

MTN-003 (VOICE) Operational Reminder: Plasma Archive for Seroconverters

- ❖ **IMPORTANCE:** Blood for plasma archive from Sample 2 is used to confirm study endpoints. The MTN Network Laboratory will test seroconversion specimens from all participants identified with new HIV infection during follow-up. Without the plasma archive from Sample 2, the MTN Network Laboratory may not be able to verify HIV test results and confirm a participant's final HIV status for the primary statistical analysis.
- ❖ **COLLECTION:** Approximately 15 mL of whole blood should be collected to obtain the 6 mL of plasma needed for the archive.
- ❖ **SCHEDULE:** The seroconversion date is the date of the first positive rapid test. Remember to collect plasma archive at the following time points when a participant seroconverts*:



Sample 2	When blood is collected for the Sample 2 Western Blot
1-month post-seroconversion*	Within visit window of next regularly scheduled visit following seroconversion date
3-months post-seroconversion*	61 to 136 days after the seroconversion date
6-months post-seroconversion, and every 6 months thereafter*	Windows based on seroconversion date. See SSP Manual Section 6.

* If the participant enrolls in MTN-015, plasma archives at post-seroconversion visits may be discontinued for MTN-003.

- ❖ **QUESTIONS?** Contact the MTN-003 Management Team (mtn003mgmt@mtnstopshiv.org)