**What is the MTN-015 study and why is it being done?**

* MTN-015 is an observational research study of participants who become infected with HIV during their participation in an HIV prevention trial.
* The main purpose of this study is to see if use of the study products, such as the dapivirine vaginal ring or oral PrEP (Truvada), affect the long-term health of these individuals.
* MTN-015 provides routine monitoring of participant’s health through exams and laboratory tests, as well as counseling, and referrals. MTN-015 does not provide treatment for HIV.

**Who is eligible for the MTN-015 study?**

* Individuals who have become infected with HIV during their participation in an MTN HIV prevention trial are potentially eligible for MTN-015.
* Participants must understand the study requirements, and agree to take part.
* No matter what their actual use of the study product was, participants are offered enrollment in MTN-015.
* If the HIV prevention study is still ongoing, participants can stay in that study and join MTN-015 at the same time.

**How long is the study? How often are study visits?**

* Participants will be enrolled in MTN-015 for a minimum of 1 year, and may continue for several years.
* Visits will take place approximately 1, 3, and 6 months after HIV infection, and then every 6 months thereafter.
* Participants may have an additional visit scheduled around the time they start antiretroviral treatment (ART) for HIV.

**What will participants who enroll in MTN-015 be asked to do?**

At most study visits, participants will be asked to do the following procedures. Note that some procedures may be omitted if they have been done within 30 days as part of their ongoing participation in the HIV prevention trial:

* Discuss their health and any medications they are taking, including medications for treatment of HIV
* Complete a physical and pelvic exam
* Have laboratory tests, including tests for STIs, pregnancy, and tests to continue to monitor their HIV infection and overall health
* Provide blood and vaginal swab samples
* Answer questions about their health and sexual behaviors
* Receive risk reduction counseling and condoms
* Discuss a family planning method to prevent pregnancy, if they are trying to avoid pregnancy

**What are the risks?**

* Participants may feel discomfort or pain from the exams or blood draws.
* You may be embarrassed by questions and procedures in the study.
* Study staff will keep your information private. However, if others learn about you being in the study, it is possible that they may treat you unfairly or discriminate against you for participating.

**What are the benefits?**

* Participants will receive medical exams, tests to check on their health, family planning, risk reduction counselling and STI testing, and treatment or referrals, as needed.
* This study does not provide treatment for HIV, but study staff will refer you to available sources of medical care, counseling, and other services you may need.
* The results of study tests may help other doctors make the best medical choices for participants.

**For questions more information, please contact the study clinic.**