

HIV Screening In Dental Settings: The Role of Salivary Diagnostics

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Background for US

- ✓ 25% of persons do not know they are infected
- ✓ These 25% account for 55% of new infections
- ✓ 31% of those who test positive do not receive their results

Awareness of Serostatus Among People with HIV and Estimates of Transmission



People with HIV/AIDS: 1,039,000 – 1,185,000

New Sexual Infections per Year: ~36,000

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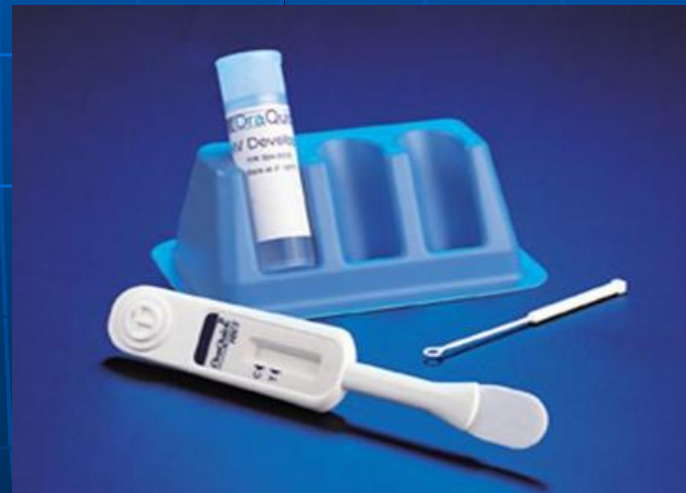
2006 CDC Recommendations for HIV Screening

- ✓ Routine screening of all patients ages 13-64
- ✓ Screening should be repeated for persons at high risk at least annually
- ✓ Voluntary screening with patient's consent
- ✓ Prevention counseling is not recommended

Why Screen for HIV in a Dental Clinic?

✓ Because we can!

- ➡ FDA approved oral-based rapid test
- ➡ Can be performed by non-laboratory personnel



OraQuick: Oral fluid, serum, whole blood

A better Life

Health, education & science

FDA approves rapid oral test for HIV

On-the-spot testing for the AIDS virus is getting easier: The government has approved the first oral HIV test that gives results in 20 minutes. Until now, rapid HIV testing required pricking a person's finger to test a spot of blood. With the new alternative from OraSure Technologies Inc., health workers simply wipe a treated cotton swab along the gums, picking up not saliva but cells lining the mouth. Infection is signaled by the presence of reddish-purple lines that appear in a window on the dipstick-like device. The rapid blood test was hailed when it won approval in November 2002, the rapid oral test may further expand efforts to get more high-risk people tested — because some people shun blood tests and because needle-free testing is safer for health workers, too.

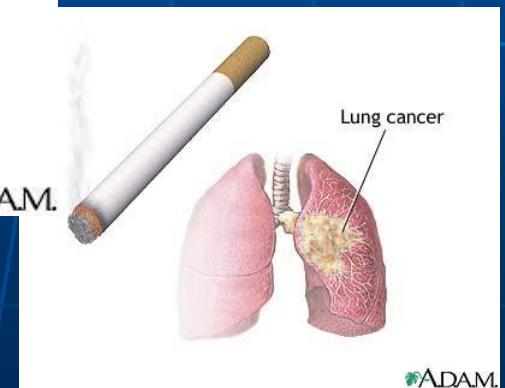
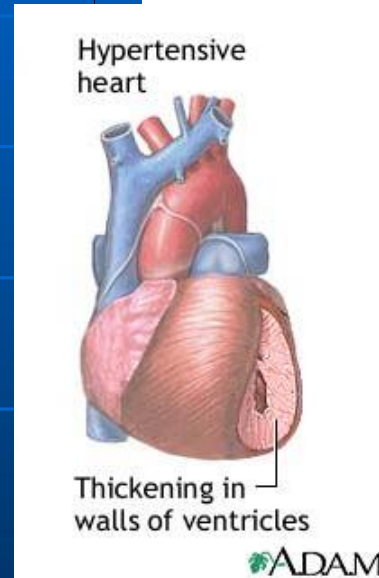
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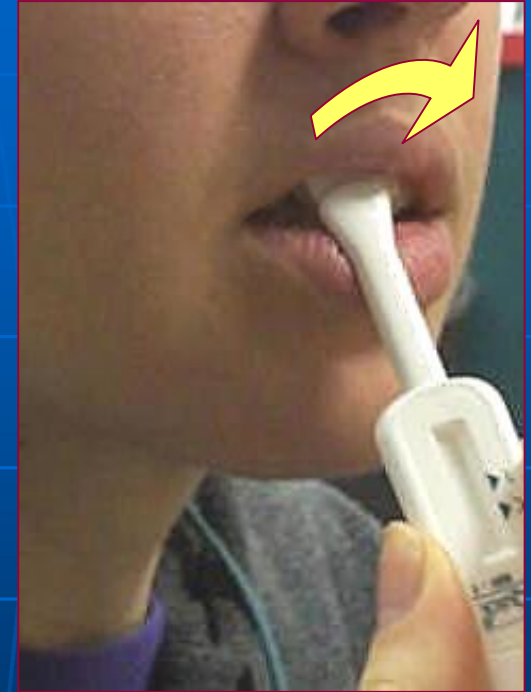
Why Screen for HIV in a Dental Clinic?

