



Understanding the Link ART Centre

National AIDS Control Organisation

Session Objectives

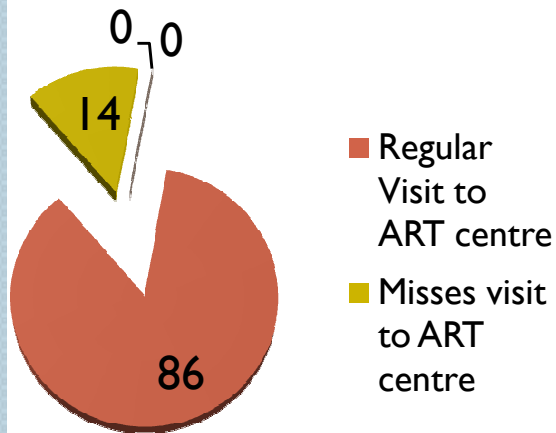
- Describe the activities of the Link ART Centre and their relevance to the National AIDS Control Programme
- Distinguish between the Link ART Centre and the LAC Plus

Alternative Method: Case Study

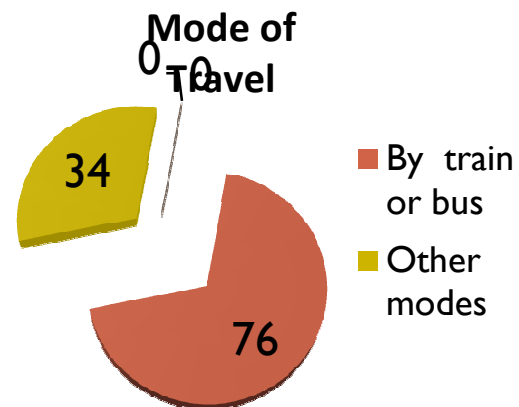
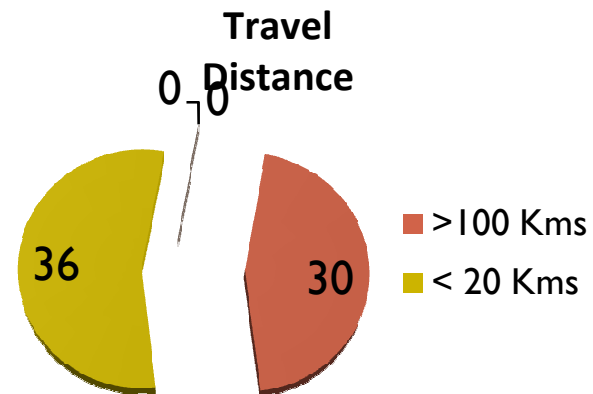
- Individually read the case study given in Annexure 7 in the Handouts: *A little interest goes a long way: Case study of the LAC Plus Centre at Gondal, District Rajkot, Gujarat* – p. 175
- What items show that this is not just an ICTC but an LAC?
- What items show the system personally put in place by the counsellor?
- How does an LAC help?



