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	<p>Results: We identified 1,447,015 screen-eligible women, among whom 623 (0.04%) were women with HIV. Women with HIV were less likely to undergo screening than HIV-negative women (50.1% vs. 63.4%, $p < 0.001$). Following multivariable adjustment, HIV-positive status was associated with significantly lower odds of receiving mammography (adjusted prevalence ratio (aPR) 0.83; 95% confidence interval (CI) 0.77 to 0.89). Compared with women with HIV receiving regular care from both a family physician and HIV specialist, women with HIV receiving neither kind of care (aPR 0.64; 95% CI 0.50 to 0.83) or predominantly specialist care (aPR 0.77; 95% CI 0.60 to 0.97) were less likely to receive screening mammography.</p> <p>Interpretation: Women with HIV are less likely to receive breast cancer screening mammography than HIV-negative women. Addressing this disparity requires optimizing care delivery to ensure adequate provision of comprehensive primary care to people with HIV.</p>

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Abstract

Background: As women with HIV live longer, the need for age-appropriate breast cancer screening will increase. We compared rates of screening mammography among women with and without HIV.

Methods: We used administrative health databases to identify all women in Ontario, Canada, who were eligible for screening mammography (aged 50 to 74 years and no history of breast cancer) as of April 1, 2011. We used multivariable log-binomial regression to compare the two-year period prevalence of screening mammography in 2011 to 2013 among women living with and without HIV and to examine the correlates of screening among women with HIV.

Results: We identified 1,447,015 screen-eligible women, among whom 623 (0.04%) were women with HIV. Women with HIV were less likely to undergo screening than HIV-negative women (50.1% vs. 63.4%, $p < 0.001$). Following multivariable adjustment, HIV-positive status was associated with significantly lower odds of receiving mammography (adjusted prevalence ratio (aPR) 0.83; 95% confidence interval (CI) 0.77 to 0.89). Compared with women with HIV receiving regular care from both a family physician and HIV specialist, women with HIV receiving neither kind of care (aPR 0.64; 95% CI 0.50 to 0.83) or predominantly specialist care (aPR 0.77; 95% CI 0.60 to 0.97) were less likely to receive screening mammography.

Interpretation: Women with HIV are less likely to receive breast cancer screening mammography than HIV-negative women. Addressing this disparity requires optimizing care delivery to ensure adequate provision of comprehensive primary care to people with HIV.

Introduction

Breast cancer is the most common malignancy and second leading cause of cancer-related death among women in North America, with an estimated 5,000 Canadian women dying from this disease in 2015¹. Although the incidence of breast cancer among women with HIV is similar to that of the general population, some studies have found higher rates of advanced disease at initial diagnosis and greater risk for breast-cancer related death relative to HIV-negative women². In addition, HIV imparts a greater risk of myelosuppression during breast cancer chemotherapy, resulting in treatment interruption, early cessation of therapy and adverse outcomes^{3,4}.

Screening mammography allows for earlier detection of breast cancer, and has been shown to reduce mortality from this disease in women aged 50 to 69 years¹. Because women with HIV are living longer, the need for age-appropriate breast cancer screening will increase^{5,6}.

However, use of mammography by women with HIV in developed settings has been poorly characterized. Inferences from existing studies have been limited by samples that were small, not population-based, or lacking in HIV-negative control groups for comparison⁷⁻¹². Such data are important because women with HIV possess numerous intersecting vulnerabilities associated with inadequate breast cancer screening, including low socioeconomic status, being an immigrant and a high prevalence of mental health illness¹³⁻¹⁶. In addition, the complexity of managing HIV and associated comorbid conditions may compete for preventive care, thus predisposing women with HIV to inadequate breast cancer screening^{10,12}. In light of these data