- ✓ Provides an additional setting for early entry in to the medical system (for many individuals a dental visit may be their only healthcare encounter)
- ✓ It is cost saving
- ✓ Provides opportunity for DHCP to play a more integral role in patient's overall health

Role of Dental Providers



Specimen Collection for HIV Antibodies



Oral tissue/fluid is collected by swabbing the upper and lower gums with flat pad of the test device. Device is then placed in vial containing buffered saline solution.

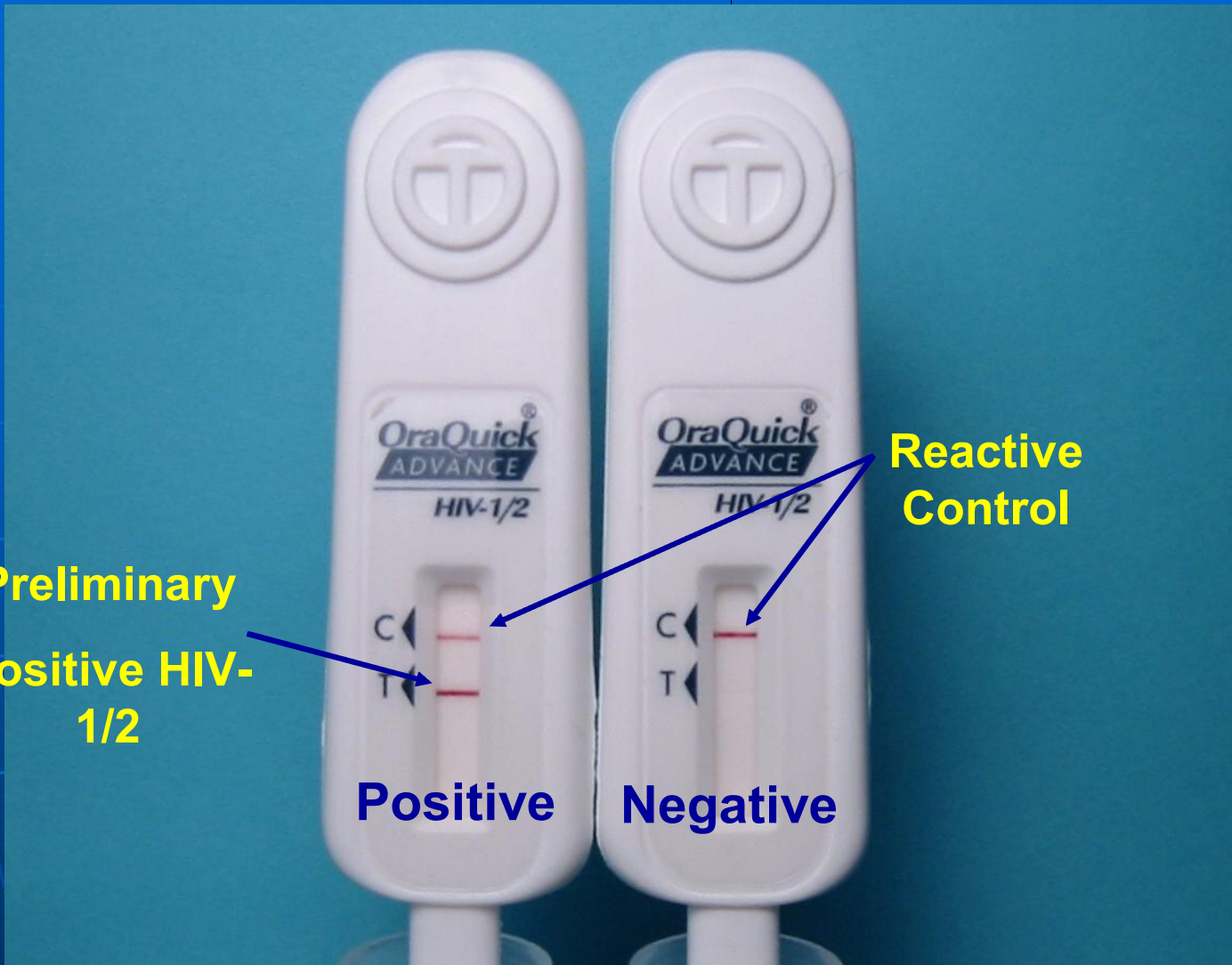
**Preliminary
Positive HIV-
1/2**

Positive

Negative

**Reactive
Control**

Read results in 20-40 minutes



CDC Projects - Background

- ✓ 1999 - CDC funded University of North Carolina to explore the feasibility of HIV counseling and testing in dental offices
- ✓ 2002 - Explored the benefits of using rapid HIV testing for postexposure management
- ✓ 2005 - Conducted a cost-benefit study of HIV screening in dental offices
- ✓ 2005-06 – Convened two meetings of national experts and community health center dentists

Implications for Dental Clinics

- ✓ Who should administer the test and provide results?
- ✓ How will patients be linked to confirmatory testing and medical follow-up?
- ✓ How will confidentiality be assured?
- ✓ Who will pay for the test?

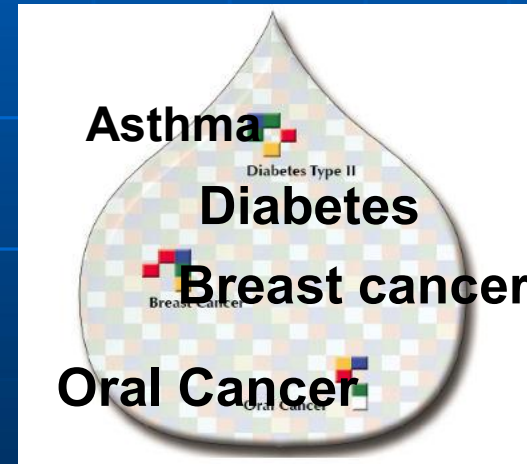
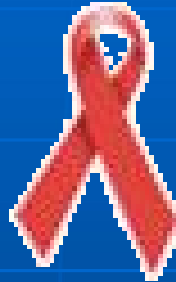
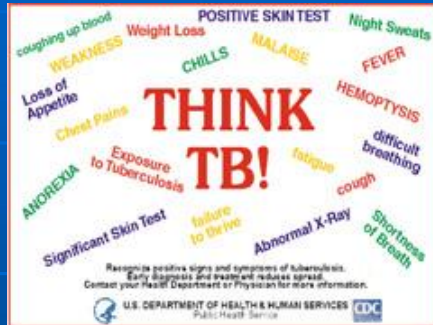
Benefits of Screening in Community Health Center Dental Clinics

