

Self-help urine test to boost voluntary HIV testing

With the exception of PCP and asthma, the incidence of non-infectious complications and a greater frequency of non-HIV associated pulmonary disease appears to parallel the greater burden of chronic, non-infectious comorbid diseases afflicting patients, they add. The investigators suggest that HIV specialists should be mindful of their findings when providing care to their patients.

Attention was then focused on the factors that increased the risk of pulmonary disease with the exception of HIV-positive patients. The investigators calculated that even after adjusting for smoking, those with HIV had an increased risk of developing every kind of pulmonary disease with the exception of HIV-positive patients. This was true for both HIV-positive and HIV-negative patients. The investigators calculated that even after adjusting for smoking, those with HIV had an increased risk of developing every kind of pulmonary disease with the exception of HIV-positive patients.

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The pioneer urine test, which is being introduced under four status initiatives, hopes to remove fear of discrimination and promote HIV/AIDS awareness among Nigerians while undergoing Lagos State AIDS Control (LSACA) Chief Executive, Dr. Tokunbo Dabiri, who spoke in Lagos recently during media briefing to announce the programme and the agency's up coming work-shop on ways to combat the virus, said that the initiative start self-help urine detection.

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ABM partners LSACA on free HIV testing

Bukola Adebayo

ALLIANCE Bio-Medical in collaboration with the Lagos State Aids Control Agency is planning to offer free rapid HIV Urine Testing to youths in Lagos.

In a statement issued by the publicity secretary of the organisation, Mrs. Linda Williams, in Lagos on Tuesday, the free testing would be launched under its "Know Your Status Right Now." She said the workshop was an opportunity to create an awareness on the company's breakthrough Rapid HIV Urine Test kits so that participants could know their status in one minute or less.

According to her, going by

statistics provided the Nigerian Sexually Transmitted Diseases Control Agency, young people have the highest number of new HIV infections and are at a greater risk of increasing infection. Nigeria, due to its population of approximately 144 million, represents 14 per cent of people with HIV/AIDS in the sub-Saharan African Region while about 60 per cent of new HIV infections are in the 15-25 year-old age group.

She stated that these kits were convenient and confidential options of testing for HIV and could encourage more youths to know their HIV Status.

"The HIV Urine test offers

particular advantages. It is extremely easy to use for testing. It requires only one drop of urine for testing. Due to the urine sample type used for the test, the test avoids needle prick injuries required for blood tests or the use of syringes and needles for blood draws. It offers convenience for any-one to test themselves or others privately, any time and anywhere. The results of

attributing it to bad governance.

Motunrayo Aboderin

THE National Chairman of the Nigerian Association of Industrial Pharmacists, Mr. Lolu Ojo, has lamented the poor state of pharmaceutical industry in the country.

How to assist a deaf child

word and use phonics as a method to learn to read, deaf children will relate words to corresponding visual items. Before a deaf child can learn to read, he must learn to identify common items through sign language and lip reading. These skills are imperative for early reading success.

• Consider your child and her needs. Get all the

the test can be obtained extremely quickly. Usually in, about a minute or less people can know their HIV Status," she said.

Williams said that apart from testing, the KYSRN workshop, which was geared towards young adults, would include HIV education on how to protect against transmission and those who are HIV positive would be

it should be and that the total volume in terms of turnover was far less than \$1bn.

"We are not proud to say that the industry's contributions to the Gross Domestic Product is less than 0.5 per cent. The average capacity utilisation is less than 40 per cent and the industry is burdened with a huge load of unsold inventory. The turnaround time for the borrowed fund is high as it takes three-six months or even longer for us to get value for goods sold. The future is even compromised with relative lack of competent manpower to take the industry to the next level.

in a hearing world.

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offered counselling and care via its other non-governmental organisation partners.

She said, "The epidemic is not homogeneous. Sub-Saharan Africa bears the brunt of the pandemic, accounting for more than two-thirds of persons living with HIV and more than three-quarters of deaths in 2007 in many

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She identified peer pressure, unprotected sex, lack of education, alcohol consumption and drug use as factors that had increased young students risks for HIV infection.

Williams called for increased youth-adult partnerships and programmes that are innovative as a strategy that could engage young people in HIV prevention efforts.

NAIP chairman links failure of industry to bad governance

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