

COULD GOOD POINT-OF-CARE TESTING REVOLUTIONISE ISSUES IN THE REGION?

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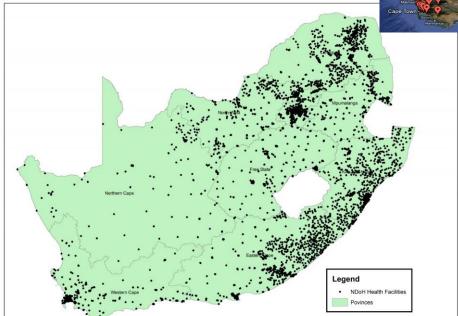
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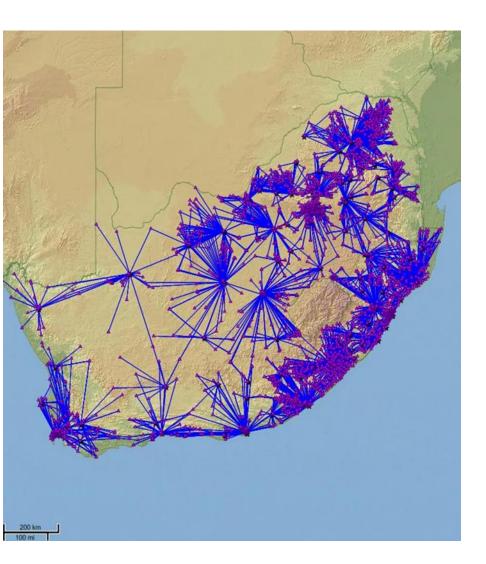
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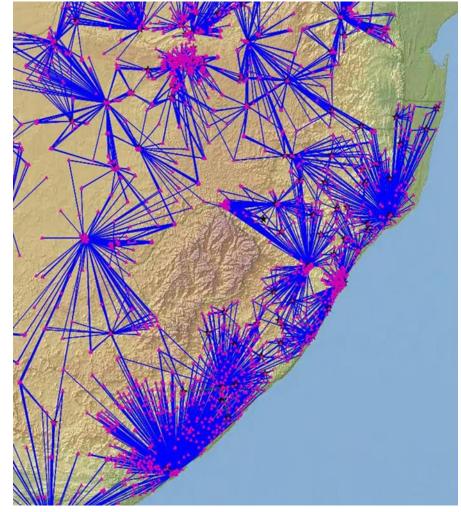




National clinic and laboratory network









New POCTs - What are we trying to achieve?



What are Inputs, Outputs, Outcomes and Impact? The Logic Model Approach



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What are we trying to achieve?



 A fundamental CHANGE intended or unintended in a system or society











Typical development of POCTs



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HIV 1/2

Where do POCTs fit?





Provisioning of Consumables

Patient Registration Consultation and Specimen collection

Clinic Specimen Dispatch

Courier
Transportation
& Delivery



NHLS Specimen Registration NHLS Labelling & Scanning

NHLS Testing of Specimen NHLS Results Publication

Courier

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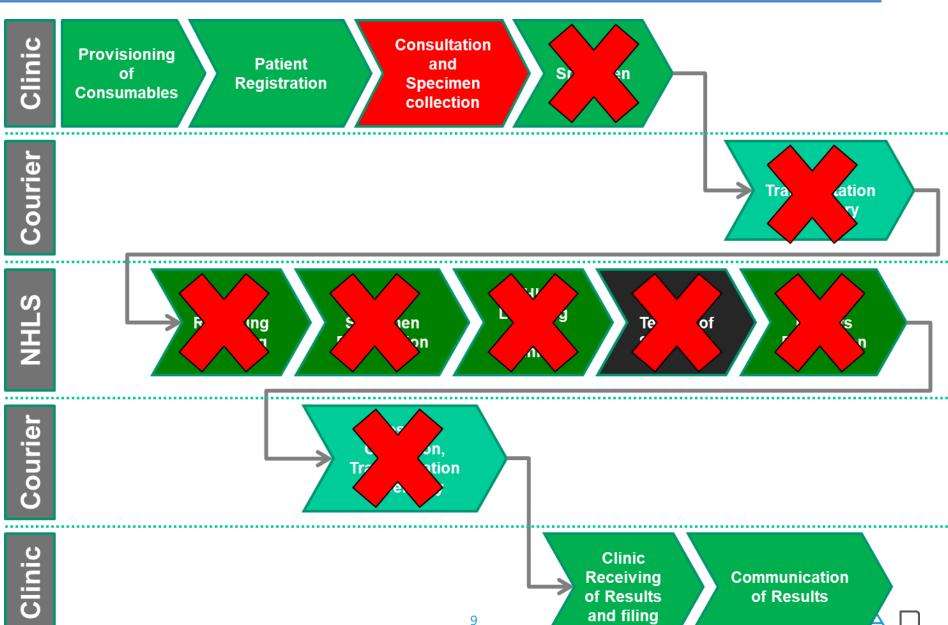
Results
Collection,
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Clinic Receiving of Results and filing

Communication of Results

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Clinic

Provisioning of Consumables

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Consultation and Specimen collection Clinic Specimen Testing -Pre-Analytic Phase

