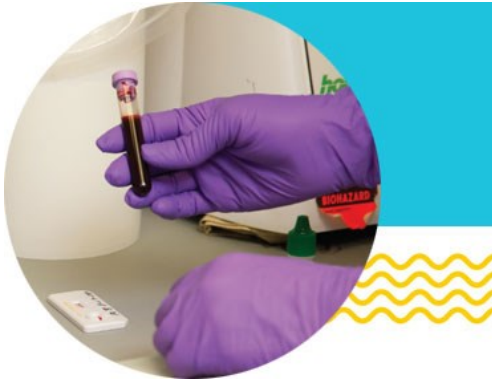
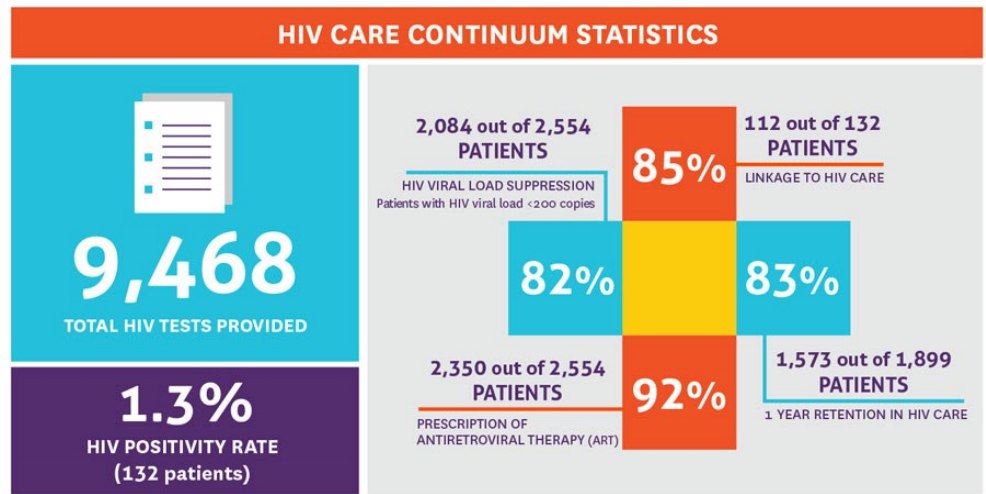


IMPROVING HEALTH CITYWIDE

Howard Brown Health constantly strives to meet the ever-changing needs of our city. With improved population health strategies, we are addressing new health challenges proactively, such as hepatitis C and bacterial meningitis. In order to expand capacity and bridge gaps, Howard Brown has also actively partnered with other health organizations and community groups to have wider impact in Chicago.



PROVIDING CARE ACROSS THE HIV CONTINUUM

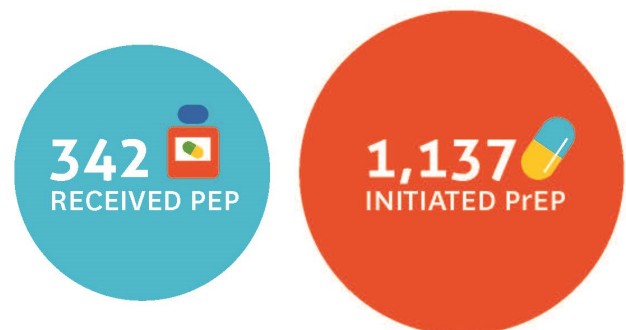


Howard Brown Health’s services across the HIV care continuum – paired with our longstanding history of providing high-quality, interdisciplinary primary care – contributes to our success in testing and care linkage, and supporting patients in achieving viral load suppression. Howard Brown’s HIV services include outreach services that normalize HIV testing and provide an easy link to medical care for people who test positive. We also offer culturally competent care tailored to the needs of TGNC people, youth, and women, resulting in a high linkage-to-care rate.

A LEADER IN RISK REDUCTION

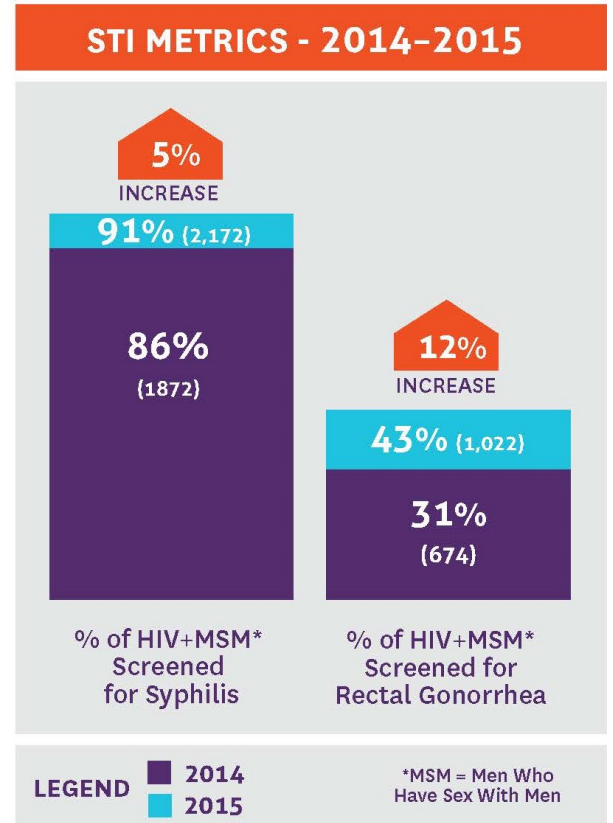
Howard Brown leads national efforts to increase access to Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) and Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), which have changed the landscape of HIV prevention. PEP is a medication regimen that can prevent HIV from infecting the body if taken within 72 hours after exposure to HIV. PrEP is a once-daily medication that can reduce the chance of HIV transmission. Our commitment to affirming, patient-centered model informs all aspects of HIV care at Howard Brown, from prevention and testing, to care across a patient’s lifetime.

PEP/PrEP ACCESS



GETTING THE WHOLE PICTURE: COMPREHENSIVE STI TREATMENT

Howard Brown provides comprehensive sexual health services to address the high rates of syphilis, chlamydia, and gonorrhea in Chicago, paired with case finding and partner notification services to test patients who are at high-risk for HIV infection and link those who test positive to care. Outside of the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH), we are the only provider in Chicago to offer partner notification services for HIV and syphilis. Because active rectal gonorrhea and chlamydia may increase the odds of patients acquiring HIV, we offer extra-genital testing at all clinical locations. In 2015, Howard Brown tested 4,864 patients for rectal gonorrhea/chlamydia, resulting in a positivity rate of 9%. We also tested 11,146 patients for syphilis, a 20% increase from 2014, and diagnosed 648 syphilis cases in Illinois.



SEXUAL HEALTH WALK-IN CLINIC (2015)



HOWARD BROWN'S HEALTH EDUCATION ABOUT LGBTQ ELDERS (HEALE) CULTURAL COMPETENCY CURRICULUM HELPS THE CHICAGO REGION

Beyond contributions to the city's infectious disease control, Howard Brown supports healthcare professionals who serve older LGBTQ adults, arming the region in and around Chicago with cultural competence. Over the last two years, HEALE has provided valuable education to over 1,500 nurses and medical assistants caring for older adults in nursing homes, primary care facilities, and hospitals around the Midwest.

