



Why New York State Needs the FC2 Now

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HIV/AIDS in New York State

- NYS has the highest number of AIDS cases in the U.S.
- New York's AIDS case rate is more than double the national average
- New York City's case rate is three times the U.S. average

Source: Ryan White Care Act 2006 SCSN, NYSDOH Feb 2006 &
NYCDOHMH Sept 2006



Women and HIV/AIDS in NY

NYS

- The proportion of AIDS cases among women has nearly tripled in NYS since 1986

NYC

- Then: 1 in 10 living with HIV were women
- Now: 1 in 3 are female



Women and Heterosexual Transmission

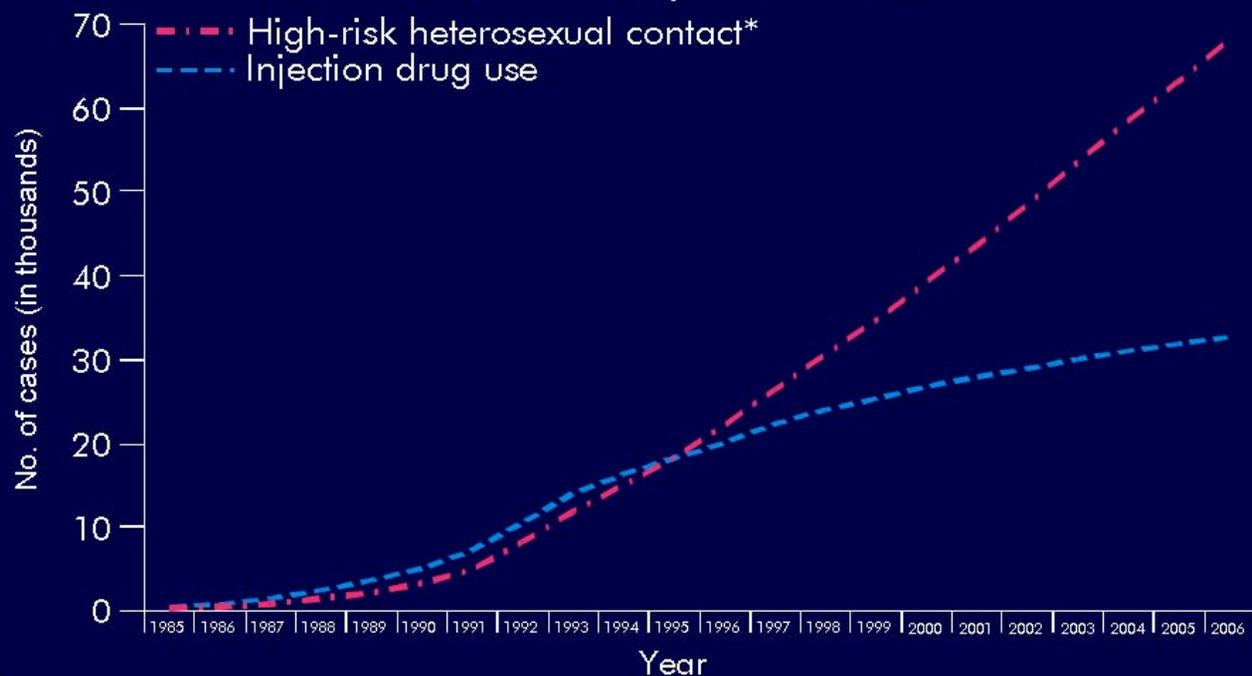
- Heterosexual intercourse accounts for 80% of new HIV/AIDS cases among women and adolescent girls in U.S. (2006 data)
- In NYC, heterosexual transmission accounts for 92% of new HIV cases among females (2006 data)

Source: CDC 2006 & NYC DOHMH Sept 2007



New York's Data Reflect a National Trend

Estimated Number of Female Adults and Adolescents Living with AIDS, by Transmission Category, 1985–2006
United States and Dependent Areas



Note. Data have been adjusted for reporting delays and cases without risk factor information were proportionally redistributed.
* Heterosexual contact with a person known to have, or to be at high risk for, HIV infection.





NYS Female Condom Promotion Program, 2006-2009

- HIV Center for Clinical & Behavioral Studies at Columbia University and NYS AIDS Institute**
- Promote the use of the female condom (FC) among heterosexually active women in New York State**



NYS Female Condom Promotion Program, 2006-2009

- **Multi-structural intervention targeting providers at community-based agencies**





Lessons Learned in NYS: Access & Attitudes Major Obstacles

- Provider & client attitudes can change
 - Multiple studies indicate 50-70% acceptability rates among both male and female FC users
 - NYC DOHMH Female Condom Distribution Program increased allocation by 200,000 FCs due to popularity of program (from 2006 to 2007)



FC Access Must be Addressed

- Relatively high cost of female condoms (as compared to male condoms)
- 43% of agency directors surveyed indicated that limited female condom supply is a barrier



From the Ground...

“The only problem I have is with telling people where to find FCs outside of agencies that hand them out... I feel as though this could be a major barrier to continued use for those people who try the 5 or 6 I give them, but then don't know where or how to get more. It's kind of hard to say, “Hey, try these they're great,” but you can't get them anywhere local. I know that's a problem we're trying to combat with this program, but...it is still a concern.”

Counselor, Rochester NY



We Need the FC2 Now

- Male & female condoms are the only options available NOW that protect against HIV/STIs
- Lowering the cost of female condoms even more important in current fiscal environment
- Immediate access to the FC2 builds upon the progress already made
- Female condoms save lives!