Clinic

Clinic Testing of Specimen Clinic Specimen Testing – Post-Analytic Phase

Clinic Receiving of Results and filing

Communication of Results

COMPLEX RELATIONSHIP TO NATIONAL MODEL



POCT quality falls within a system



- POCT's are a lab test
 - In the hands of non-lab people

Same QA principles

Continuous quality improvement

















POCTs need to have patient impact



Accuracy

- Sensitivity
- Specificity

Improve the patient experience

- Take less time off
- No need to come back again for result
- Home-based



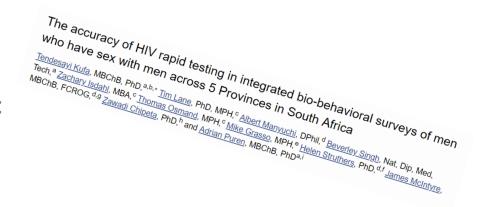


POCT and the 90's – molecular tests



Antibody POCT

Relatively simple and robust



Molecular POCT - Greatest systemic complexity

- Specimen issues
- Specialized human capital
- Infrastructure



Significant opportunity



Do they work in the field?





Field Evaluation of Performance of Alere and Cepheid Qualitative HIV Assays for Pediatric Point-of-Care Testing in an Academic Hospital in Soweto, South Africa

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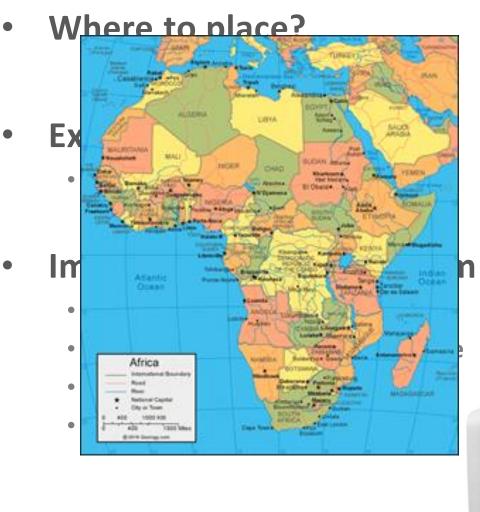
Peripheral clinic versus centralized laboratorybased Xpert MTB/RIF performance: Experience gained from a pragmatic, steppedwedge trial in Botswana

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POCT vs. near-to-care test









Implement immediately across the board?



Operational requirements:

- Uninterrupted power supply
- Ambient temperature no higher than 30°C
- Biosafety equivalent to smear microscopy
- Adequate storage for test kits (or cartridges) at temperatures no higher than 28°C

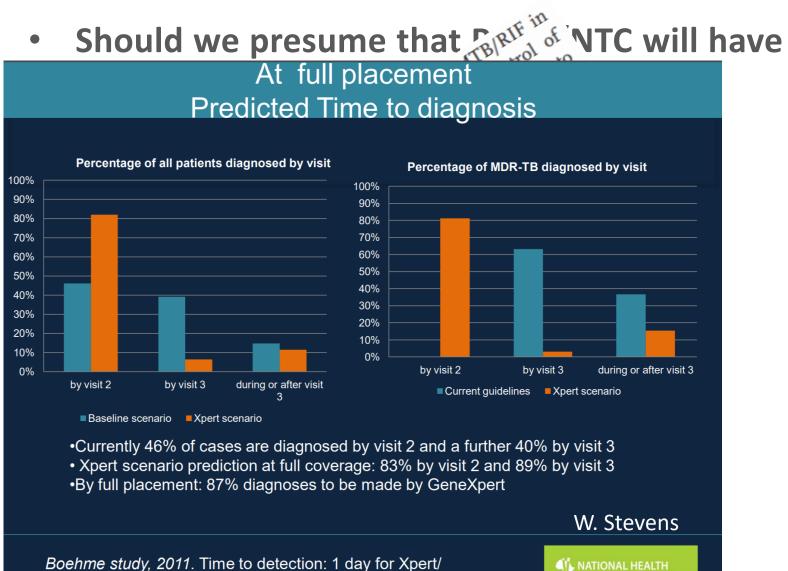






POCT falls within a system







smear, 20 days for LPA, 106 days for DST





Special purpose rapid tests





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Incidence testing

Differentiates between

Recent

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Asanté™ HIV-1 Rapid Recency® Assay for Identification of Recent HIV-1 Infections

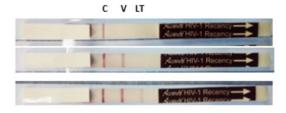


Figure 1. Point-of-Care Recency Test (Asante HIV-1 Rapid Recency Assay) Illustration



- Significar
- Partner testing
- QA issues
- What does positive mean





POCT and connectivity – the importance of data









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YES!

- Define need impact
- Monitor
- Robust policy base
- QA
- Overload existing staff



Concluding thoughts



- Already a game changer
- New age molecular POCT
- Works within a system
 - Cannot presume impact
- Importance of data linkage
- Cost implications
- Need to find ways of expanding in region





MANY THANKS