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3 and the gaps in the literature, we compared the use of breast cancer screening mammography
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5 among women with and without in HIV in Ontario, Canada and correlates of screening using
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7 large provincial administrative databases.
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23 We conducted a population-based study comparing receipt of mammography among screen-
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25 eligible women living with and without HIV infection in Ontario between April 1, 2011, and
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27 March 31, 2013. Ontario has single payer, universal coverage for physician services, including
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29 screening mammography. In Ontario, women can receive a screening mammogram through the
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31 Ontario Breast Cancer Screening Program (OBSP), an organized province-wide network of
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33 screening sites or through non-OBSP affiliated-centres funded by the Ontario Health Insurance
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51 We used Ontario's administrative health databases, which are held securely in linkable files
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55 Sciences. We identified women with HIV using the Ontario HIV Database, an administrative
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3 data registry of Ontario residents diagnosed with HIV infection, which was generated using a
4 validated case-finding algorithm¹⁸. We determined receipt of mammography using the OBSP
5 and OHIP databases. We used the Ontario Cancer Registry, a registry of all Ontario residents
6 who have been diagnosed with or died of cancer, to identify women with a diagnosis of breast
7 cancer in order to restrict our sample to screen-eligible women. We used the Immigration,
8 Refugees and Citizenship Canada database to identify women who had immigrated to Ontario
9 and their country of origin. We obtained data regarding patient enrolment with family
10 physicians and physician demographics and trainings through the Client Agency Program
11 Enrolment registry, ICES Physician Database and OHIP database. We used the OHIP database to
12 identify number of primary care visits during the study period. Finally, we used the Registered
13 Persons Database, a registry of all Ontario residents eligible for provincial health services, to
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Study population:

41 We used the Registered Persons Database to identify all women between 50 and 74 years of
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43 2011. From within this cohort, we identified women with HIV using the Ontario HIV Database,
44 with the remaining HIV-negative women serving as the referent population. From both groups,
45 we excluded women with a history of breast cancer or mastectomy, as well as women who died
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31 index date) immigrant from non-HIV endemic country, non-recent immigrant from HIV endemic
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35 physician demographics (age, sex), and type of physician care received. We determined
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37 socioeconomic status at the neighborhood level using postal code information and Statistics
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39 Canada census data. We ascertained comorbidity burden in the preceding year using the Johns
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43 Clara, CA.)²⁰. This system uses diagnostic information from administrative databases to describe
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45 and predict use of health care resources. In this study, we used Aggregated Diagnosis Groups
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3 persistence. The number of ADGs ranges from 0 to a maximum of 32, with a higher number
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12 physician they were enrolled with using Client Agency Enrollment table; those who were not
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14 enrolled were assigned to the family physician who provided the majority of their primary care
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16 during the study period. Because almost three quarters of Ontario's population are enrolled
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20 models, which differ in characteristics such as the presence of interprofessional teams, we also
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22 adjusted models for practice model. Categories of these models in Ontario during the study
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24 period included: Capitation – team based (e.g. family health teams with allied health support),
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26 capitation - non team based (e.g. family health networks, family health organizations), rostered
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28 - enhanced fee for service (e.g. family health group), non-patient enrollment model (e.g. fee for
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30 service), and other²¹. We counted the number of primary care visits to each patient in the one
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32 year prior to the study period. We classified patterns of care received by patients based on
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34 whether they had at least 3 visits to their family physician, at least 3 HIV-specific visits to an
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36 infectious disease or internal medicine physician (International Classification of Diseases (ICD
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40 study period. Unlike other jurisdictions in which internal medicine may include physicians in
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18 Ethics approval was obtained from the Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre Research Ethics
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20 Board on August 12, 2015. The Sunnybrook Research Ethics Board has an agreement with the
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22 Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES) that allows ICES to conduct research using the
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24 anonymized administrative databases. The projects conducted under this agreement do not
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26 require independent research ethics board review, and no approval number/ID is given. ICES is
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28 named as a prescribed entity under section 45 of the Personal Health Information Protection
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30 Act (Ontario Regulation 329/04, Section 18). Under this designation, ICES can receive and use
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46 **Results**

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51 We identified 1,447,015 women eligible for mammography screening during our study period,
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53 of whom 623 (0.04%) were living with HIV. Compared with HIV-negative women, women with
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55 HIV were younger, disproportionately represented in low income neighborhoods and more
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3 likely to be immigrants to Canada (Table 1). The family physicians caring for women with HIV
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16 Overall, 312 (50.1%) women with HIV underwent screening mammography during the two-year
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18 follow-up period, compared with 916,775 (63.5%) HIV-negative women. Following multivariable
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20 adjustment, women with HIV were less likely to receive screening mammography than HIV-
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22 negative women (adjusted prevalence ratio (aPR) 0.83; 95% confidence interval 0.77 to 0.89)
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24 (Table 2). Having a female primary care physician (aPR 1.12; 95% confidence interval 1.12 to
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26 1.13) and a minimum of three visits to a primary care physician in the preceding year (aPR 1.63;
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36 In secondary analyses restricted only to the cohort of women with HIV, women who received
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38 mammograms were more likely to live in high income neighborhoods (27.3% vs. 21.5%; $p <$
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40 0.001), have a high comorbidity burden (30.4% vs. 24.4%; $p = 0.002$) and have a female primary
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42 care physician (36.9% vs. 25.7%; $p < 0.001$) (Table 3). In addition, HIV-positive women receiving
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21 Interpretation