Situational Analysis of clients of 27 ART centres



Adherence to Visit to the Centre



Objectives of the LAC

Increase access of ART to PLHA

Reduce gap between counselling & testing services and CST services

Improved client's adherence to ART

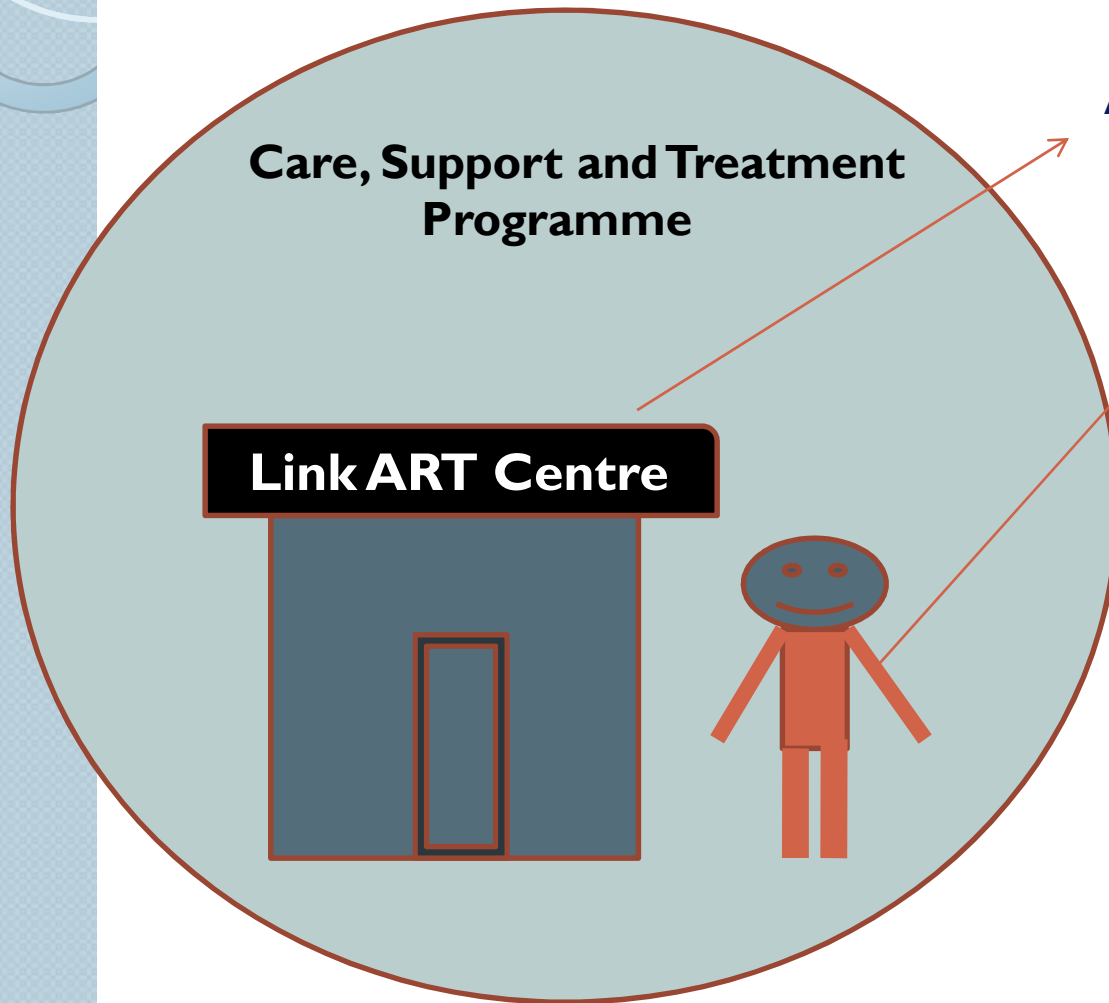
Integrate CST services with primary & secondary health care systems

Link ART Centre

Reduce travel cost and time

Improve capacity of primary & secondary health care staff

Link ART Centre



A Programme Unit

**A service facility
closer to home for**

- **ARV drugs**
- **Adherence monitoring and support**
- **Treatment of minor OIs**

