first/last weight measured on TDF (TAF) treatment; results shown for weight in kg; *NS* not statistically significant

Gomez et al. Weight Gain switching TDF to TAF. *Infection* 2018

# Then came the integrase inhibitors....

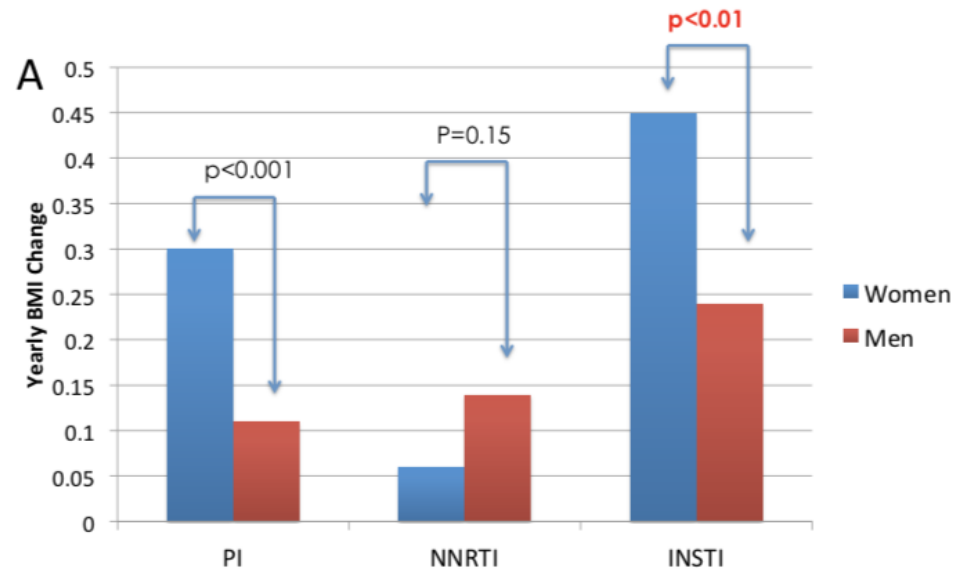
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- Rapidly became standard of care globally
- 2 years later (2019), at CROI – weight raised in themed discussion

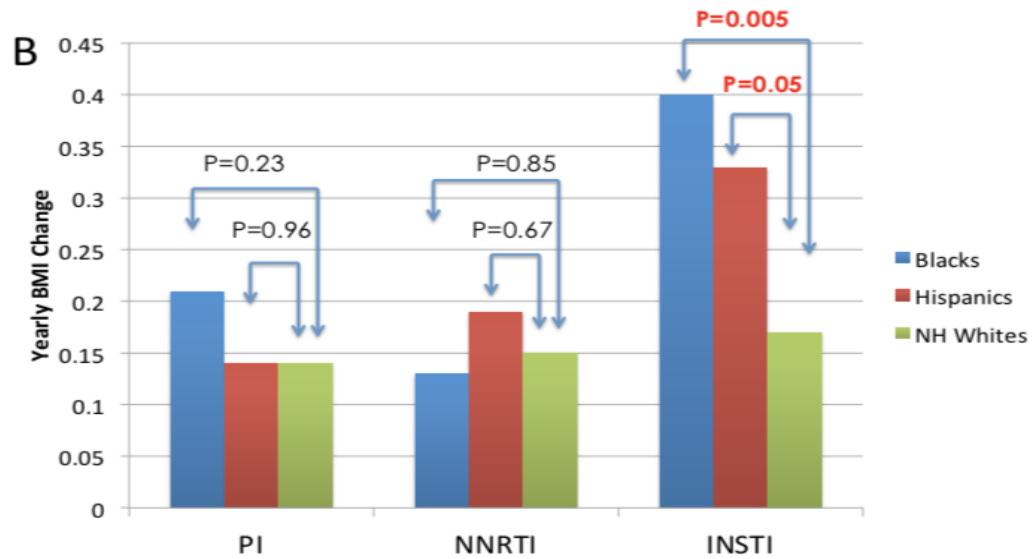
Weight gain themed discussion : CROI 2019 <http://www.croiwebcasts.org/s/2019croi/TD-08>

# Weight gain on classes – women gain 2x more than men (US cohort study)

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# Weight gain on INSTI – black people gain 2x more than whites (US cohort study)



## Weight Gain Following Initiation of Antiretroviral Therapy: Risk Factors in Randomized Comparative Clinical Trials

Paul E. Sax,<sup>1</sup> Kristine M. Erlandson,<sup>2</sup> Jordan E. Lake,<sup>3</sup> Grace A. McComsey,<sup>4</sup> Chloe Orkin,<sup>5</sup> Stefan Esser,<sup>6</sup> Todd T. Brown,<sup>7</sup> Jürgen K. Rockstroh,<sup>8</sup> Xuelian Wei,<sup>9</sup> Christoph C. Carter,<sup>10</sup> Lijie Zhong,<sup>9</sup> Diana M. Brainard,<sup>9</sup> Kathleen Melbourne,<sup>9</sup> Moupali Das,<sup>9</sup> Hans-Jürgen Stellbrink,<sup>10</sup> Frank A. Post,<sup>11,12</sup>

**Table 5. Risk factors for significant ( $\geq 10\%$ ) weight gain in individuals initiating ART.**

Variable	OR	95% CI	p value
CD4 (<200 vs. $\geq 200/\mu\text{L}$ )	4.36	3.6, 5.27	<0.001
HIV RNA (>100k vs. $\leq 100\text{k c/mL}$ )	1.98	1.65, 2.37	<0.001
BMI (normal vs. overweight)	1.54	1.27, 1.87	<0.001
BMI (normal vs. obese)	1.66	1.29, 2.15	<0.001
Sex (female vs. male)	1.54	1.21, 1.96	<0.001
Race (black vs. non-black)	1.32	1.1, 1.59	0.003
Third agent (BIC/DTG vs. EFV)	1.82	1.24, 2.66	0.002
Third agent (EVG/c vs. EFV)	1.36	1.04, 1.78	0.026
Third agent (RPV vs. EFV)	1.51	1.03, 2.2	0.035
Third agent (ATV/r vs. EFV)	0.92	0.59, 1.45	0.73
NRTI (TAF vs. AZT)	1.75	1.04, 2.95	0.034
NRTI (TDF vs. AZT)	1.19	0.76, 1.87	0.44
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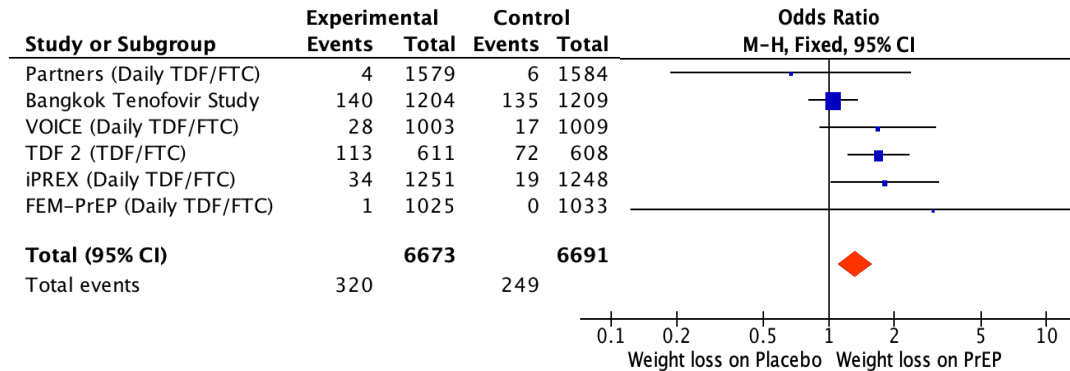
## Weight Gain Following Initiation of Antiretroviral Therapy: Risk Factors in Randomized Comparative Clinical Trials

