Experience of Anal Cancer Screening in a Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Clinic

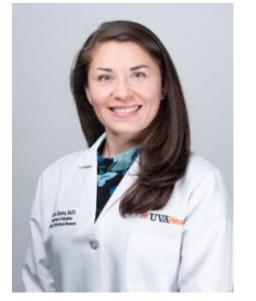
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Learning Objectives



At the conclusion of this activity, participants will be able to:

- 1. Appreciate the importance of a multidisciplinary approach to building a comprehensive anal cancer screening clinic
- 2. Discuss the importance of monitoring and evaluating the impact of a screening program
- 3. Understand how consumer and provider feedback can improve a screening program



Background

Why is anal cancer screening important for people living with HIV (PLWH)?

Incidence Rates

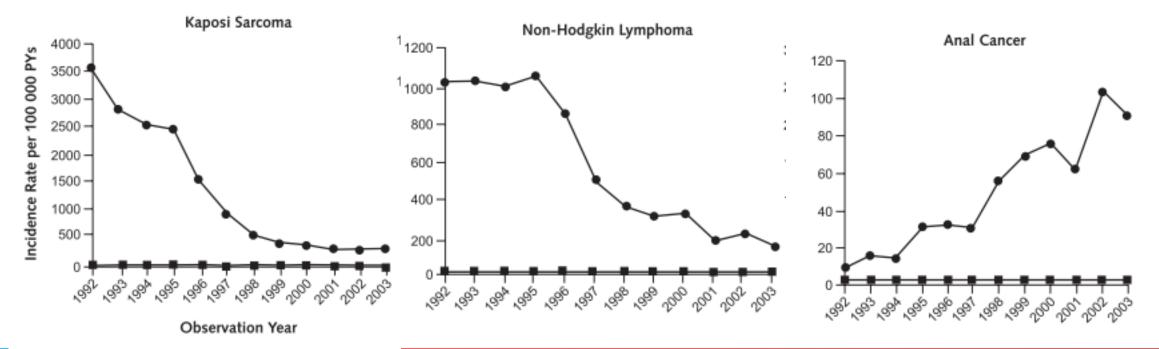
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Incidence of Types of Cancer among HIV-Infected Persons Compared with the General Population in the United States, 1992–2003

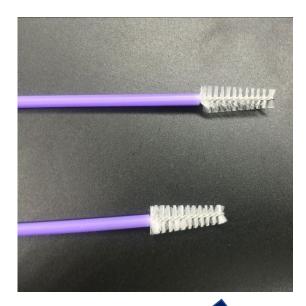
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Anal Cancer Screening Algorithm



