

Engaging communities in advocacy for New Prevention Technologies



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Why do communities want to engage in NPT advocacy?

- It is forward thinking
- It is practical
- It enables us to explore and inform a cross - section of current issues

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Engaging in topical issues

- Safety and appropriateness
- Protecting confidentiality and health of all participants
- Access to care
- Effective and smooth transfer of knowledge and expertise
- Sustained health promotion and education in communities

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Lessons learnt from community engagement

- Challenges in explaining why it takes so long to develop NPTs
- Widespread fears, exacerbated by the media, about the ethics of phase III trials
- Managing expectations around the potential utility of NPTs to HIV positive people and challenging scientists to move forward on addressing this need
- Role of HIV positive women in trials

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Other key advocacy messages

- **NPT field Commitment to Secondary Prevention trials**
- **Increased Involvement & Inclusion of People Living with HIV**
- **Availability, Accessibility & Affordability of NPTs**

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‘Prevention is for life - and it is lifelong, and as such, requires a committed & sustained response’.

