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Ending the AIDS Epidemic in New York State [video transcript]

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- Hello, I'm Jeffrey Kwong, Associate Professor of Nursing at Columbia University School of Nursing and Nursing Champion for the New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute Clinical Education Initiative.

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On June 29th, 2014 Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced a three-point plan to end AIDS as an epidemic in New York state by the end of 2020, the first plan of its kind in the country. In order to achieve this plan, New York state must produce the number of new HIV infections to just 750 annually by the end of 2020.

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This ambitious plan relies on the work and dedication of all New Yorkers, including medical providers.

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The three points of the plan are one, identify persons with HIV who remain undiagnosed and link them to healthcare. Point two is link and retain persons diagnosed with HIV in care to maximize virus suppression so they remain healthy and prevent further transmission. And point three is provide access to prep for high-risk persons to keep them HIV-negative.

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New York's successful implementation of the governor's plan can ultimately serve as a national model for ending the epidemic.

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Ending the epidemic in New York state will maximize the availability of lifesaving, transmission-interrupting treatment for HIV, saving lives, and improving the health of New Yorkers.

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It will move New York state from a history of having the worst HIV epidemic in the country to a future where new infections are rare and those living with the disease have normal lifespans with few complications. Are you ready to end the epidemic in New York state? To read the full Ending the Epidemic blueprint, please see the PDF accompanying this video. To learn more about HIV or to request training, please visit the CEI website at ceitraining.org. You can also call the CEI line at 1-866-637-2342 to speak with a clinician who is experienced in HIV screening, management, and prevention.

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