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**Table 5. Risk factors for significant ( $\geq 10\%$ ) weight gain in individuals initiating ART.**

Variable	OR	95% CI	p value
CD4 (<200 vs. $\geq 200/\mu\text{L}$ )	4.36	3.6, 5.27	<0.001
HIV RNA (>100k vs. $\leq 100\text{k c/mL}$ )	1.98	1.65, 2.37	<0.001
BMI (normal vs. overweight)	1.54	1.27, 1.87	<0.001
BMI (normal vs. obese)	1.66	1.29, 2.15	<0.001
Sex (female vs. male)	1.54	1.21, 1.96	<0.001
Race (black vs. non-black)	1.32	1.1, 1.59	0.003
Third agent (BIC/DTG vs. EFV)	1.82	1.24, 2.66	0.002
Third agent (EVG/c vs. EFV)	1.36	1.04, 1.78	0.026
Third agent (RPV vs. EFV)	1.51	1.03, 2.2	0.035
Third agent (ATV/r vs. EFV)	0.92	0.59, 1.45	0.73
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## TDF as PrEP: weight loss >5%



**Odds Ratio = 1.32 (1.11 to 1.58)**

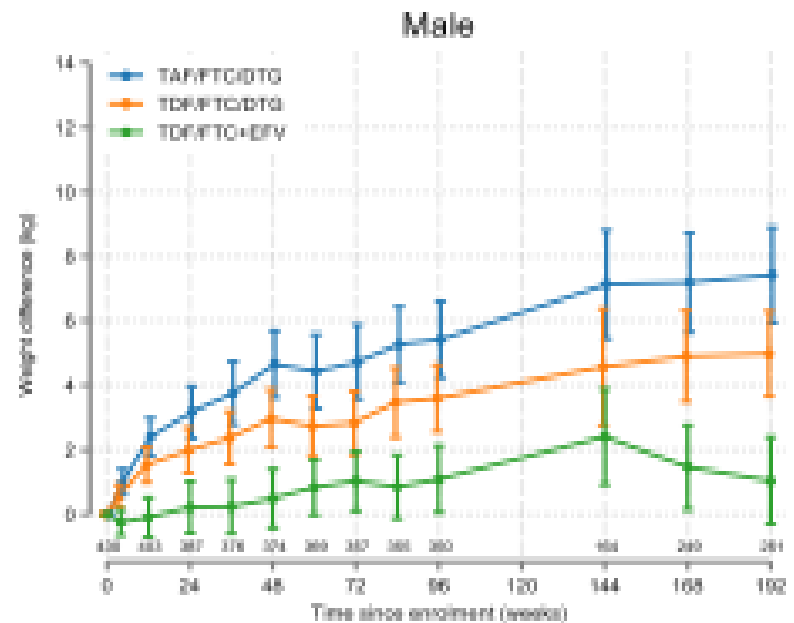
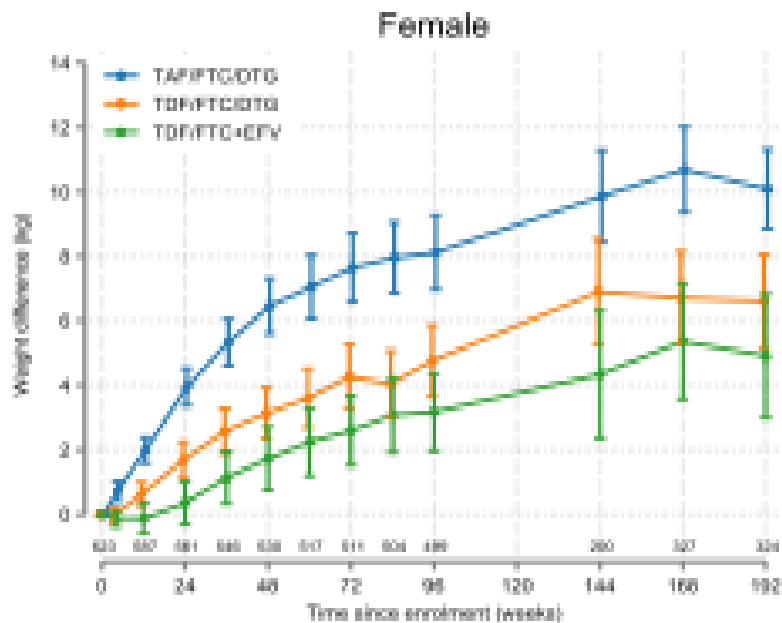
**P = 0.002**