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26 In this population based study, we found that women with HIV in Ontario were less likely to
27 receive breast cancer screening than women without HIV. Furthermore, only half of all screen-
28 eligible women with HIV received a mammogram during the 2 year study period. Among
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41 Our study has important implications for the care of women with HIV. Most notably, our
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45 of HIV-negative women to improve screening uptake, and warrant evaluation in this
46 population²²⁻²⁴. In particular, reminder letters for breast cancer screening are sent to patients
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26 that models of care in which people with HIV had a usual family physician were more likely to
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28 be associated with cancer screening¹² and studies among women in the general population
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30 which support that continuity of care with a usual family physician is critical to meeting breast
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41 Our study is strengthened by the population-based nature of our data, which allowed us to
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43 comprehensively evaluate breast cancer screening among women in Ontario. Furthermore,
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45 physician care and mammography are universally covered for Ontario residents, mitigating the
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47 potential effect of disparities in health insurance on screening rates²⁹. However, our study has
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9 hypothesize that mammography screening would be even lower among these populations.
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11 Fifth, we lacked data on organizational features that may influence breast cancer screening,
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26 In conclusion, our study builds upon previous research finding a lower prevalence of breast
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28 cancer screening among women with HIV. We have also delineated that regular care, especially
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32 these women. These findings have important implications for practice and policy as strategies
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36 management of comorbidities across the lifespan and requires communication and integration
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38 across both primary and specialist care^{27,31}. Future work to identify reasons for underuse of
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Table 1. Characteristics of women in Ontario between 50-74 years by HIV status

Characteristic	HIV-negative (n, %) N=1,446,392	HIV-positive (n, %) N=623	P-value
Sociodemographics			
Age (mean (SD))	57.5 (5.1)	55.7 (4.8)	<.001
Income quintile			
Lowest	252,164 (17.4%)	233 (37.4%)	<.001
Low	278,680 (19.3%)	133 (21.3%)	
Middle	285,235 (19.7%)	104 (16.7%)	
High	305,018 (21.1%)	72 (11.6%)	
Highest	320,413 (22.2%)	80 (12.8%)	
Rurality			
Urban	1,254,081 (86.7%)	583 (93.6%)	<.001
Rural	191,138 (13.2%)	40 (6.4%)	
Comorbidity (number of ADGs*)			
<=5 (low comorbidity)	609,242 (42.1%)	164 (26.3%)	<.001
6-9	666,617 (46.1%)	288 (46.2%)	
10+ (high comorbidity)	170,533 (11.8%)	171 (27.4%)	
Immigrant status			
Non immigrant	1,243,282 (86.0%)	444 (71.3%)	<.001
Recent (<5 years), endemic country of origin	3,054 (0.2%)	<=42	
Recent (<5 years), non-endemic country of origin	23,683 (1.6%)	<=5	
Non-recent (5+ years), endemic country of origin	27,005 (1.9%)	97 (15.6%)	
Non-recent (5+ years), non-endemic country of origin	149,368 (10.3%)	37 (5.9%)	
Physician characteristics			
Family physician age (mean (SD))	53.0 (10.3)	51.8 (10.8)	0.004
Family physician sex			
Female	536,768 (37.1%)	195 (31.3%)	0.002
Male	834,215 (57.7%)	383 (61.5%)	
Years since family physician graduation (mean (SD))	27.3 (10.7)	26.0 (11.1)	0.004
Primary care model †			
Capitation – non team based	369,274 (25.5%)	107 (17.2%)	
Enhanced fee for service	564,598 (39.0%)	207 (33.2%)	<.001
Capitation – team based (family health team)	317,364 (21.9%)	159 (25.5%)	
Non-patient enrolment model	181,840 (12.6%)	106 (17.0%)	
Other	13,316 (0.9%)	44 (7.1%)	
Number of primary care visits in the year prior to index (mean (SD))	3.8 (4.3)	4.5 (5.0)	<.001
Screened for breast cancer			
Did not receive mammography	529,617 (36.6%)	311 (49.9%)	<.001
Received mammography	916,775 (63.4%)	312 (50.1%)	

