



## **HIV in Europe 2007**

Working Together for  
Optimal Testing and Earlier Care  
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# Closing

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# Conference objectives

**To highlight the rising number of newly diagnosed people living with HIV in Europe who are unaware of their serostatus**

**To identify political, structural, clinical and social barriers to achieving optimal testing and counselling, and earlier care for HIV/AIDS**

**To promote public health best practices and guidance found in Europe with regard to HIV testing, counselling and care**

# Overcoming obstacles to optimal testing/earlier care

## Barrier:

- **Medical practice**

- People present too late to receive full benefit from care and treatment

- **Public health**

- Human and financial costs associated with the undiagnosed and late presentation

- **Social environment**

- Stigma – multi-faceted, complex issue

## Action:

Indicator Disease Guidance

Incentives for service providers to optimise testing and counselling (applying “3 C’s” principles)

Work to decriminalise HIV-related laws, including remove travel restrictions applying a human rights framework

## Other conclusions

- Different stakeholder groups → strength in collaboration, but this is a first step only
- More research is needed
- Better surveillance is needed
- More funding mechanisms are required
- Need to mobilise political leadership and influence EU and UN institutions to keep HIV high on political agendas

## Next steps

- Slide presentations and videos of plenaries will be posted to website by Thursday/Friday
  - [www.hiveurope2007.eu](http://www.hiveurope2007.eu)
- “Testing Times” report from London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine to be published in Q1 2008
- Supplement in *HIV Medicine* to be published early 2008
- Steering committee to meet in Jan/Feb 2008 to discuss future activities



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**Thank you for your  
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