And PIs and EFV associated with weight loss



- Immediate reaction: DTG, TAF caused weight gain

### ADVANCE: Weight change from baseline over time

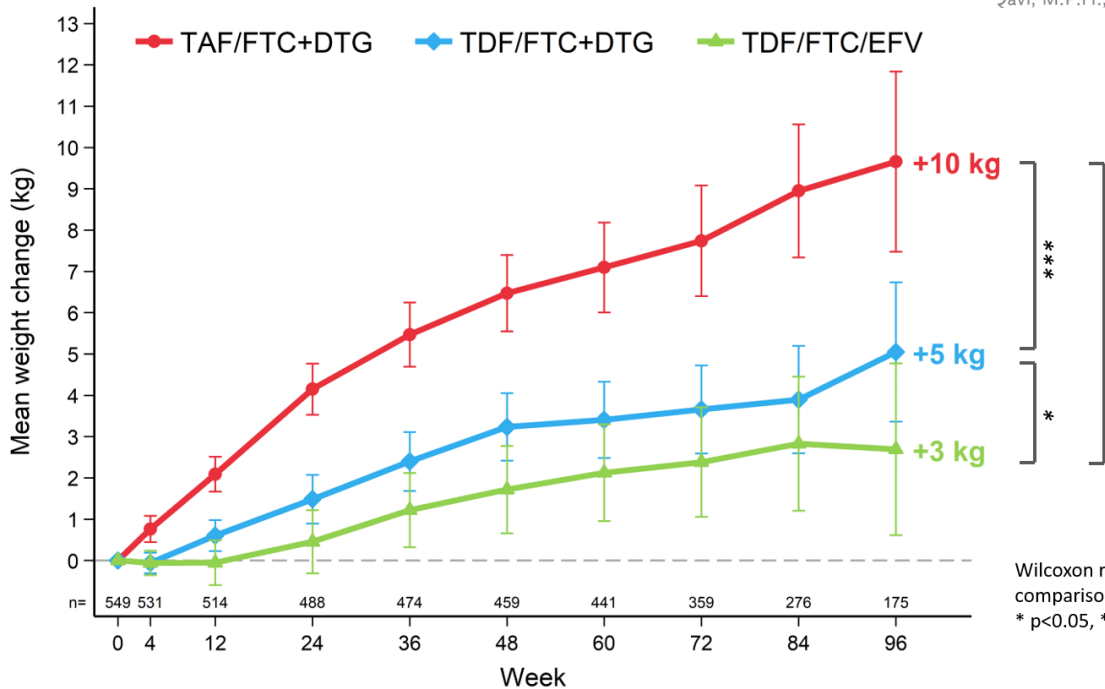




ORIGINAL ARTICLE

### Dolutegravir plus Two Different Prodrugs of Tenofovir to Treat HIV

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# But...

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- **Little change in glucose, lipids, blood pressure after 192 weeks (and now after 6 years) – except for EFV**



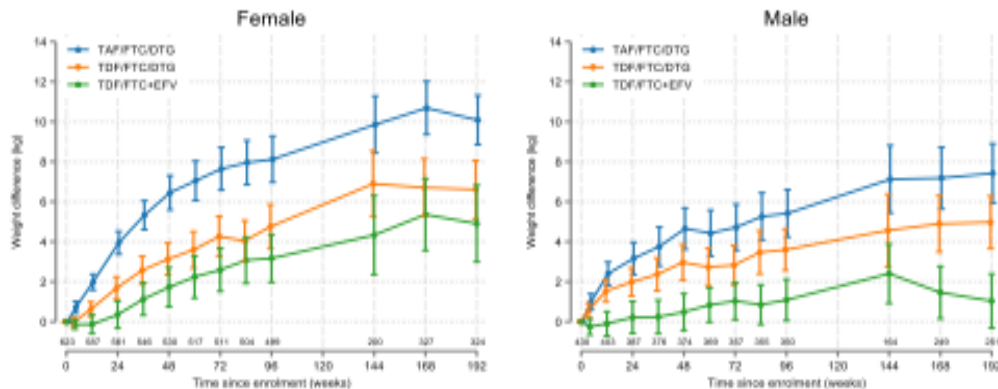
# CYP2B6 Genotype and Weight Gain Differences Between Dolutegravir and Efavirenz

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Slow metabolisers of EFV LOST all the weight – medium/fast metabolisers of EFV = DTG for weight gain!!

CID, 2020

ADVANCE: Weight change from baseline over time



# But why did you not notice?

ORIGINAL RESEARCH

Journal of Virus Eradication 2020; 6: 70–73

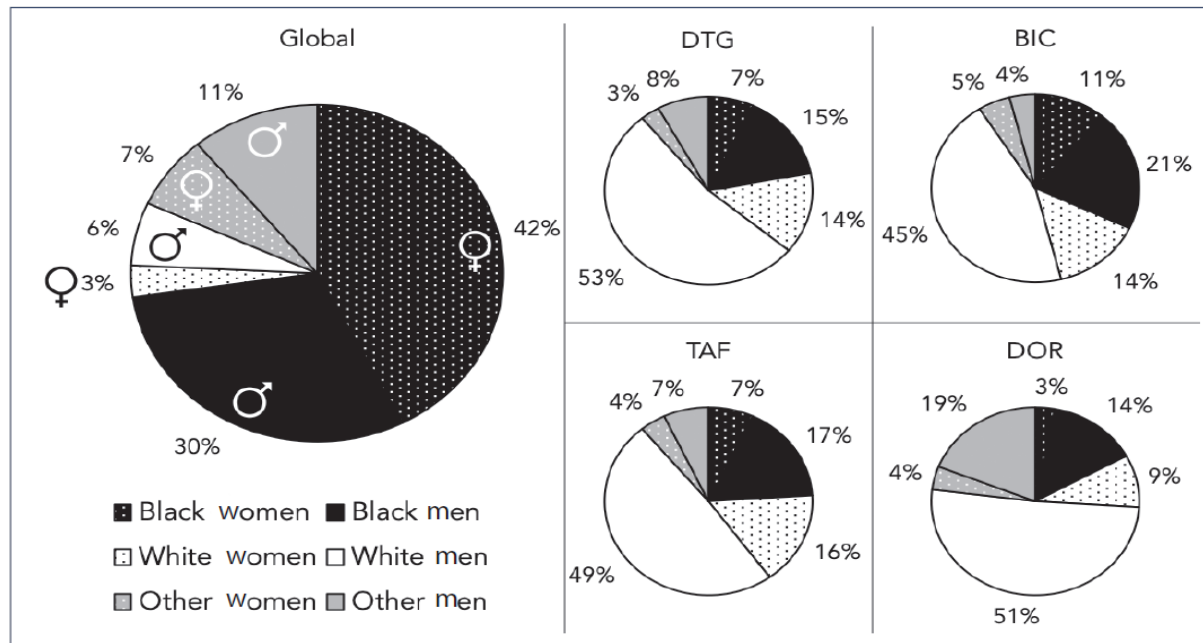
## Phase 3 trials of new antiretrovirals are not representative of the global HIV epidemic

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- **Most registration studies done in white males for almost all newer antiretrovirals**



**Figure 1.** Estimated global demographics of PLWH vs RCT demographics. Percentages may be rounded up to make 100. Data are given as percentage. BIC: bictegravir; DOR: doravirine; DTG: dolutegravir; PLWH: people living with HIV; RCT: randomised controlled trial; TAF: tenofovir alafenamide.

