

# National Survey Highlights Potential Barriers to HIV Treatment Use

## Current Treatment Use:

**ONLY  
1 in 3**

Americans living with HIV are taking the medicines they need despite current recommendations advocating for early and widespread treatment.<sup>1</sup>

## Potential Barriers:

**Untreated patients' beliefs may be preventing them from seeking the care and treatment they need.**



**30%** of untreated\* patients believe that the side effects of HIV prescription medicines are worse than HIV itself. Only **15%** of treated\*\* patients agree.

**70%** of treated patients are worried about spreading their HIV to others, compared to only **53%** of untreated patients.

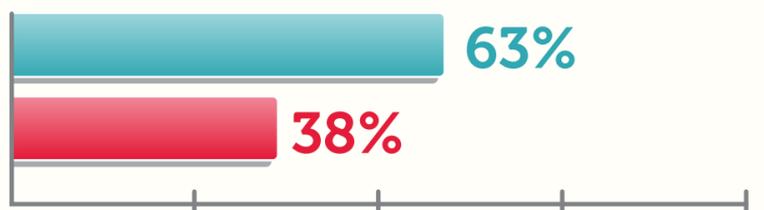


**20%** of untreated patients don't use prescription HIV medicine because once they start, they'll need to be on it for the rest of their lives, but **80%** of treated patients say it makes them feel better, and they can focus on the important things in their life.

## Facts

## Knowledge Differences

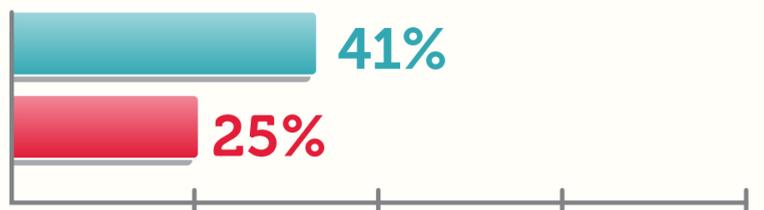
HIV attacks the immune system and body even if the person with HIV does not feel sick.



The human body does not have a natural ability to fight HIV.



Being on HIV prescription medicine lowers the risk of transmitting HIV to someone else.



■ Treated ■ Untreated



A total of **911** HIV-positive (18+) untreated and treated patients were surveyed nationally and in six local markets.<sup>\*\*\*</sup>

Survey conducted online by Harris Interactive on behalf of ViiV Healthcare from May 16-October 8, 2013

<sup>1</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. CDC Fact Sheet HIV in the United States: The Stages of Care. Updated July 2012. Accessed from [http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/research\\_mmp\\_StagesofCare.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/research_mmp_StagesofCare.pdf). Referenced on March 18, 2014.

\* Had never taken prescription medicine to treat their HIV; Untreated (n=159)

\*\* Had begun taking prescription medicine to treat their HIV in the past 5 years; Treated (n=752)

\*\*\* The six cities surveyed in the local sample included New York, N.Y.; Miami, FL; Dallas-Ft. Worth, Texas; San Francisco-Oakland, Calif.; Chicago, Ill.; and Atlanta, Ga.