Anal Pap smear



High resolution anoscopy







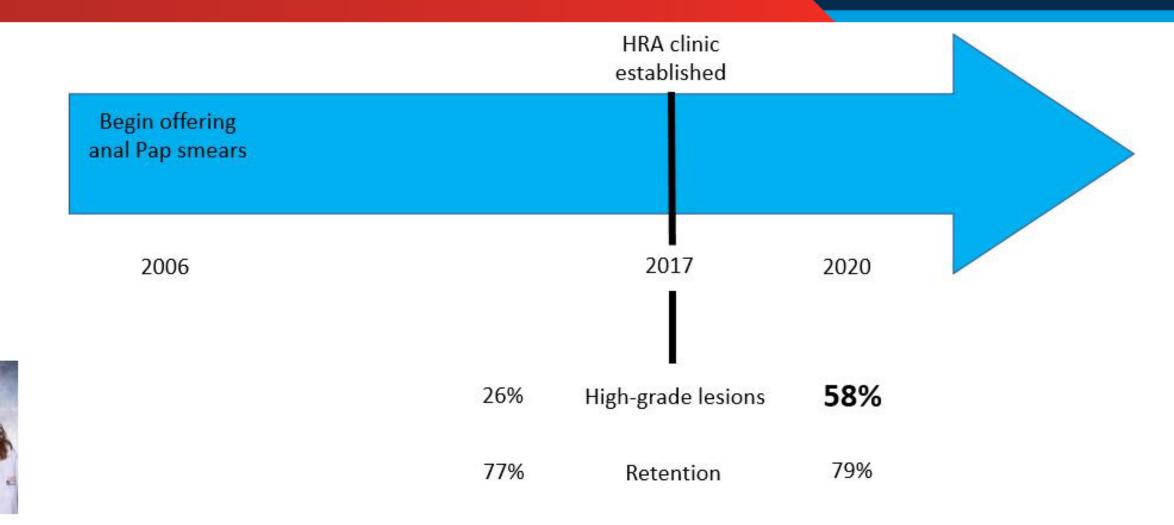


Evaluating our clinic

What have we learned about anal cancer screening since the establishment of the integrated HRA clinic?

HRAs are more sensitive





Squeo et al, manuscript under review.

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Retention > Engagement





Time from Abnormal Cytology to HRA Improved

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Cardenas, Geba et al, manuscript accepted.

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Patient Perceptions about Anal Cancer Screening



Motivators

Protection Transportation Quality of life Engaging community Private Invasive Family history of cancer Trust in clinic Uncomfortable Stigma Advocate Offered Layman's terms Unaware Overwhelmed Health **Bundled** care Interested Doubts Training Self-collection COVID Comorbidities Prevention Options Awareness Cancer Knowledge is power Fear Hospital stays Vaccination

Barriers





- Clinics that offer HRA are more effective than alternative models in detecting high-grade anal lesions
- A full-time nurse care coordinator is crucial in maintaining adequate follow up and retention in care
- Bundling anal cancer screening services with cervical cancer screening can be a powerful tool to improve engagement
- It is important to elicit patient perspectives in order to improve messaging and procedural practices

The Importance of Care Coordination



• Why a Full-time RN Care Coordinator Is Needed:

- Over 200 patients
- Scheduling patients for anal pap or HRA
 - Letters did not work: 60 sent 1 response
 - Use of PositiveLinks (PL) and MyChart in addition to phone calls
- HRA slots are 2 hours so a NO SHOW is a huge *loss* of time
- O Set-up for->Consent->Pre-medicate->Assist with procedures->Clean-up
- Patient education: HRA Video (in English and Spanish)
- Coordinate care if on anticoagulants/anti-platelets
- Coordinate with Case Managers to arrange transportation
- O Coordinate with Colorectal Surgery Team for HRAs in the OR

HRA RN Care Coordination



Phone Calls

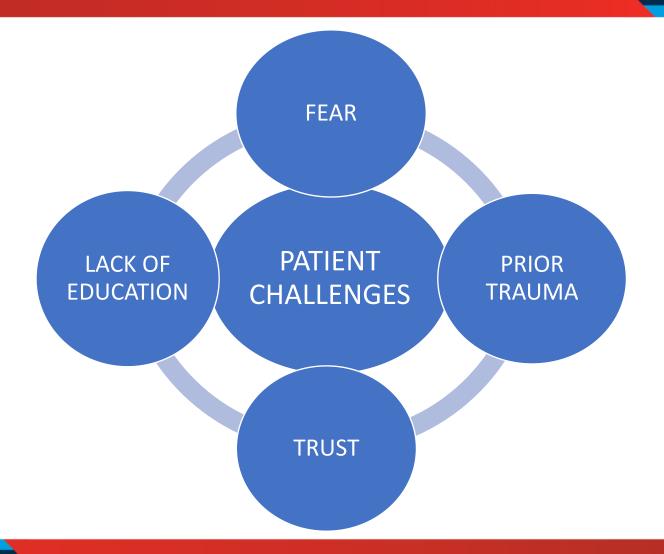
- Reminder calls week prior to appointment (both anal pap and HRA)
 - Ensure patient has driver for HRA procedure as give Xanax...
 - Remind patient they can eat and drink as normal, no dietary restrictions
 - No anal sex, no douching, nothing in anus 48 hours prior to appointment
- Call day after procedure to see how patient is doing.
- HRA Video: Encourage people to watch and call with questions: Some people decline

