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 ACEI/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)

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**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.

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**WEBLINKS:**

NYS DOH: [https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home](https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home)


CDC/MMWR: [https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/index.html)