*ADG = aggregated diagnosis groups

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Table 2. Unadjusted and adjusted* prevalence ratios for receipt of mammography among all women

Covariate	Unadjusted prevalence ratio	Lower 95% CI	Upper 95% CI	Adjusted* prevalence ratio	Lower 95% CI	Upper 95% CI
HIV status						
HIV positive	0.79	0.73	0.86	0.83	0.77	0.89
HIV negative	1			1		
Age (per 10 years)	1.09	1.09	1.09	1.04	1.04	1.05
Income quintile						
Lowest	1			1		
Low	1.08	1.08	1.09	1.07	1.06	1.07
Middle	1.13	1.12	1.13	1.10	1.09	1.10
High	1.16	1.16	1.17	1.12	1.12	1.12
Highest	1.20	1.20	1.21	1.15	1.14	1.15
Rurality						
Rural	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.99	0.99	0.99
Urban	1			1		
Comorbidity (number of ADGs†)						
<=5 (low comorbidity)	1			1		
6-9	1.31	1.31	1.32	1.11	1.11	1.11
10+ (high comorbidity)	1.34	1.34	1.35	1.12	1.12	1.12
Immigrant status						
Recent (<5 years), endemic country of origin	0.85	0.83	0.88	0.93	0.90	0.96
Recent (<5 years), non-endemic country of origin	0.78	0.77	0.79	0.85	0.84	0.86
Non-recent (5+ years), endemic country of origin	0.95	0.94	0.95	1.00	1.00	1.01
Non-recent (5+ years), non-endemic country of origin	0.88	0.87	0.88	0.94	0.94	0.95
Non immigrant	1			1		
Physician age (per 10 years)	0.98	0.97	0.98	0.99	0.99	0.99
Family physician sex						
Female	1.12	1.12	1.13	1.09	1.09	1.09
Male	1			1		
Primary care model‡						
Capitation – non team based	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.97	0.97	0.97
Enhanced fee for service	0.95	0.94	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95
Non-patient enrolment model	0.60	0.60	0.61	0.86	0.86	0.87
Other	0.94	0.93	0.95	0.98	0.97	0.99
Capitation – team based	1			1		
3+ visits to usual family physician during the study period	1.63	1.63	1.64	1.43	1.42	1.43

* models adjusted for all listed covariates

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Table 3. Demographic tables of women with HIV in Ontario between 50–74 years by screened status (n=623)

Characteristic	Non Screened N=311	Screened N=312	P-value
Age (mean (SD))	55.4 (4.7)	56.1 (4.9)	0.056
Income quintile			
Lowest	122 (39.2%)	111 (35.6%)	<.001
Low	71 (22.8%)	62 (19.9%)	
Middle	50 (16.1%)	54 (17.3%)	
High	30 (9.6%)	42 (13.5%)	
Highest	37 (11.9%)	43 (13.8%)	
Missing	<=5	0 (0.0%)	
Rurality			
Urban	291 (93.6%)	292 (93.6%)	0.992
Rural	20 (6.4%)	20 (6.4%)	
Comorbidity (number of ADGs*)			
<=5 (low comorbidity)	101 (32.5%)	63 (20.2%)	0.002
6-9	134 (43.1%)	154 (49.4%)	
10+ (high comorbidity)	76 (24.4%)	95 (30.4%)	
Immigrant status			
Non immigrant	232 (74.6%)	212 (67.9%)	0.37
Recent (<5 years), endemic country of origin	17 (5.5%)	24 (7.7%)	
Recent (<5 years), non-endemic country of origin	<=5	<=5	
Non-recent (5+ years), endemic country of origin	45 (14.5%)	52 (16.7%)	
Non-recent (5+ years), non-endemic country of origin	<=20	<=22	
Family physician age (mean (SD))	51.8 (10.2)	51.9 (11.3)	0.99
Family physician sex			
Female	80 (25.7%)	115 (36.9%)	<.001
Male	197 (63.3%)	186 (59.6%)	
Years since family physician graduation (mean (SD))	26.1 (10.7)	26.1 (11.4)	0.967
Primary care model†			
Capitation – non team based	48 (15.4%)	59 (18.9%)	<.001
Enhanced fee for service	92 (29.6%)	115 (36.9%)	
Capitation – team based (family health team)	85 (27.3%)	74 (23.7%)	
Non-patient enrolment model	72 (23.2%)	34 (10.9%)	
Other	14 (4.5%)	30 (9.6%)	
Type of physician care received during the study period‡			
Regular HIV specialist care‡	77 (24.8%)	51 (16.3%)	<.001
3+ visits to usual family physician only	92 (29.6%)	130 (41.7%)	
Both regular family physician care and HIV specialist care	53 (17.0%)	93 (29.8%)	
Neither regular family physician care nor HIV specialist care	89 (28.6%)	38 (12.2%)	
Number of primary care visits during the study period (mean (SD))	3.9 (4.7)	5.13 (5.3)	0.003