• Language Barriers:

- o Important to educate in patient's native language
- HRA video is available in English and Spanish
- At time of the HRA procedure in person interpretation is best

Potential Challenges





Potential Challenges 2



• Fear

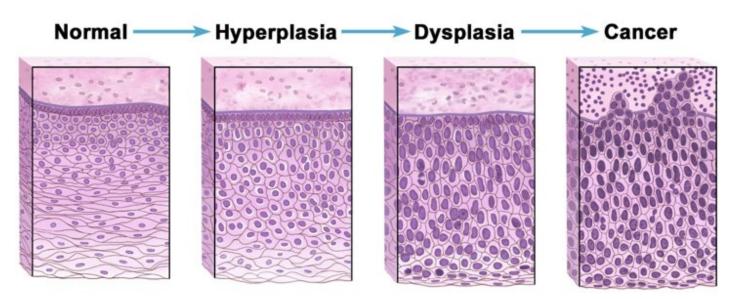
- o Unknown
- o Invasive procedure
- o Pain?
- o Not familiar for men as not used to bundled care like women
- Prior Sexual Trauma
 - o Intimate exam
 - May have a preference for male or female provider
- Lack of trust
 - Not regular ID or PCC provider
 - o May need to schedule appt to meet provider / nurse prior to the procedure
 - o Talk to nurse on the phone prior to procedure
- Lack of education
 - New procedure that they have not had before
 - o Relationship between anal dysplasia and HPV and anal sexual intercourse
 - o Dysplasia versus Cancer

Dysplasia versus Cancer... How to Explain to your patient



- Dysplasia is a term used to describe the presence of abnormal cells within a tissue or organ.
- Dysplasia is not cancer, but it may sometimes become cancer if left untreated.
- Dysplasia can be mild, moderate, or severe
 - how abnormal the cells look under a microscope
 - how much of the tissue or organ is affected
- Dysplasia may progress to Anal cancer if not treated over a period of years.

Normal Cells May Become Cancer Cells



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Training opportunities

- ASCCP: anoscopy course
- IANS: beginner and advanced HRA courses
 - Currently held virtually: 8 self-paced modules & Live Q&A sessions
 - o In-person training: lectures and procedural simulations
- ASCRS: offers courses and webinars
- Proficiency training/credentialling



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Ongoing professional development



- Case review with peers in the HRA program
- UVA Colposcopy conference: Pathology, OB/GYN, ID, and trainees
- UVA Tumor board conference: Pathology, Medical Oncology, Colorectal Surgery,
- IANS
 - WebRounds: monthly educational sessions on relevant topics
 - Online discussion forum: for group-based clinical or procedural questions
 - Online consultation: for clinical consults

CONSENSUS TERMINOLOGY

2016 IANS International Guidelines for Practice Standards in the Detection of Anal Cancer Precursors

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Summary



- Nurse Care Coordination helps minimize loss-to-follow-up
- Anal cancer screening and HRAs pose many challenges for our patients, and Nurse Care Coordination is essential to help them navigate this.
- Education around anal cancer screening, evaluation, and treatment through HRA is paramount for patients and their families.
- HRA procedural training is available for Infectious Disease clinicians and others, regardless of prior background training
- There are numerous creative options for local and national professional development opportunities.

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Resources



- Patient education: HRA Video
 - o English <u>https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=RZZ5_0Ecd9c</u>
 - o Spanish <u>https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=P5Y56bxuweo&t=9</u>
- American Society for Cervical Cancer Prevention: https://www.asccp.org/Default.aspx
- International Anal Neoplasia Society: <u>https://www.iansoc.org/</u>
- American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons: https://fascrs.org/

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