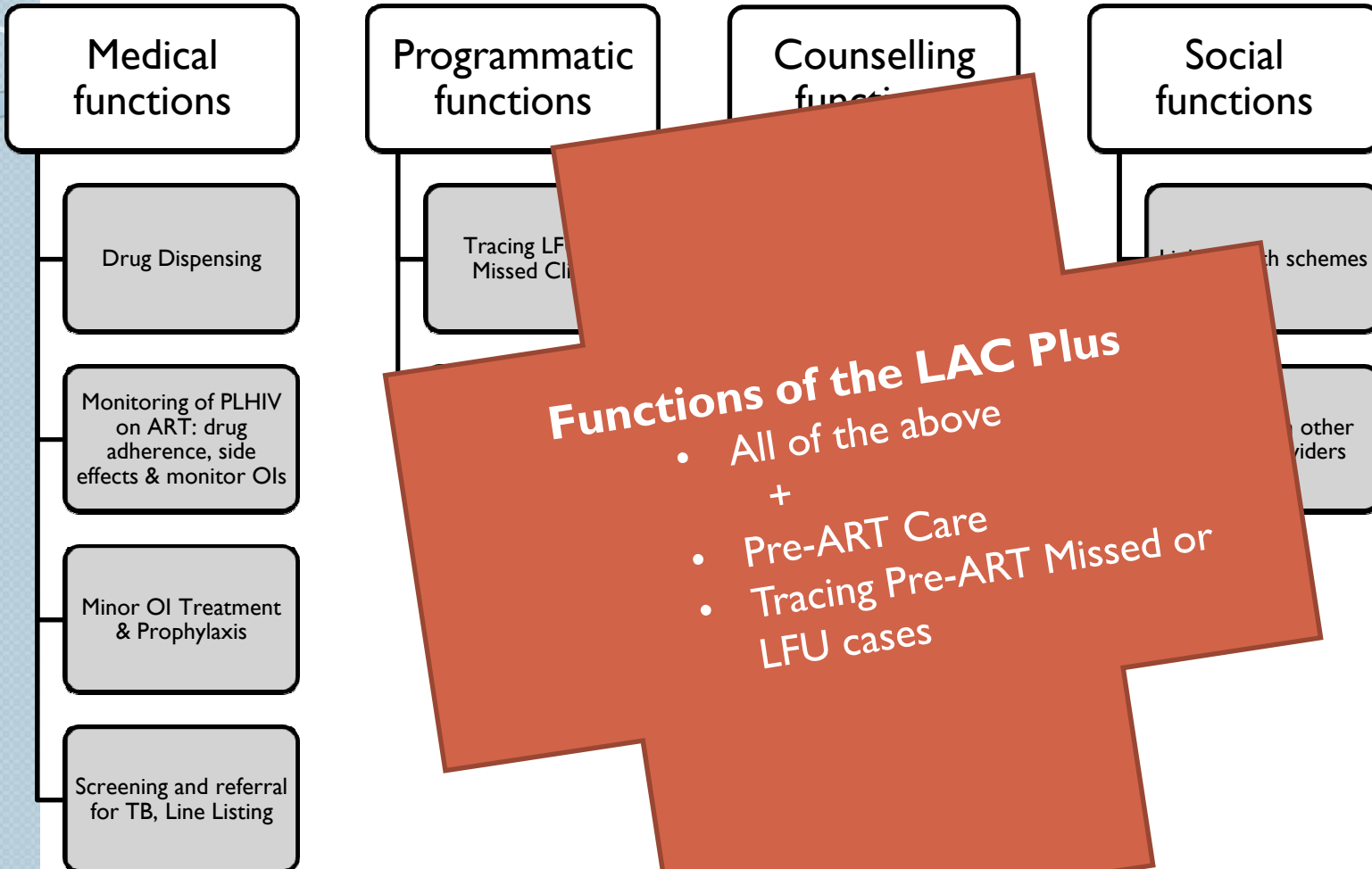
Main Functions of the LAC

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- Monitoring of PLHIV on ART
- OI Treatment and Prophylaxis
- HIV TB co infection
- Psycho-social Function
- Tracing LFU and Missed Clients (Pre-ART & on ART)
- Pre-ART Management through those centres designated as LAC Plus

Functions of the LAC

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Activity

- Turn to your handouts and fill in the table



Activity	LAC	LAC Plus
Dispensing ARV drugs		
Monitoring PLHIV who are on ART		
Counselling on adherence		
Counselling on nutrition, risk reduction and positive prevention		

