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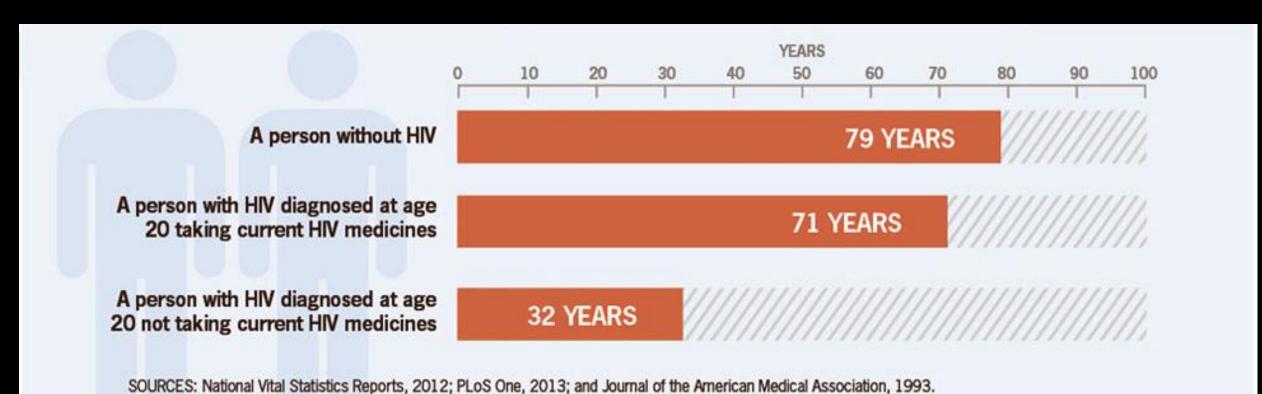
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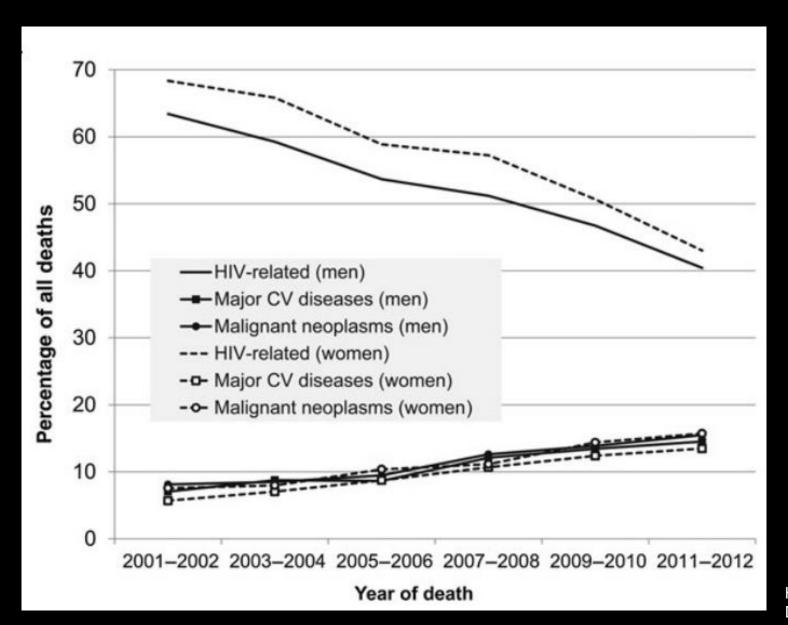
# Cardiovirology Clinic for Primary Prevention in HIV Patients: a Quality Improvement Assessment