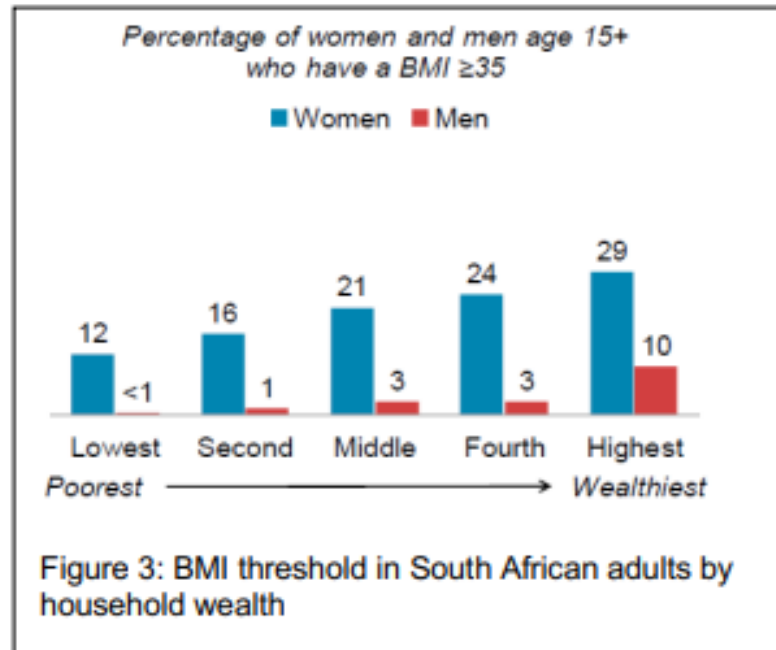
# So where have we landed with weight and ARVs?

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- **Efavirenz slow-metabolisers are the one's who have less weight gain and associated with side effects – not a good switch option**
- **DTG not driving weight gain**
- **No data to firmly support any switch strategy from INSTI-regimens for weight gain (yet) – watch islatravir and lenocapavir vs Bictarvy data!**
- **?role of TAF in weight gain – most KOLs think not**
- **Clear TDF mitigates weight gain – but modest**
- **Weight gain significant if ART started in:**
  - Advanced disease – low CD4, high VL
  - Black
  - Women
  - **VERY important – including in switch patients (the majority of the world)**

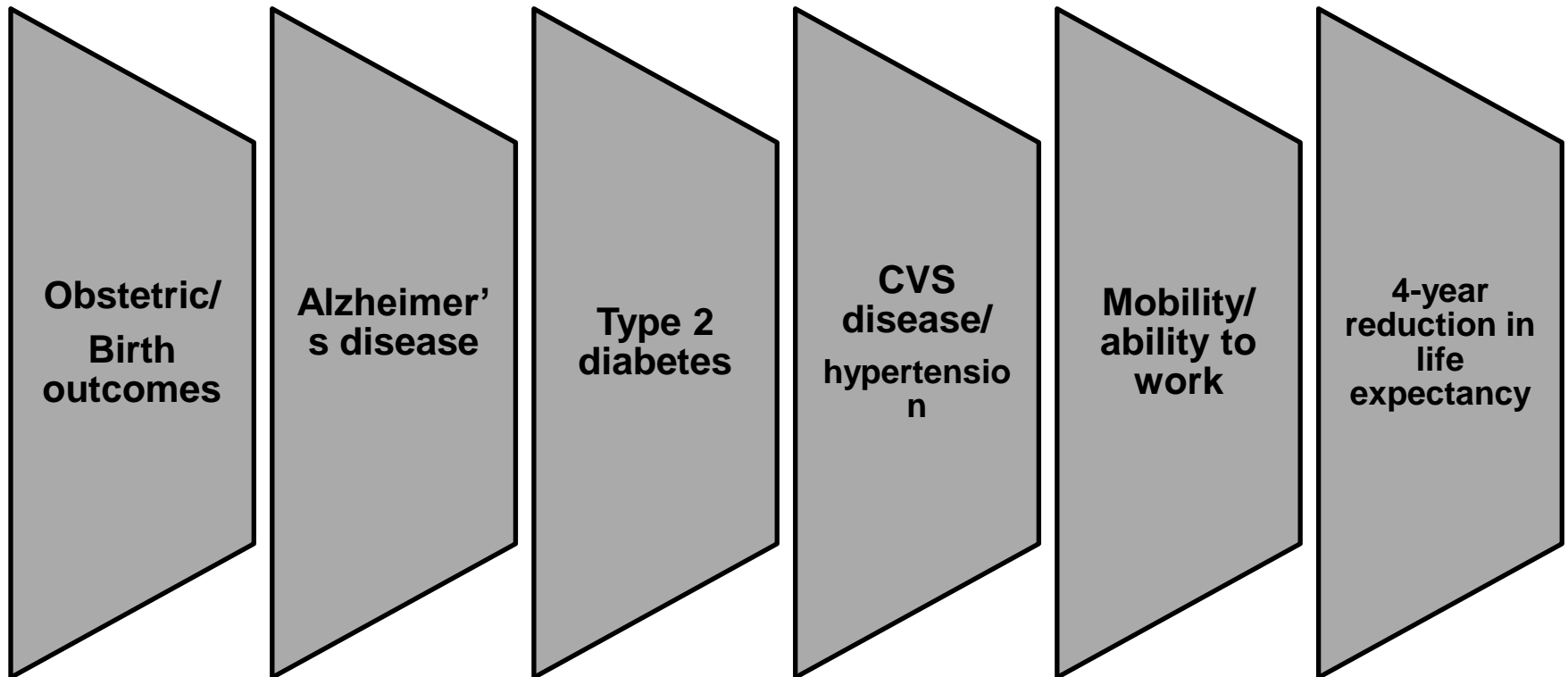
# Pretty scary scenario possible...

- Obesity occurs on ALL modern ART – scary in midst of existing epidemic
- Obesity physiologist at CROI 2019: Obesity a predictable response to suppression of inflammation
- Did we miss all this with d4T, TDF and EFV?



