# **VOICE Seroconverter Specimen Collections**

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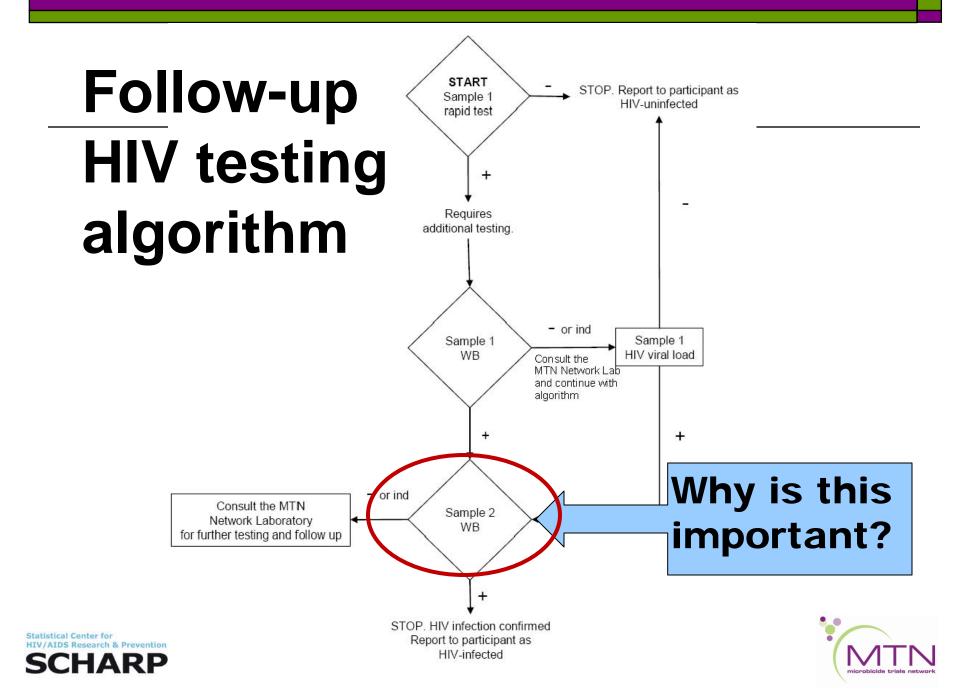
#### Overview

Sample 2

#### Post-seroconversion specimen collections







### Sample 2

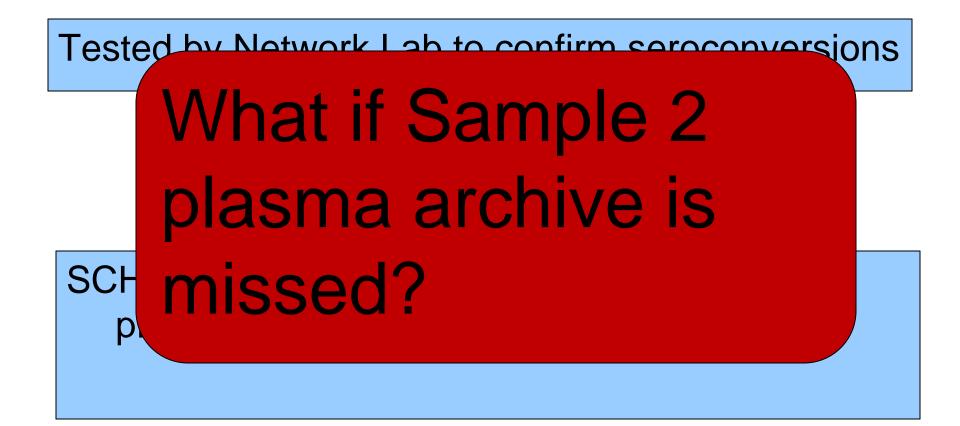
- Required to determine final HIV status per algorithm
  - Western Blot
- Additional blood drawn for
  - Plasma archive
  - CD4
    - HIV RNA PCR (viral load)







### Sample 2 – Plasma Archive







### Sample 2 – Missed plasma archive

- □ Attempt to collect as soon as possible
- □ If not collected:
  - Network Lab cannot confirm HIV status
  - SCHARP cannot count as seroconversion in SMC/DSMB reviews
  - Difficult to assess study progress in achieving required number of endpoints
  - Review required by Endpoint Adjudication Committee





#### **Post-seroconversion specimens**

Plasma archive, CD4, and HIV RNA PCR (viral load)

- Repeated post-seroconversion <u>based on</u> <u>Sample 1 date</u>
  - 1-month (next regularly scheduled visit)
    - Omit if algorithm testing still in progress
  - 3-months
  - 6-months
  - Every 6 months thereafter until termination





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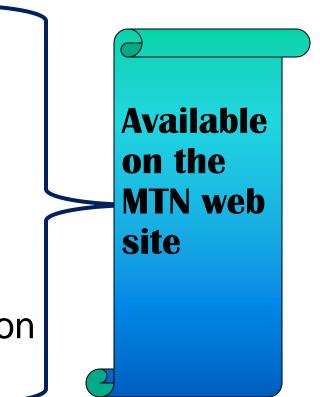
- Once participant enrolls in MTN015, specimens no longer collected in VOICE
- Ideally, specimens collected as part of regularly scheduled VOICE visits
- Each collection has an allowable window





### **Guidance and Tools**

- SSP Sections 6 and 13
- Sample 2 visit checklist
- HIV Seroconversion in MTN-003: Specimen Collection/Testing and MTN-015 Enrollment Timing
- Operational Reminder new
- Seroconverter Specimen Collection
  Tool new
- Seroconverter checklist in progress







#### Seroconverter Specimen Collection Tool – *new*

MTN 003 (VOICE) Seroconverter Specimen Collection Schedule\* CD4+ Count, Viral Load, Plasma Archive

PTID: 999-99999-9

Staff Initials and Date:

TARGET DATE of visit when Sample 1 collected: 05-Jan-11

(dd-MMM-yy)

Seroconversion Date\*: 02-Jan-11

Expected Collection	Collection Window Opens	Target Date	Collection Window Closes	Actual Collection Date
1-month post- seroconversion**	19-Jan-11	02-Feb-11	15-Feb-11	
3-months post- seroconversion		02-Apr-11	18-May-11	
6-months post- seroconversion	19-May-11	03-Jul-11	02-Oct-11	
12-months post- seroconversion	03-Oct-11	02-Jan-12	02-Apr-12	
18-months post- seroconversion		03-Jul-12	02-Oct-12	
24-months post- seroconversion		01-Jan-13	02-Apr-13	
30-months post- seroconversion	A SECOND AND A SECOND AND A SECOND	03-Jul-13	02-Oct-13	
36-months post- seroconversion		01-Jan-14	02-Apr-14	





## Summary – Key Points

- Sample 2 plasma archive is key to study
- Draw Sample 2 as soon as possible once need is identified
- Plasma archive, CD4, viral load required with Sample 2 draw and <u>again</u> at designated postseroconversion time points
- Sites need seroconverter tracking system
  - Use tools
  - Conduct staff refresher training as needed





#### **Questions or Issues**

#### Contact the VOICE Study Management Team (mtn003mgmt@mtnstopshiv.org)