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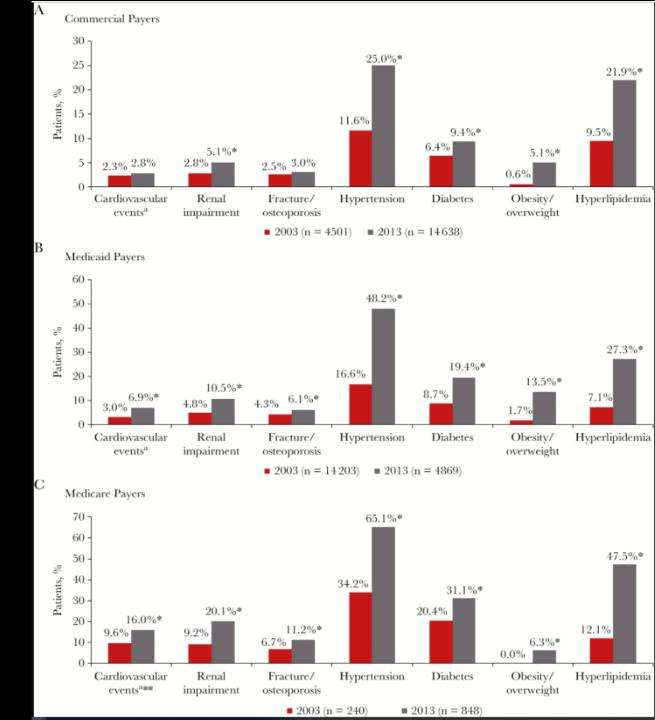
# Improving Life Expectancy of HIV Patients



### Increase in CV related mortality



# Comorbidities in the U.S. HIV population



#### HIV and Relative Risk of ASCVD

- 50-100% higher risk of major adverse cardiovascular events (MACE)
  - Cardiovascular death
  - Non-fatal myocardial infarction
  - Non-fatal stroke
  - Need for major revascularization

#### Traditional Risk Factors for ASCVD

- Smoking
- Age
- Hypertension
- Dyslipidemia
- Family history of premature ASCVD
- Diabetes

# Effect of smoking prevalence in developing ASCVD in HIV patients

	General Population	HIV Population
% of US adults who are current smokers	21%	46-76%
Increased risk in developing ASCVD	3 fold	4-5 fold

Smoking (frequency and impact) accounts for ~25% of higher attributable risk of MACE in patients living with HIV

#### Vascular Inflammation and ASCVD

- Vascular inflammation increases ASCVD and event risk
- HIV causes chronic inflammation
- Inflammatory biomarkers: C-reactive protein, IL-6, TNF receptor II, endothelial activation marker

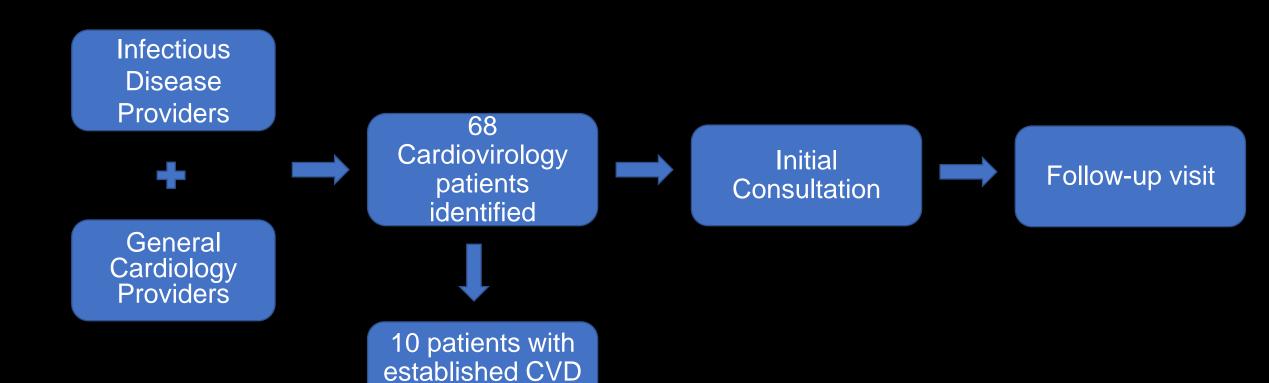
	Participants with CVD event	Participants without CVD event
C-Reactive Protein (hsCRP) (μg/mL)	3.34	1.67
Interleuken-6 (IL-6) (pg/mL)	3.07	1.72
D-Dimer (μg/mL)	0.31	0.20

Duprez et al., PLoS ONE. 2012: 7(9)

### Cardiovirology Clinic

- A senior ETSU Heart faculty cardiologist established a Cardiovirology clinic at the ETSU Center of Excellence for HIV/AIDS care in September 2017 to provide:
  - Primary prevention of major CV events in HIV population
  - Secondary prevention and disease management in HIV patients with established CVD
  - Aggressive intervention consistent with AHA/ACC guidelines and recent research
  - Coordination with PCP and HIV practitioners, pharmacists and other members of interdisciplinary team

