

Will we ever get to be old and wise?

Positive peoples' responses to
cognitive impairment in HIV

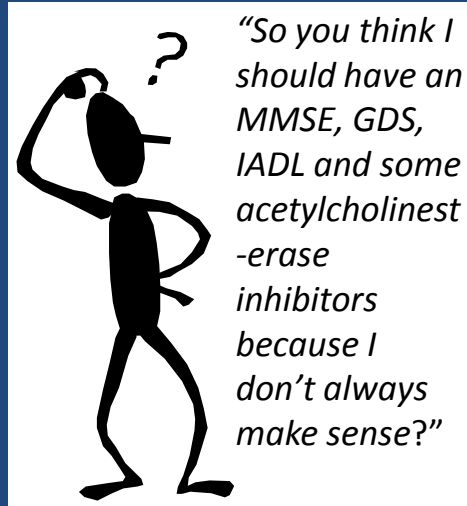
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Who did I ask?

- UK-CAB, Brighton Patients' Panel, Forum Link, PozFem and a group of HIV+ haemophiliacs
- Responses from people with HIV, some with diagnosed cognitive impairment and some without, support group leaders and professionals in the HIV and dementia fields

Responses – more questions

- Diagnosis?
- Advanced aging?
- A Change of HAART?
- Treatment?



Cognitive Impairment

- Not being seen in patient groups
- Not yet an issue for Health Trainers in London – unlike other mental health problems
- Don’t rush to a physiological diagnosis
- Fear that it is the start of HIV related dementia
- Defensive humour

The haemophilia counselling session



Thank you

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- 'Men Only' delegates
- The Lawson Unit Patient Panel
- MindOut Brighton