# Clinical implications of obesity in HIV-negative (BMI $\geq$ 30kg/m<sup>2</sup>)

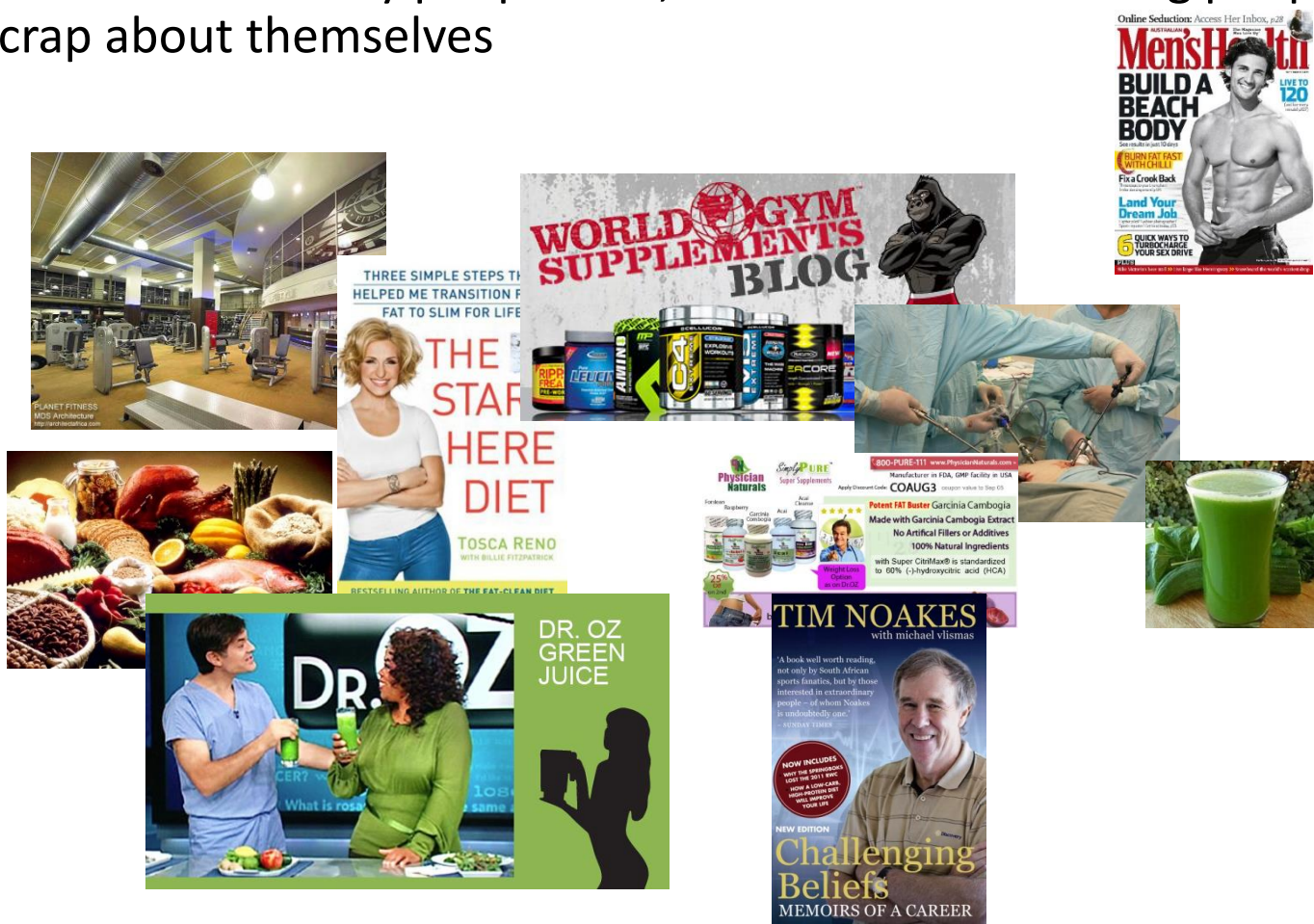
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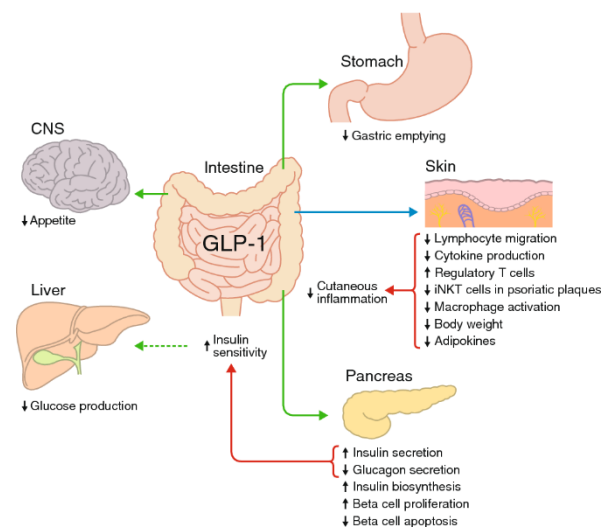
# People make a LOT of money from making you feel horrible about your body – implicated in everything from depression to anorexia

- And we've made many people rich, and colluded in making people feel crap about themselves



# HIV and obesity sound a lot alike...

- **THIS physician has had to re-learn everything he knew**
- **Obesity = HIV in many ways; stigma, drugs, treatment approaches**
- **Obesity=diabetes: progressive, lifelong**
- **Field has changed vastly**
  - World of controversy
  - Pathways, hormones, understandings of mechanisms of weight gain
  - Language – mind your p’s and q’s
  - And new drugs and hope (and politics!)



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Review > [J Cachexia Sarcopenia Muscle](#). 2019 Feb;10(1):9-13. doi: 10.1002/jcsm.12378. Epub 2019 Jan 17.

Flawed methods and inappropriate conclusions for health policy on overweight and obesity: the Gloc BMI Mortality Collaboration meta-analysis

Katherine M Flegal<sup>1</sup>, John P A Ioannidis<sup>1 2 3 4</sup>, Wolfram Doehner<sup>5 6 7</sup>

NCHS Data Brief ■ No. 82 ■ January 2012

Prevalence of Obesity in the United States, 2009–2010

Cynthia L. Ogden, Ph.D.; Margaret D. Carroll, M.S.P.H.; Brian K. Kit, M.D., M.P.H.; and Katherine M. Flegal, Ph.D.

# Reasons for obesity

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- **Lay public and most health workers: poor self control, laziness, not enough exercise – its your fault**
- **Obesity experts – social determinants, genes, modern food – it's the environment, stupid**

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# Weight gain and obesity


- Traditional medical advice: “*move more and eat less*” – which do not work for weight loss by themselves
- New medications (and old medications) – 15-20% weight loss routinely after 14-15 months
- But cost eye-watering!
- But need to address food industry
- Civil society alliances forcing government to action