#### Patient Identification



excluded

#### Methods -1

D:A:D 5-year risk score (reduced model) calculated at initial consult and most recent visits. Data elements include:

- Age
- Sex
- Present or past smoking history
- History of premature ASCVD in first degree relatives
  - (<55 yo male, <65 yo female)
- Diabetes
- CD4 cell count
- Systolic BP
- Total Cholesterol
- HDL Cholesterol



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Tools & Standards Clinical risk scores

#### Welcome to the Risk Assesment Tool System (RATS). Please select the desired values from the list below. Cardiovascular Kidney General EuroSida AIDS/Death risk score D:A:D (R) CVD 5 and 10 year risk score Estimated glomerular filtration rate FENCE score D:A:D (F) CVD 5 and 10 year risk score Short chronic kidney disease risk score 0 Framingham CVD 5 and 10 year risk score Full chronic kidney disease risk score 0 0 MI Number needed to harm 0 Please fill out the following form consisting of 10 items. 1. Age: yr ▼

mg/dL ▼

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9. Total cholesterol:

10. HDL:

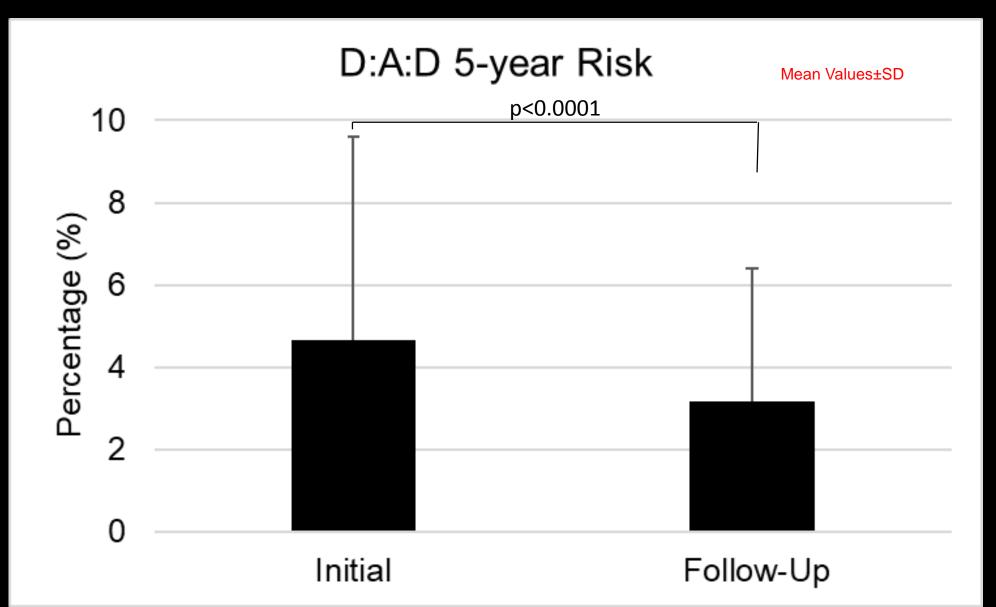
#### Methods -2

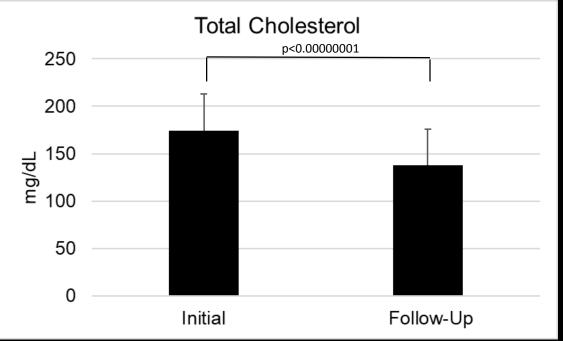
- Additional Data collected:
  - Personal History of ASCVD
  - Body-mass index and systolic (SBP) and diastolic (DBP) blood pressures
  - Laboratory Values
    - CD<sub>4</sub> count
    - HIV-1 viral load
    - Proteinuria
    - Estimated glomerular filtration rate
    - Triglycerides (TG)
    - Low Density Lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL)

