



MTN-017
Study Recruitment
& Participant Selection

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RECRUITMENT MATERIAL DESIGN CONCEPT





**Is there a place for
a medicated lube in
HIV prevention?**

Could a medicated lube help prevent HIV?

Help us find out. Fenway Health is looking for males and transgender women to participate in a research study of a medicated gel to prevent HIV. Participants will receive up to \$1,000 for their time.

You may be eligible if you are:

- A male or trans woman who has sex with males
- 18 or older
- HIV-negative
- Sexually active



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For more information, call 617.927.6450
or email MTN17@fenwayhealth.org

THE *RIGHT* PARTICIPANT

Clinic staff will routinely assess participant:

- Punctuality and reliability
- Behaviors – respectful and appropriate
- Honest nature
- Literacy and communication skills
- Understanding of the purpose of this study
- Willingness and ability to follow instructions
- Recognition of potential impact to self and/or study if unable to comply with procedures

Ideal characteristics:

- Willing, able, interested; Available, flexible, organized; Motivated to participate; Past research participation; etc.

PRE-SCREENING

Prior to Enrollment prospective participants and clinic staff will interact, at a minimum, via:



** Not inclusive of initial contacts via field recruitment or intra-clinic referral.*

PRE-SCREENING

•Telephone Pre-screen

- Led by Recruitment Team; Participant visit Hx reviewed; Provide study background; Assess initial eligibility

•Pre-screen Consultation

(Telephone PS Eligible & Interested in Proceeding)

- IRB approved 30 minute sessions; Face-to-face meeting and review of key details of study including *MTN-017 Information Sheet*; Q & A; Provide *MTN-017 Informed Consent Booklet*, if appropriate, for review prior to first part of Screening Visit

•Two-part Screening Visit

- Each part (Visit 1.0a and 1.0b) approximately 2 hours; Requires the participant to visit the clinic an additional time prior to enrollment (staff can assess ability to keep appointments, arrive on time, willingness/readiness to complete study visits)

LESSONS LEARNED

•MTN-007

- Detailed explanation of study during recruitment and screening highlighted its clinical complexities up front
- Leveraged referrals from participants, as well as Fenway staff who were able to connect team with prospective/past participants within study population

•MTN-013

- The need to select appropriate forums for recruitment
- Plan to engage/recruit a large enough cohort to account for missed visits, pre-screen/screen fails, external factors that may preclude participation, etc.
- Institution of required 30 minute, in-clinic, pre-screen consultation to answer/ask questions and meet staff

ENHANCING INVOLVEMENT

- **Site Leadership**

- Daily communications via email or in-person; weekly reports of recruitment and study activities

- **Clinical Staff**

- Weekly Operations Team Meeting for staff to review study status, clinical process, and participant retention

- **Counseling Staff**

- BRWG supervision and assessment of counselors

- **Community Engagement**

- Integration of rectal microbicides in biomedical prevention updates to appropriate community stakeholders

- **Recruitment**

- Weekly meetings with clinical and recruitment staff to review the ongoing success of recruitment strategies, and any enrollment or retention issues



THANK YOU!

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