More Jamaican Men Getting Tested for HIV

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Family-planning organizations and health clinics in Jamaica are reporting increases in the number of men that show up for HIV tests, the *Jamaica Gleaner* reports (jamaica-gleaner.com, 5/20).

“These figures are surprising because men usually rely on their partners to get tested and use the partner’s results as a guide,” said Rocquel Walker-Brown, a project assistant at the Beth Jacobs clinic.

The Family Planning Association of Jamaica (FAMPLAN) has also seen a rise in the number of men seeking tests. “We find that there is a mixture of young and older persons coming forward to get tested. But since we started doing a radio commercial, we find that more men are coming in now than previously,” said Theresa Gaynor, assistant to the chief executive officer at FAMPLAN.

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