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Dear Readers,

Spring has arrived at the HIVreport's editorial office. This issue introduces a fresh new look for the HIVreport and connects it more closely to the DAH website. All topics will now be easier to find and will offer links to our other information services. This is meant to increase the HIVreport's usefulness while making it more exciting to read.

The focus of the HIVreport's current issue also happens to be on excitement, or more specifically, pre-ejaculate.

Questions about what role this small drop of liquid has in HIV transmission have puzzled many experts. We decided to get to the bottom of this, all the way to the pelvic floor, where the pea-sized glands are located that produce pre-ejaculate.

Bottom line: The established facts of HIV prevention still apply. Pre-ejaculate is of no concern in oral intercourse. Oral contact with pre-ejaculate is still considered "safer sex". However, this is not the case with vaginal and anal intercourse, where pre-ejaculate may well lead to an HIV infection (or pregnancy).

The second topic is – once again – pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP): In the two previous HIVreports, we discussed the findings of the first phase-3 study. Unfortunately, we now have some unexpected bad news: A PrEP study on women from southern African countries was stopped. This is why, for the third time in a row, we are informing you about PrEP, which seems to become a prominent topic this year.

Best regards,

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