Getting Mobile to Bring People Back Into HIV Care

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What does it take to bring back people with HIV who have been out of care for a while? According to data presented at the 11th International AIDS Conference on HIV Science, traditional HIV care is not the answer.

This cross-sectional study asked 50 people which of six different models of care would make HIV treatment doable for them. The participants, largely Black same-gender-loving men with an income below $10,000 a year, gave mobile clinics the biggest nod, with 70% ranking that model as their first or second choice, followed by community-based peer navigators and telemedicine.

Traditional clinics were less popular. Only 14% of participants ranked traditional clinics as their first choice, while 24% ranked them second to last. Still, traditional care tied with telemedicine as the third most popular option. Care at homeless shelters and substance use clinics came in last.

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