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1. Most Kenyan adults with urethritis seek care at pharmacies and private clinics, highlighting the need to enhance HIV test access and HIV prevention in the private sector. *(Chapter 2)*

2. While acute HIV infection may be present in 1-3% of patients presenting with fever in outpatient healthcare settings, it is rarely considered in medical curricula, clinical guidelines and clinical practice. *(Chapter 3 & 4)*

3. Time from infection to diagnosis can be reduced through acute HIV infection screening of patients who seek urgent care for symptoms. *(Chapter 4)*

4. Low-cost mobile text message, phone-call and in-person appointment reminders can increase uptake of repeat testing by as much as 70%. *(Chapter 5)*

5. HIV self-testing through community pharmacies is feasible and may be in high demand. *(Chapter 6 & 7)*

6. Pre-exposure prophylaxis programs among men who have sex with men will need to address adherence challenges related to frequent travel, sex work, and long-term use. *(Chapter 8)*

7. “Although it is still important to develop an HIV vaccine, we have significant tools already at our disposal that can make a major impact on the trajectory of this epidemic.” *(Anthony Fauci)*

8. “Every time someone gets tested for HIV, we are one step closer to ending the AIDS epidemic.” (Jonathan Mermin)

9. “We have to trust that people will do what’s best for them when motivated to.” (Nduku Kilonzo)

10. “When a needle falls into a deep well, many people will look into the well, but few will be ready to go down after it.” (African proverb)