and warning labels for unhealthy food

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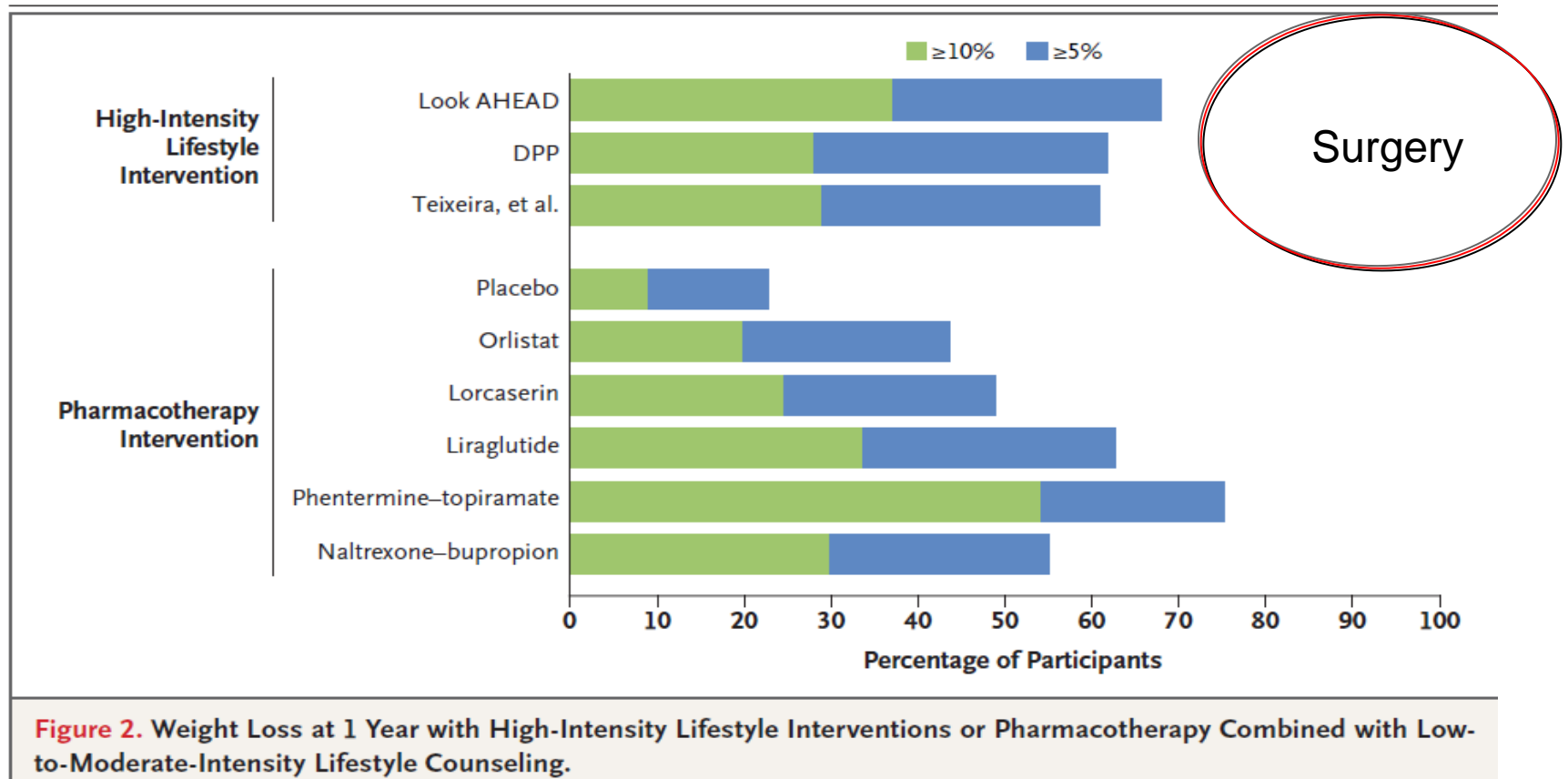
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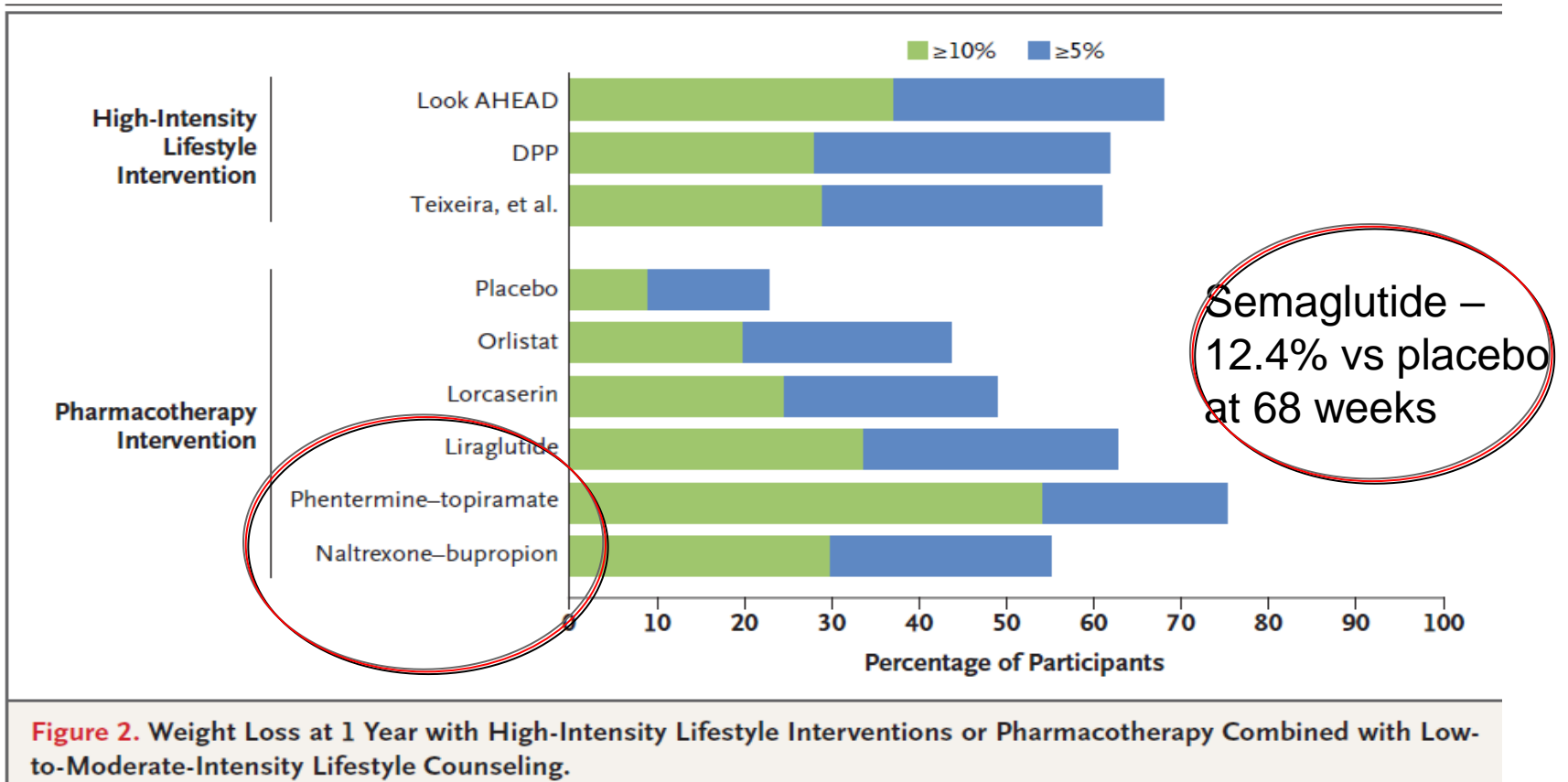
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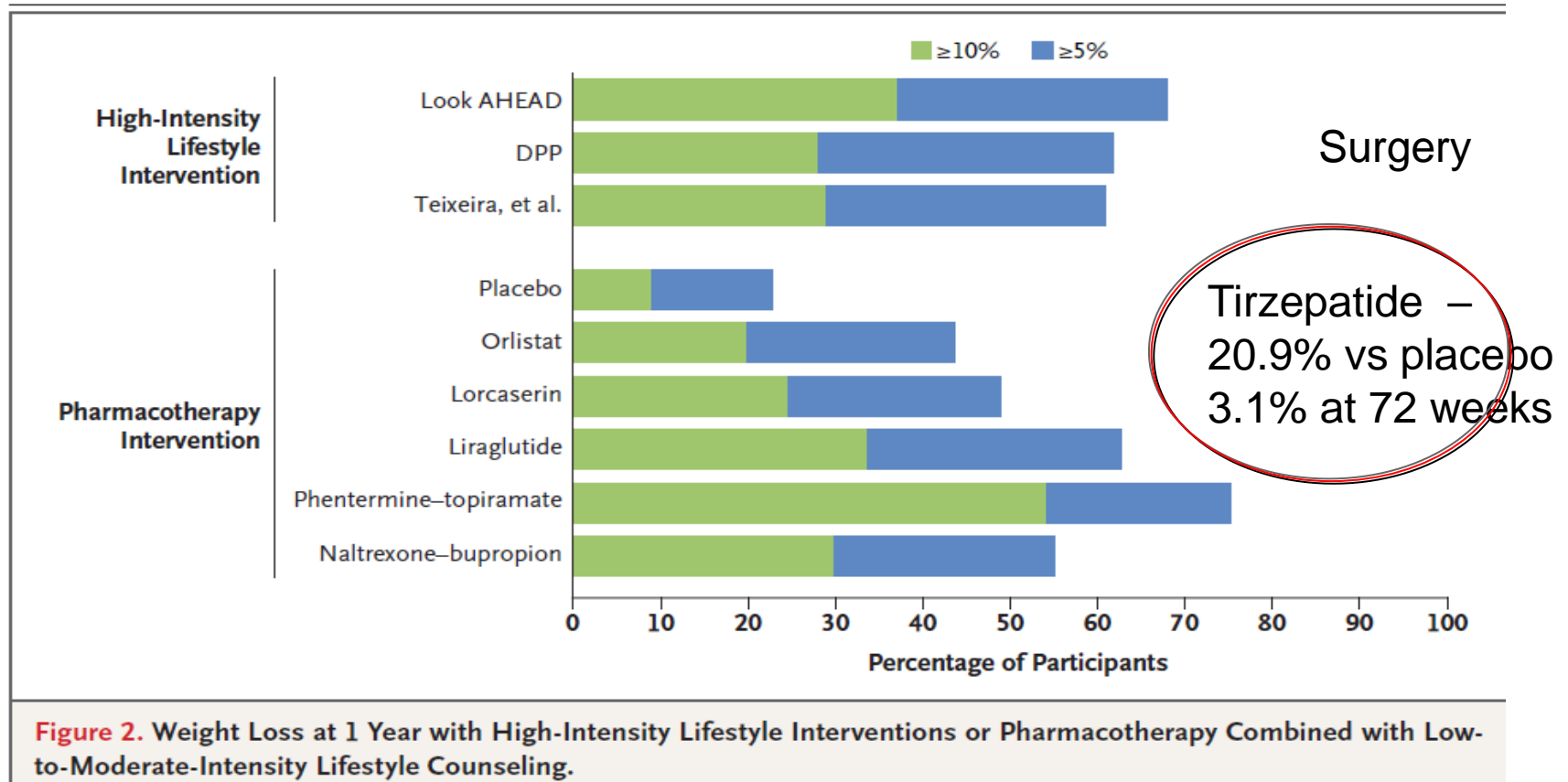
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# New agents