Dispensing ARV drugs



Link ART Centre

Yes

LAC Plus

**Yes – for people
who are on ART**

**No – for people
who are pre-ART**

Monitoring PLHIV who are on ART



Link ART Centre

Yes

LAC Plus

**Yes – for people
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**No – for people
who are pre-ART**

Counselling on adherence



Link ART Centre

Yes

LAC Plus

Yes – for people who are on ART

No – for people who are pre-ART

Counselling on nutrition, risk reduction, positive prevention



Link ART Centre

Yes

LAC Plus

Yes

Treatment of minor OIs



Link ART Centre

Yes

LAC Plus

Yes

Treatment of major OIs



Link ART Centre

No

LAC Plus

No

Identification of side-effects of ARVs



Link ART Centre

Yes

LAC Plus

Yes – for people who are on ART

No – for people who are pre-ART

Tracing of Missed cases & LFU



Link ART Centre

Yes

LAC Plus

Yes

Screening for TB symptoms on every visit



Link ART Centre

Yes

LAC Plus

Yes

Social support to PLHIV



Link ART Centre

Yes

LAC Plus

Yes

Back-referral to ART Centre



Link ART Centre

LAC Plus

Yes

Yes

Registration of PLHIV into pre-ART care



Link ART Centre

No

LAC Plus

Yes

Pre-ART management including CD4 test



Link ART Centre

No

LAC Plus

Yes

Initiation of ART



Link ART Centre

No

LAC Plus

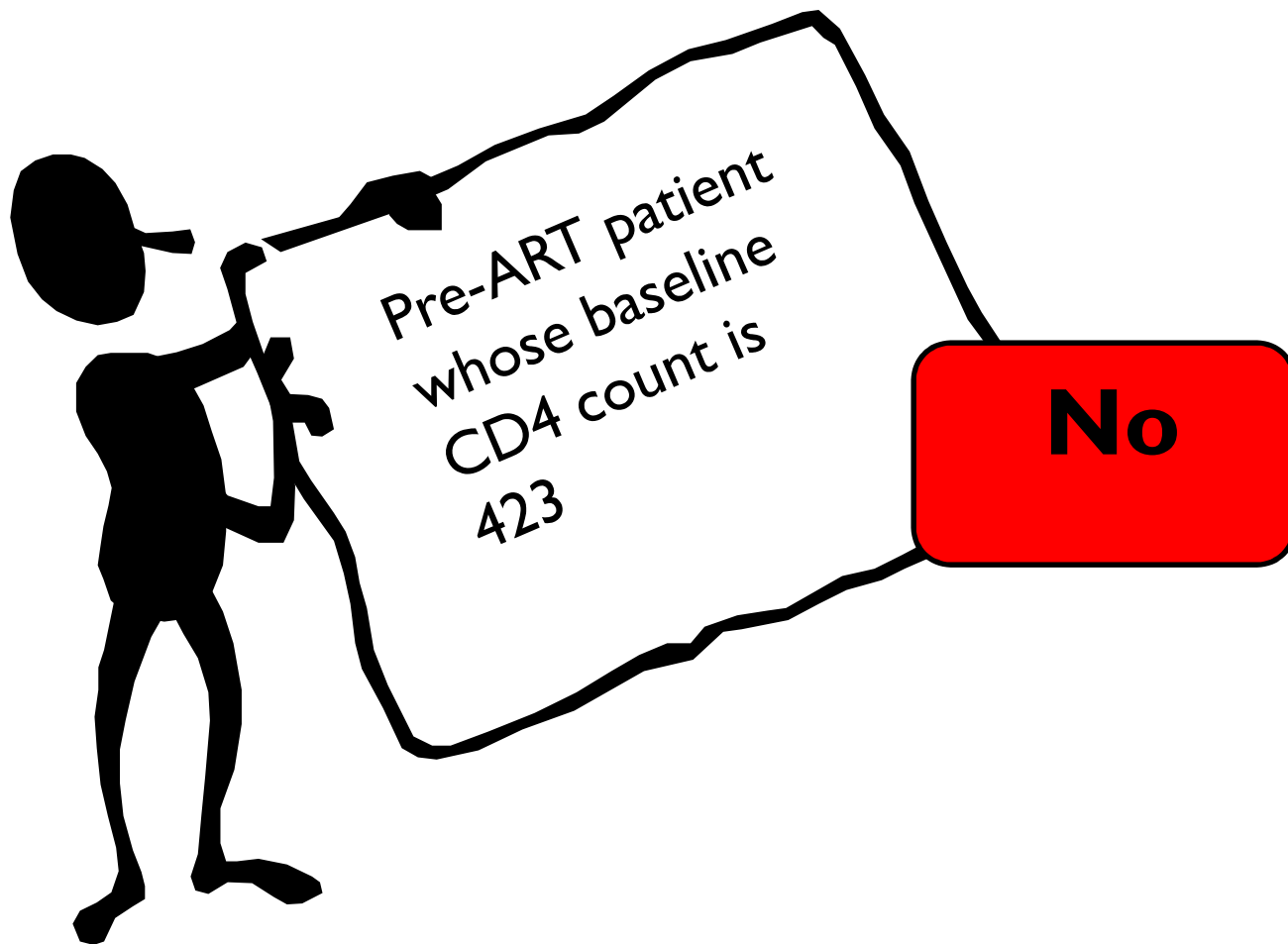
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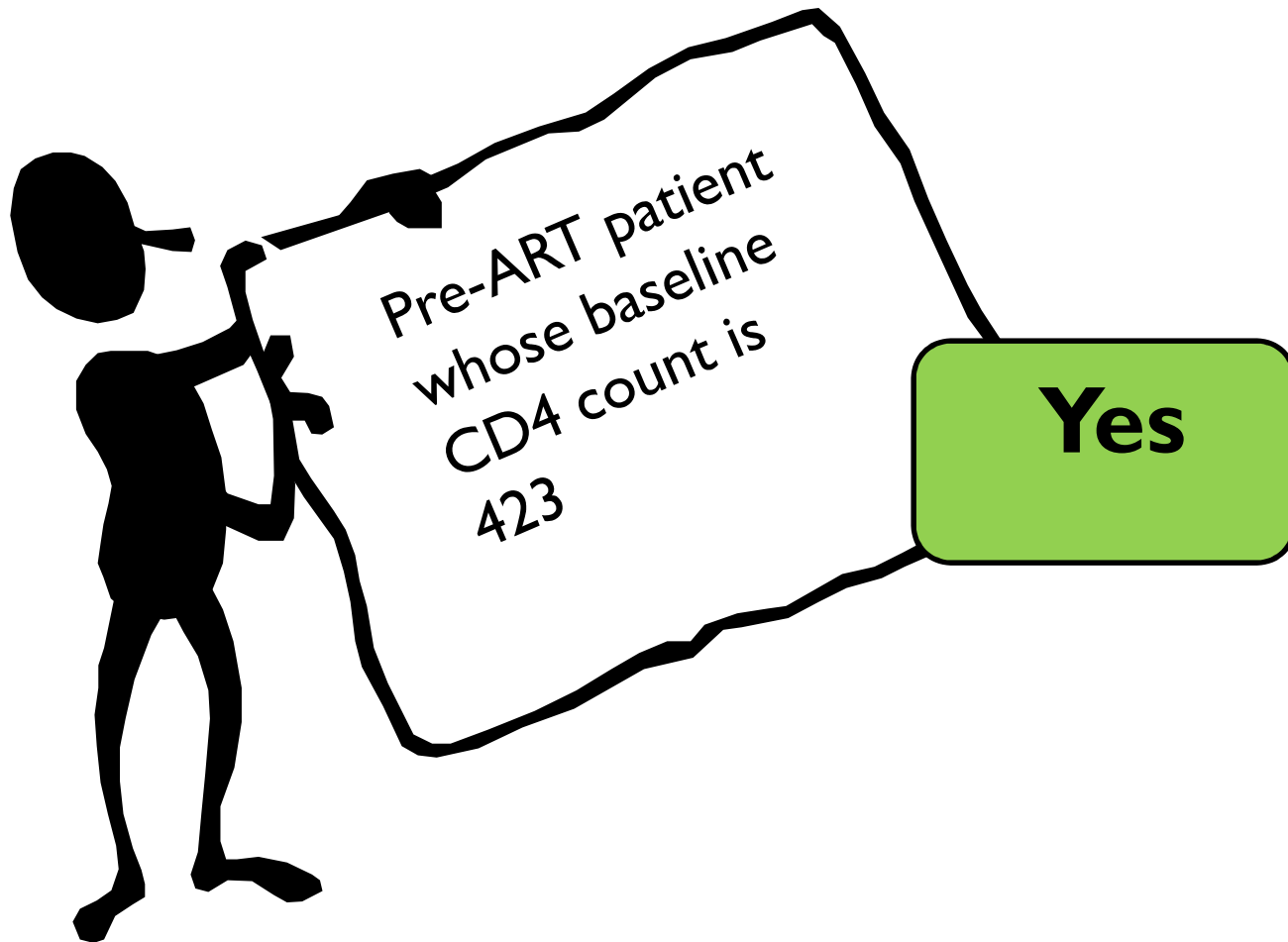
- Let us check our understanding of LAC and LAC Plus some more



