



Is Point of Care Testing “Unsafe in The City”?

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Background

- Undiagnosed HIV in UK
- Known benefits of POCT
- MCSH outreach and POCT
 - Back-up serology since 2007





Unsafe Sex in The City



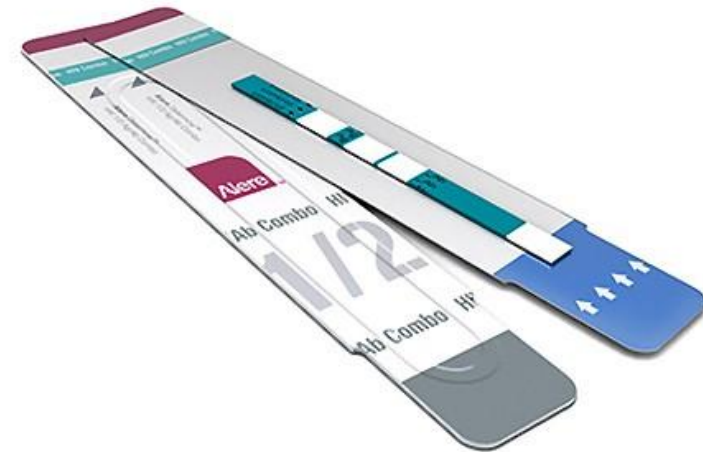


Aims

- To evaluate real time false positives and false negatives with our outreach programme
 - To review the need for back-up serology

Method

- A retrospective review of all Alere Determine™ HIV-1/2 Ag/Ab Combo tests at a Central Manchester outreach services in 2013
- POCT results were compared with concomitant serology





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Discussion

- Importance of counselling at time of test with regard to risk and window periods
- Of the 367 patients who had a POCT, 1 could have slipped through the net without back-up serology
- Manufacturers state that Alere provides an “earlier window of detection” in comparison with 3rd generation tests. It has the “ability to detect HIV sooner than conventional rapid tests”



Conclusion

- In real time POCT showed low sensitivity and PPV
- Specificity and NPV were good
- Counselling dependent on recent sexual history is of paramount importance within POCT programmes
- False negatives remain a possibility



The Future

- Now using INSTI (3rd generation)
 - with back up serology
- Additional sexual health screening
- Plan to review 12 months data

- Home testing is now available to all with well documented advise regarding window periods and re-testing



Questions