- ✓ HIV prevalence among patients is higher than in the general population
- ✓ Existing infrastructure
- ✓ Likelihood of receiving results is higher

Future Directions

- ✓ Conduct demonstration projects to determine feasibility
 - ➡ Target community health centers
- ✓ Develop and implement operational models and best practices

Salivary Diagnostics



Bundling of Screening Tests

- ✓ Conduct a panel of screening tests for chronic and infectious diseases from a single sample of saliva
 - ➡ Patients may be more willing to accept
 - ➡ Cost effective in terms of time and resources
 - ➡ Dental providers are more likely to be reimbursed

Summary

- ✓ Current recommendations favor HIV screening in dental settings
- ✓ Oral-based, rapid test makes it feasible for dental settings
- ✓ Community health center dental clinics most favorable type setting
- ✓ Limited window of opportunity
 - ➔ Interested settings are eager to begin now
 - ➔ Home HIV test may be available in future

QUESTIONS?

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Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA)

- ✓ Law specifies that laboratory requirements be based on the complexity of the test performed and establishes provisions for categorizing a test as waived.
- ✓ Waived tests are defined as simple laboratory examinations and procedures that are so simple and accurate as to render the likelihood of erroneous results negligible; or pose no reasonable risk of harm to the patient if the test is performed incorrectly.