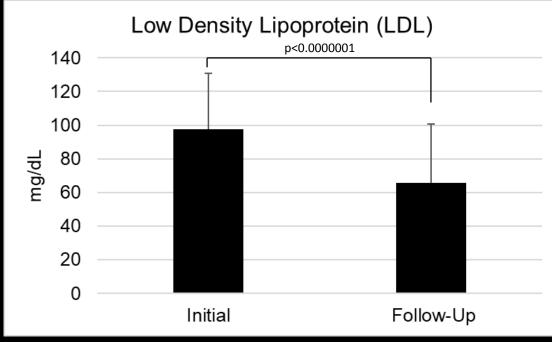
## Analysis

- Univariate analysis
- •Two-tailed, paired T-testing to identify significant differences in mean parameter values (initial vs. most recent visits)
- Significance: p < 0.05

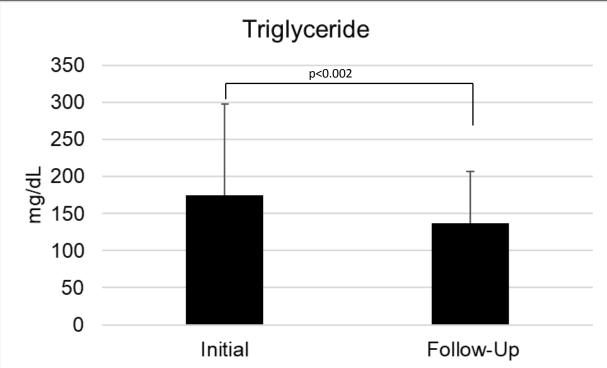
### **Primary Findings**



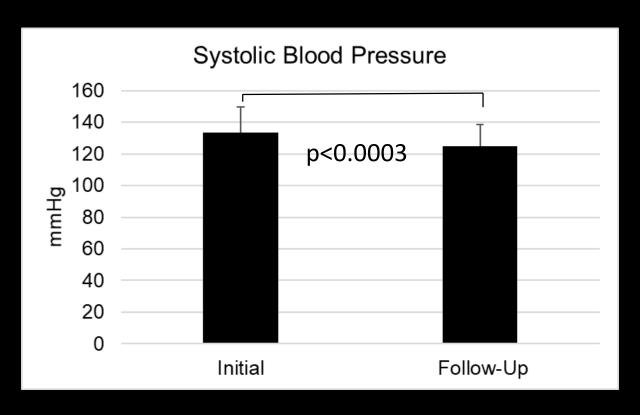


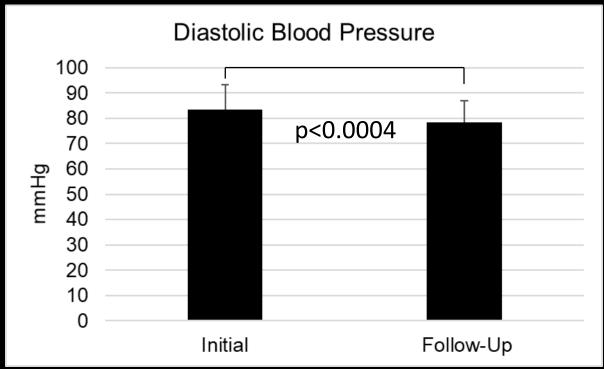


Secondary Findings: Lipids



#### Secondary Findings: Blood Pressure





#### Conclusion

- Patients living with HIV who received primary preventive cardiovascular care in the ETSU Cardiovirology Clinic enjoyed meaningful reductions in their D:A:D 5-yr MACE risk score
- Significant reductions seen in: TG, TC, LDL, SBP, DBP
  - Blood pressure and lipid interventions likely influenced risk reduction
  - Aggressive control may be most important in these well-controlled HIV patients
- Findings suggest the potential efficacy of the Cardiovirology Clinic model

#### Limitations

- Too few data points due to:
  - Short duration of follow up (<1 year)</li>
  - Small patient population (n=58)
- D:A:D risk score surrogate for clinical outcomes
  - All CV risk estimation equations have inherent inaccuracies
- Other risk factor modifications may have been identified as effective with larger patient population and longer follow-up.