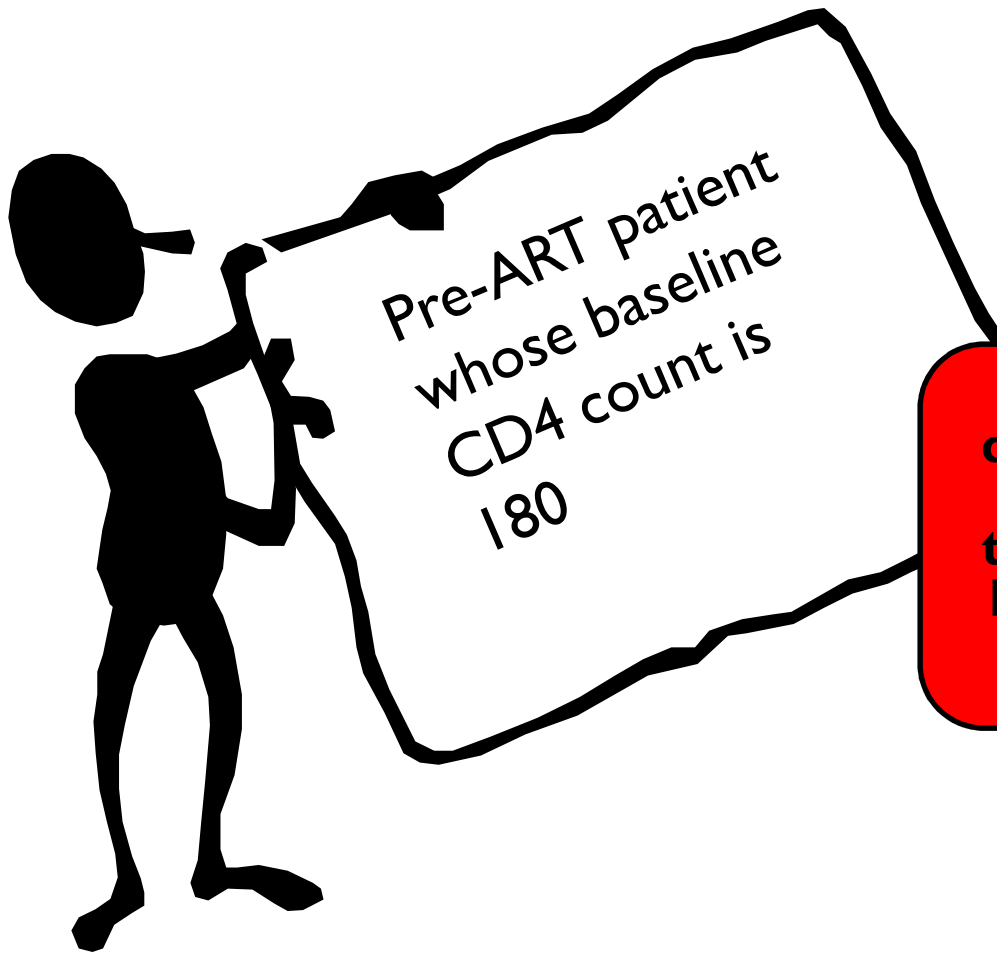
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Is this person eligible for LAC Plus services?



