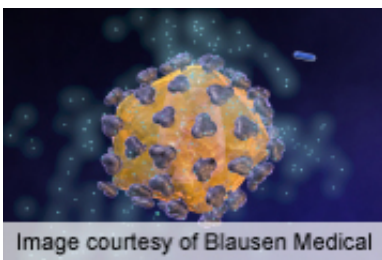


More pediatric HIV patients on antiretroviral therapy

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Allison L. Agwu, M.D., from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, and colleagues retrospectively studied 521 PHIV-infected youth, 12 years and older, followed at 16 HIV clinics participating in the HIV Research Network between 2002 and 2010.

The researchers found that, from 2002 and 2010, the [median age](#) of

PHIV-infected youth in care increased from 14 to 18 years. The proportion of patients prescribed ART increased from 67.4 to 84 percent, with virologic suppression concurrently increasing from 35.5 to 63.0 percent (P trend < 0.01). Factors independently associated with CD4

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