In January and February of 2001, ACT UP interviewed 30 ex-offenders infected with HIV/AIDS/HCV just released from New York State's prisons. The questions posed to the respondents had to do with their treatment and the attendant issue of prevention. Their answers were recorded on audio tape, tabulated and presented below.

We ask that you continue to monitor and report abuses and sub-standard care and treatment within NY State Prisons  www.actupny.org/reports/prisons

ALBION
Correctional Officers infect inmates with HIV.
No special diets for HIV/AIDS/HCV patients.
HIV/AIDS discrimination by staff.

ARTHUR KILL
Doctors not listening to patients with HIV/AIDS/HCV.
HIV/AIDS discrimination among inmates.
Inexperienced HIV Care Doctors are shifted around in the penal system.

ATTICA
Patients not allowed to "grieve" poor HIV/AIDS/HCV care.

AUBURN
Charts identified with HIV status.
No diagnoses and treatment of HCV.

BEDFORD
Ghettoization of patients with HIV/AIDS.
Charts identified with HIV status.
Staff breaches HIV/AIDS confidentiality.
HIV tests not done or results not explained.
Occurrence of unsafe sex and no latex barriers.
Purpose for HIV medications and their side effects not explained.

CAMP GABRIEL
Doctors not listening to patients with HIV/AIDS/HCV.

CAPE VINCENT
Doctors not listening to patients with HIV/AIDS/HCV.

CLINTON
Ghettoization of patients with HIV/AIDS.
Doctors not listening to patients with HIV/AIDS/HCV.
Staff breaches HIV/AIDS confidentiality.
No bi-lingual medical staff.
HIV/AIDS discrimination by staff.
COMSTOCK
Ghettoization of patients with HIV/AIDS.
Inmates punished when found with latex barriers.
No bi-lingual medical staff.
Patients deprived of HIV medications.
HIV/AIDS discrimination by staff.

ELMIRA
HIV/AIDS care denied because of prisoner status.

FISHKILL
Charts identified with HIV status.
Medical charts are lost when patients are transferred from prison to prison.
Staff breaches HIV/AIDS confidentiality.
No bi-lingual medical staff.
Patients deprived of HIV medications.

FULTON
Patients deprived of HIV medications.

GOWANDA
Doctors not listening to patients with HIV/AIDS/HCV.
Inexperienced HIV Care Doctors are shifted around in the penal system.

GROVELAND
Too long between clinic appointments.
HIV/AIDS medications are lost when patients transfer from prison to prison.
Doctors not listening to patients with HIV/AIDS/HCV.
Nurses stonewall treatment of HIV/AIDS because of cost of medication.
HIV tests not done or results not explained.
Patients deprived of HIV medications.

MARCY
HIV/AIDS medications are lost when patients transfer from prison to prison.
Clinics and infirmaries are not near the main prison.
Unsafe tattooing.
Patients not allowed to "grieve" poor HIV/AIDS/HCV care.
No special diets for HIV/AIDS/HCV patients.
No HIV/AIDS/HCV education, support and counselling.
Staff breaches HIV/AIDS confidentiality.
No bi-lingual medical staff.
Occurrence of unsafe sex and no latex barriers.
Patients deprived of HIV medications.
HIV/AIDS discrimination by staff.
No diagnoses and treatment of HCV.

MID ORANGE
Ghettoization of patients with HIV/AIDS.
Charts identified with HIV status.
Inmates punished when found with latex barriers.
Medical charts are lost when patients are transferred from prison to prison.
Staff not trained in universal precautions.
Staff breaches HIV/AIDS confidentiality.
No bi-lingual medical staff.
Occurrence of unsafe sex and no latex barriers.
Patients deprived of HIV medications.
HIV/AIDS discrimination by staff.

MID STATE
Doctors not listening to patients with HIV/AIDS/HCV.
Unclean cells, clinics and toilets.
Patients not allowed to "grieve" poor HIV/AIDS/HCV care.
HIV/AIDS discrimination among inmates.
Suicides secondary to HIV/AIDS infection.
HIV/AIDS medications changed with no reason given.
No complete physical--only vital sign done.
Corrections Officers dispensing HIV/AIDS medications.
Staff not trained in universal precautions.
Inexperienced HIV Care Doctors are shifted around in the penal system.
No special diets for HIV/AIDS/HCV patients.
Nurses stonewall treatment of HIV/AIDS because of cost of medication.
No HIV/AIDS/HCV education, support and counselling.
Staff breaches HIV/AIDS confidentiality.
No bi-lingual medical staff.
HIV tests not done or results not explained.
Occurrence of unsafe sex and no latex barriers.
Patients deprived of HIV medications.
HIV/AIDS discrimination by staff.
No diagnoses and treatment of HCV.

MOHAWK
Charts identified with HIV status.
Doctors not treating side effects of HIV/AIDS medication.
No safer sex counselling provided upon discharge.
HIV/AIDS discrimination among inmates.
Suicides secondary to HIV/AIDS infection.
Inexperienced HIV Care Doctors are shifted around in the penal system.
No special diets for HIV/AIDS/HCV patients.
No HIV/AIDS/HCV education, support and counselling.
No bi-lingual medical staff.
Occurrence of unsafe sex and no latex barriers.
Patients deprived of HIV medications.
No diagnoses and treatment of HCV.

OBERLAND
HIV/AIDS discrimination by staff.

ONEIDA
Staff breaches HIV/AIDS confidentiality.
HIV/AIDS discrimination by staff.

RIKERS (NYC)
No special diets for HIV/AIDS/HCV patients.
Nurses stonewall treatment of HIV/AIDS because of cost of medication.
No HIV/AIDS/HCV education, support and counselling.
Staff breaches HIV/AIDS confidentiality.
No bi-lingual medical staff.
HIV tests not done or results not explained.
Occurrence of unsafe sex and no latex barriers.
Patients deprived of HIV medications.
HIV/AIDS discrimination by staff.
Patients are rushed by medical staff.
No diagnoses and treatment of HCV.
"Keep On Person" medications are not allowed.
Medical records are not released when patient is discharged.
Clinics are crowded and limit the number of patients.
No HIV/AIDS/HCV medications provided upon discharge.
New inmates are placed within general population without medical screening.

RIVerview
Charts identified with HIV status.
HIV/AIDS discrimination by staff.

SING SING
Unclean cells, clinics and toilets.

ULSTER
No HIV/AIDS/HCV education, support and counselling.
No bi-lingual medical staff.
"Keep On Person" medications are not allowed.
Clinics are crowded and limit the number of patients.

WOODBOURNE
HIV/AIDS discrimination among inmates.
Patients deprived of HIV medications.
HIV/AIDS discrimination by staff.