

# National Survey Highlights Potential Barriers to HIV Treatment Use

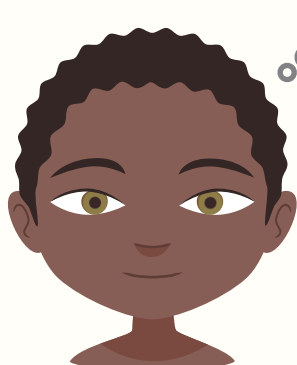
## Current Treatment Use:

**ONLY  
1 in 3**

Americans living with HIV are taking the medicines they need despite current recommendations advocating for early and widespread treatment.<sup>1</sup>

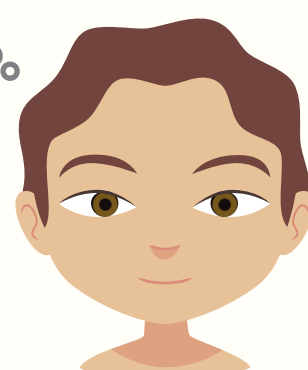
## Potential Barriers:

**Untreated patients' beliefs may be preventing them from seeking the care and treatment they need.**



**30%** of untreated\* patients believe that the side effects of HIV prescription medicines are worse than HIV itself. Only **15%** of treated\*\* patients agree.

**70%** of treated patients are worried about spreading their HIV to others, compared to only **53%** of untreated patients.

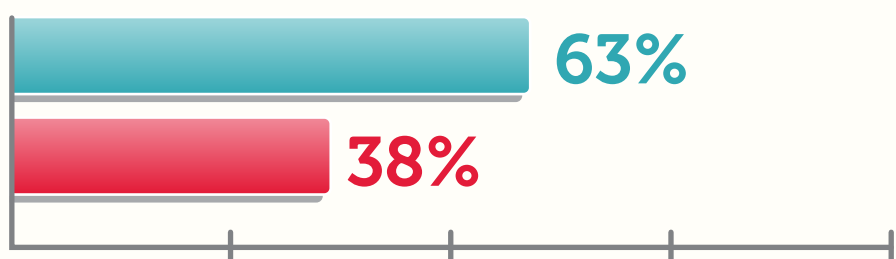


**20%** of untreated patients don't use prescription HIV medicine because once they start, they'll need to be on it for the rest of their lives, but **80%** of treated patients say it makes them feel better, and they can focus on the important things in their life.

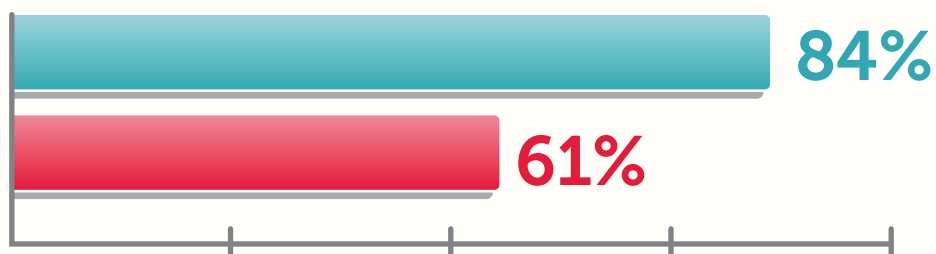
## Facts

## Knowledge Differences

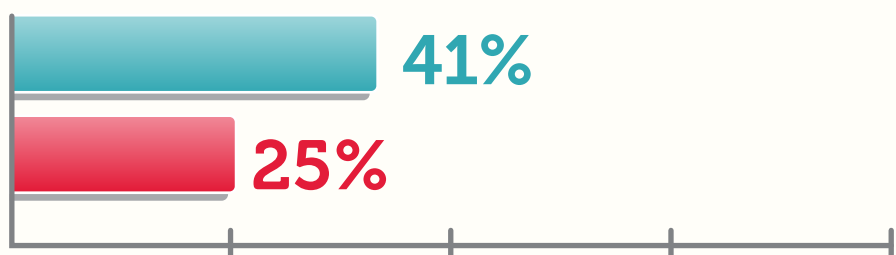
HIV attacks the immune system and body even if the person with HIV does not feel sick.



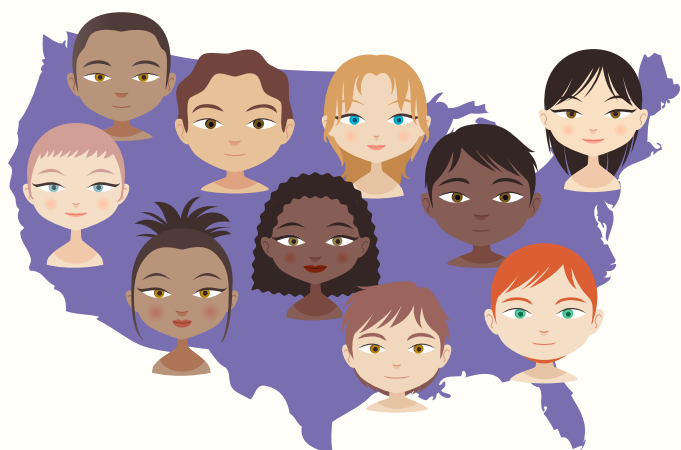
The human body does not have a natural ability to fight HIV.



Being on HIV prescription medicine lowers the risk of transmitting HIV to someone else.



■ Treated ■ Untreated



A total of **911** HIV-positive (18+) untreated and treated patients were surveyed nationally and in six local markets.<sup>\*\*\*</sup>