Table 2 | Weight loss drugs in clinical development

Agent	Company	Development stage	Indication	ClinicalTrials.gov ID/ref.†
<b>GLP1/glucagon dual agonists</b>				
Cotadutide (MED0382)	AstraZeneca	Phase II	T2D, NASH	NCT04019561 NCT03235050
BI 454906	Boehringer Ingelheim	Phase II	Obesity, T2D	NCT04153929
Elinogepptide (***GLP/GCG)	Hammi Pharmaceutical	Phase II	NASH	NCT0486392
OXM	Eli Lilly	Phase I	T2D	See Related links
<b>GLP1/GLP1 dual agonists</b>				
Tirzepatide	Eli Lilly	Phase III	Obesity, T2D	NCT04657003
GLP1/GLP peptide I	Eli Lilly	Phase I	T2D	See Related links
GLP1/GLP peptide II	Eli Lilly	Phase I	T2D	See Related links
NN9709	Novo Nordisk	Discontinued	Obesity, T2D	See Related links
<b>GLP1/GLP1/glucagon tri-agonists</b>				
HM15211 (***Triple Agonist)	Hammi Pharmaceutical	Phase II	NASH	NCT04505436
GCG tri-agonist	Eli Lilly	Phase I	T2D	See Related links
NN9423	Novo Nordisk	Discontinued	Obesity, T2D	See Related links
<b>GLP1R agonists</b>				
GLP1R agonist long acting	Eli Lilly	Phase I	T2D	See Related links
ZP 6590	Zealand Pharma	Preclinical	Obesity	See Related links
<b>GLP1R agonists</b>				
Elpeglenatide (***Exd4 Analog)	Hammi Pharmaceutical	Phase III	T2D	NCT03353350 NCT03496298
Rybelus	Novo Nordisk	Phase III	Obesity	NCT03919929
Danuglipron (PF-06882961)	Pfizer	Phase II	Obesity, T2D	NCT04073133 NCT03985293
GLP1R-NPA	Eli Lilly	Phase I	T2D	See Related links
PF-07081532	Pfizer	Phase I	T2D	NCT04305587
<b>Glucagon analogue</b>				
HM15136 (***Glucagon Analog)	Hammi Pharmaceutical	Phase I	Obesity	See Related links
<b>Leptin sensitizers</b>				
Withalerin A	Academic, non-commercial	Phase I	Obesity, T2D	291
Celastrol	Academic, non-commercial	Preclinical	Obesity, T2D	291
Leptin/amylin	Amylin Pharmaceuticals	Discontinued	Obesity, T2D	See Related links
<b>Y2R agonists</b>				
PYY analogue	Eli Lilly	Phase I	T2D	See Related links
NN9748 (NN9747)	Novo Nordisk	Phase I	Obesity, T2D	NCT03574584
NNC0165-1875 + semaglutide	Novo Nordisk	Phase II	Obesity, T2D	NCT04969939
<b>Amylin/calcitonin dual agonists</b>				
KBP-089	Nordic Biosciences	Phase I	T2D	NCT03907202
KBP-042	Nordic Biosciences	Discontinued	T2D	NCT03230786
Davalentide	Amylin Pharmaceuticals	Discontinued	Obesity, T2D	See Related links
<b>Amylin analogues</b>				
Cagrilintide	Novo Nordisk	Phase II	Obesity, T2D	NCT04940078 NCT04982575
ZP 8396	Zealand Pharma	Preclinical	Obesity	See Related links

