

SOCIAL SCIENCE OF UNIVERSAL TEST AND TREAT NETWORK

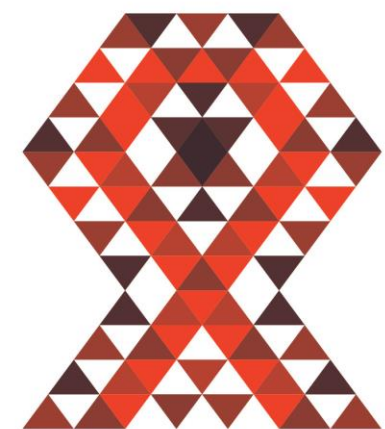


Exploring critical social science questions for the implementation of 'universal test and treat' approaches to HIV prevention and care in sub-Saharan Africa

More than 30 years into HIV/AIDS in Africa, new treatment and prevention tools have brought us within reach of ending the epidemic. With this goal in view, the rapid expansion of testing and treatment programs has become a priority in many HIV/AIDS-affected regions. In sub-Saharan Africa, several large-scale trials are examining different ways of expanding HIV testing and treatment access at the population level—an approach called universal test and treat.

In this satellite session at the 2016 International AIDS Conference, researchers and partners across the trials will examine the critical role of social science research in efforts to expand HIV testing and treatment programs. Drawing on new research in a forthcoming special issue of *AIDS Care*, panelists will examine the importance of understanding the social, political and economic contexts that impact how people use new HIV technologies. They also will discuss the potential effects of rolling out universal test and treat programs globally, as well as the role of social science in HIV/AIDS research and programs more broadly.

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