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† Capitation – team based (e.g. family health teams with allied health support), capitation - non team based (e.g. family health networks, family health organizations), rostered - enhanced fee for service (e.g. family health group), non-patient enrollment model (e.g. fee for service)

‡ Regular HIV specialist care defined as 3+ visits to an infectious disease or internal medicine specialist for HIV specific care

Table 4. Unadjusted and adjusted* prevalence ratios for receipt of mammography among women with HIV

Covariate	Unadjusted prevalence ratio	Lower 95% CI	Upper 95% CI	Adjusted* prevalence ratio	Lower 95% CI	Upper 95% CI
Age (per 10 years)	1.16	1.00	1.35	1.03	0.89	1.20
Income quintile						
Lowest	1			1		
Low	0.98	0.78	1.23	0.94	0.77	1.16
Middle	1.09	0.87	1.37	1.06	0.87	1.30
High	1.22	0.97	1.55	1.24	0.99	1.55
Highest	1.13	0.88	1.44	1.14	0.90	1.44
Rurality						
Rural	1.02	0.75	1.41	0.95	0.69	1.31
Urban	1			1		
Comorbidity (number of ADGs [†])						
<=5 (low comorbidity)	1			1		
6-9	1.38	1.11	1.73	1.15	0.94	1.40
10+ (high comorbidity)	1.44	1.14	1.82	1.18	0.95	1.47
Immigrant status						
Recent (<5 years), endemic country of origin	1.22	0.93	1.61	1.23	0.93	1.63
Recent (<5 years), non-endemic country of origin	1.57	0.88	2.78	1.19	0.56	2.52
Non-recent (5+ years), endemic country of origin	1.12	0.91	1.38	1.03	0.85	1.24
Non-recent (5+ years), non-endemic country of origin	1.19	0.88	1.60	1.09	0.83	1.43
Non immigrant	1			1		
Physician age (per 10 years)	1.00	0.93	1.08	1.01	0.94	1.09
Family physician sex						
Female	1.21	1.04	1.42	1.10	0.95	1.28
Male	1			1		
Primary care model [‡]						
Capitation – non team based	1.18	0.93	1.50	1.09	0.87	1.35
Enhanced fee for service	1.19	0.97	1.47	1.09	0.89	1.33
Non-patient Enrolment model	0.70	0.50	0.96	0.94	0.68	1.31
Other	1.46	1.13	1.90	1.28	0.99	1.66
Capitation – team based (family health team)	1			1		
Type of physician care received during study period						
Regular HIV specialist care [§]	0.63	0.49	0.80	0.77	0.60	0.97
3+ visits to usual family physician only	0.92	0.78	1.08	0.97	0.82	1.15

Neither regular family physician care nor HIV specialist care	0.47	0.35	0.63	0.64	0.50	0.83
Both regular family physician care and HIV specialist care	1			1		

* Models adjusted for all listed covariates

† ADG = aggregated diagnosis groups

‡ Capitation – team based (e.g. family health teams with allied health support), capitation - non team based (e.g. family health networks, family health organizations), rostered - enhanced fee for service (e.g. family health group), non-patient enrollment model (e.g. fee for service)

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