- ?how long do we take the drugs?
- Side effects of new agents?
- Will people take injections?  
Titrations are complex
- Cost \$\$\$\$

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## REVIEW ARTICLE

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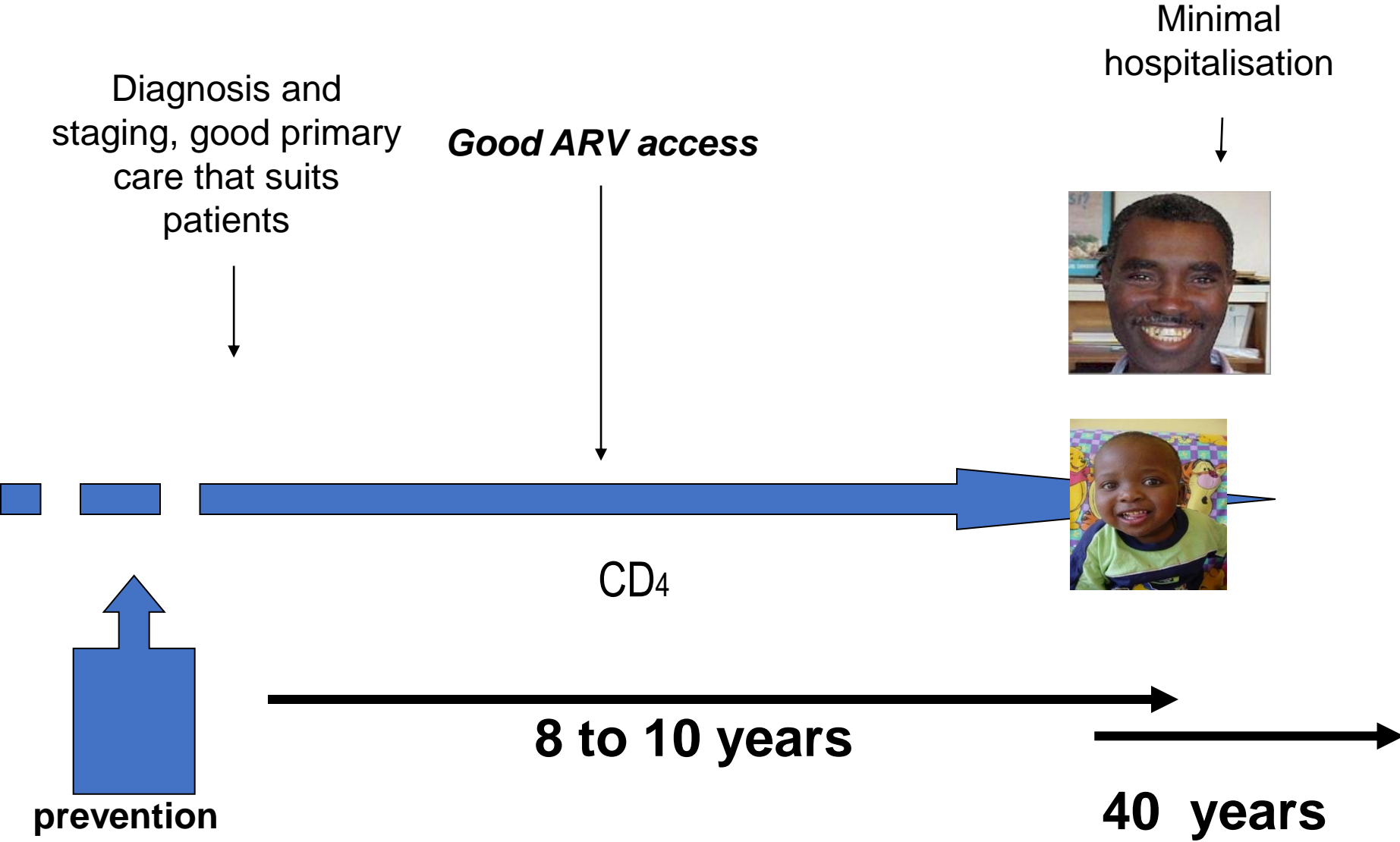
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**A**DIPOSE TISSUE IS AN UNDERAPPRECIATED AND MISUNDERSTOOD ORGAN. Capable of more than doubling in mass and then returning to baseline,<sup>1</sup> white adipose tissue (WAT) continues to play an essential role in the development of humans. WAT efficiently stores sufficient energy to free us from constantly seeking food, permitting us to devote our physical and mental efforts to



# Vision... chronic care



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# People Worldwide Living Longer, but Not Necessarily in Good Health

By Kelly Young

## Global, regional, and national disability-adjusted life years (DALYs) for 306 diseases and injuries and healthy life expectancy (HALE) for 188 countries, 1990–2013: quantifying the epidemiological transition



GBD 2013 DALYs and HALE Collaborators\*

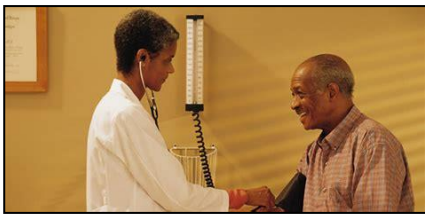
### Summary

**Background** The Global Burden of Disease Study 2013 (GBD 2013) aims to bring together all available epidemiological data using a coherent measurement framework, standardised estimation methods, and transparent data sources to enable comparisons of health loss over time and across causes, age–sex groups, and countries. The GBD can be used to generate summary measures such as disability-adjusted life-years (DALYs) and healthy life expectancy (HALE) that make possible comparative assessments of broad epidemiological patterns across countries and time. These summary measures can also be used to quantify the component of variation in epidemiology that is related to sociodemographic development.

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# Final thoughts for HIV management

- Basics – adherence, adherence, adherence – rather than ARV selection
- Don't forget TB prevention, reproductive choices – easy now
- Anticipate weight gain: Encourage exercise and good diet but don't link to weight loss
- Unlikely ART switches will make a differences
- Thoughtful management of metabolic complications – lipids, glucose, blood pressure
- Watch the obesity therapeutics space – coming!
- Focus on quality of life

