



# HIV ABCS NEWSLETTER

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A few quick updates from  
TEAM HIV ABCS:

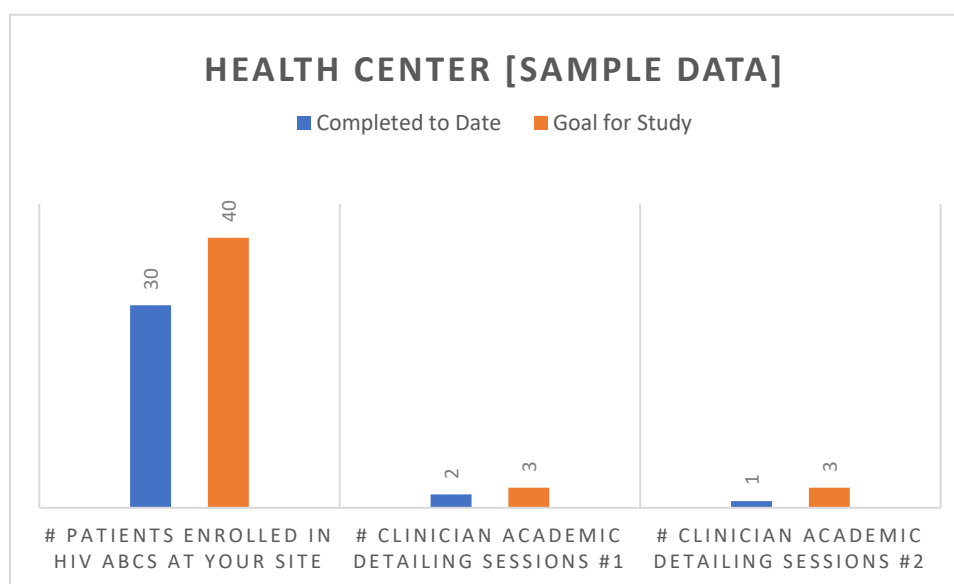
1. We are still enrolling patients via tele-remote methods. Feel free to continue to send referrals.
2. HIV ABCS is a great way to reach patients that may be isolated due to social distance. We send weekly texts to patients encouraging them to take their medications and stay healthy; and peer coaches check in with them monthly by phone to track their progress.
3. Cardiovascular disease is an established risk factor for complications secondary to COVID-19 infections. However, there is no clinical or scientific evidence to show ACES/ARBS independently increase risk among patients with cardiovascular disease. See more on this topic in the *PCN Pharmacy Pearls* from our Clinical Pharmacists **Jineane Venci, PharmD; Erica Dobson, PharmD; Katie Diehl, PharmD; and Jenny Radcliffe, PharmD.** (University of Rochester Medical Center)



*"Theoretically the upregulation of ACE2 with exposure to ACEI/ARBs makes the hypothesis of facilitating transmission valid. However, if anything, cessation of ACEI/ARBs in Covid-19 seems to be associated with increased CV mortality."*

Stephen K. Williams, MD (NYU Langone Health)

## HIV ABCS (GREAT2) STUDY PROGRESS



**You have reached 75% of your patient enrollment goal! Please continue to refer patients and sign-up for your academic detailing session if you haven't done so already.**

### WEBLINKS:

NYS DOH: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>

WHO: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/events-as-they-happen>

CDC/MMWR: <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/index.html>