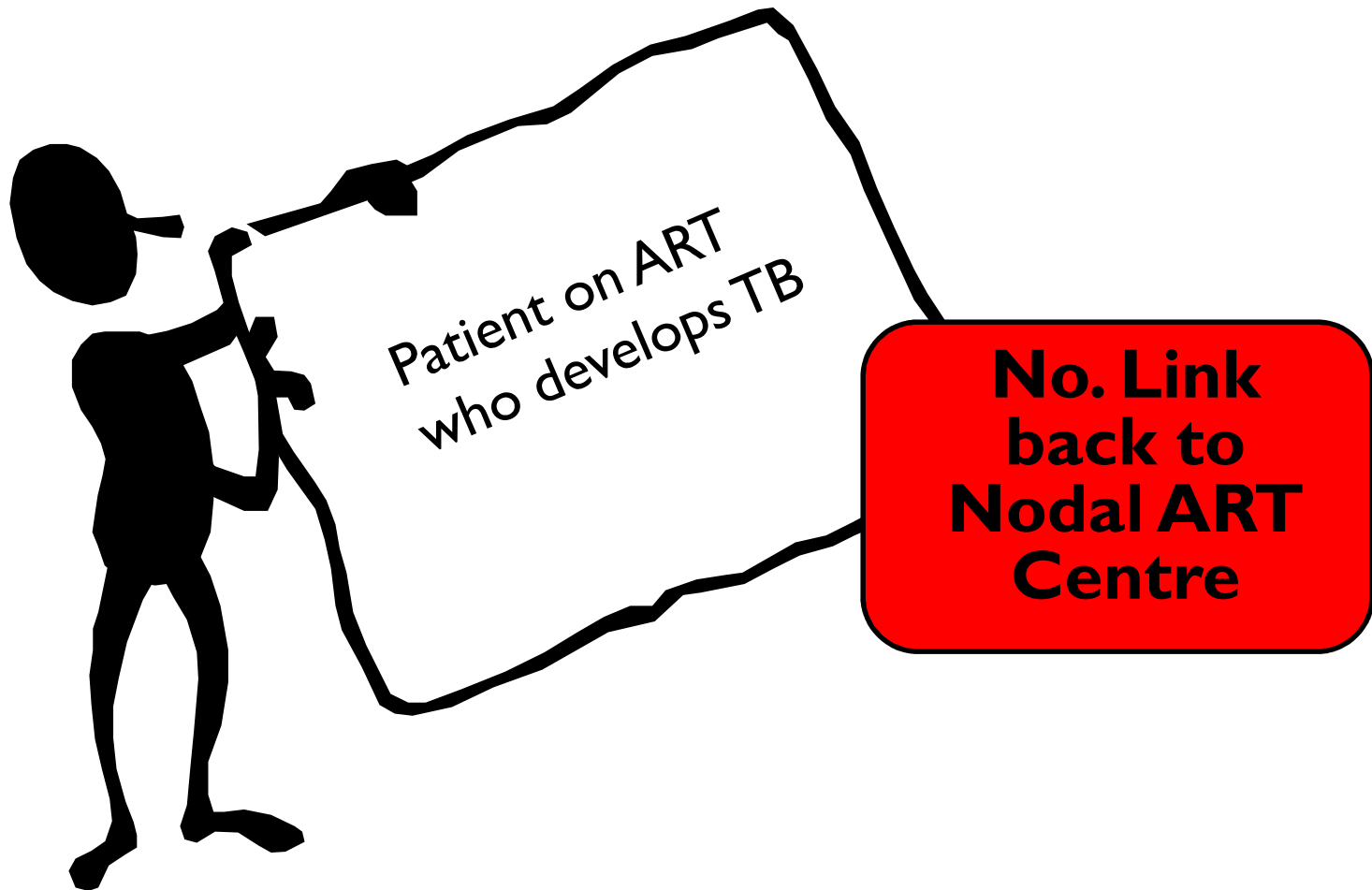
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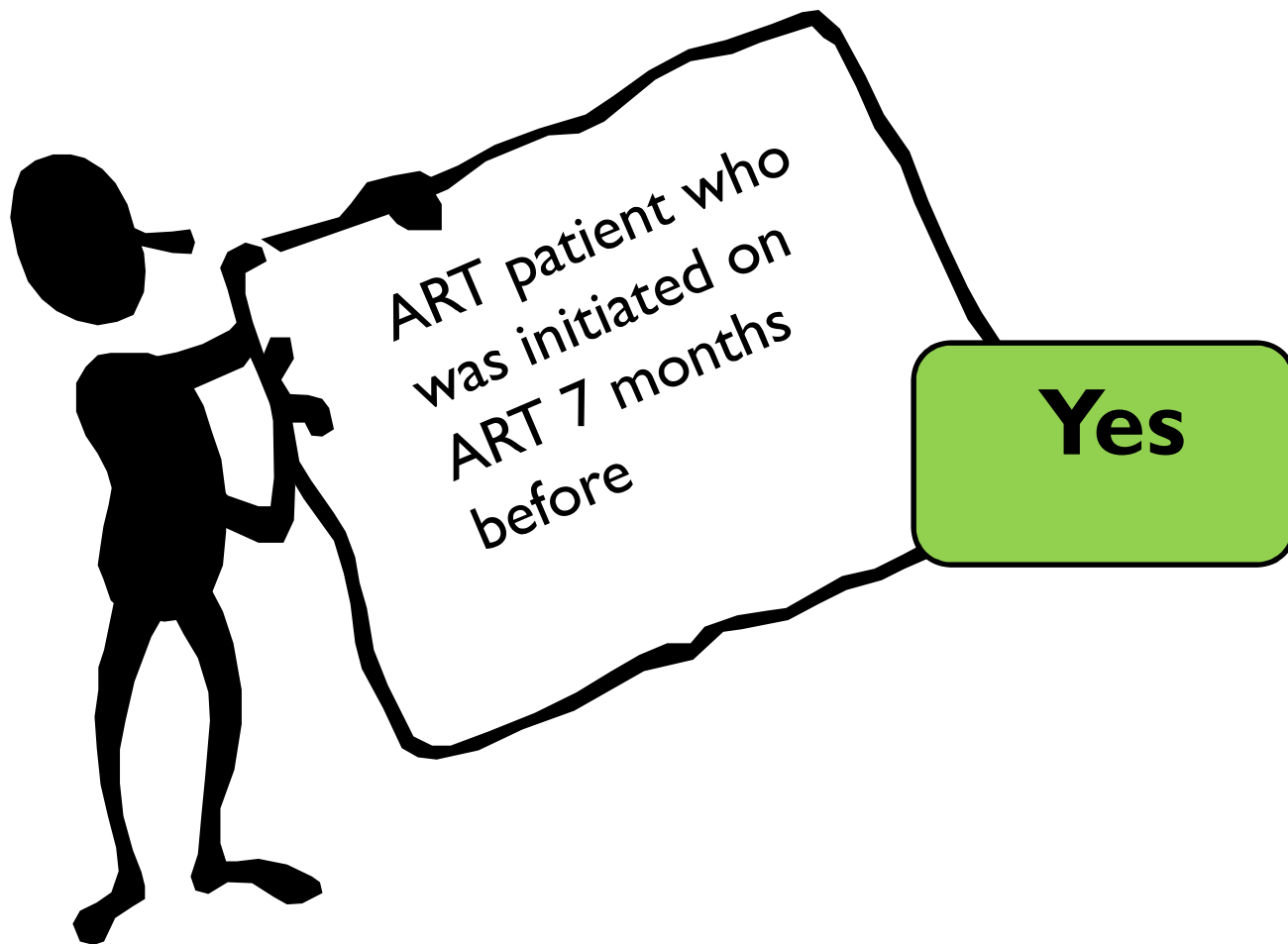
Pre-ART patient
whose baseline
CD4 count is
180

No. As soon as it is determined the CD 4 count has fallen, they must be linked back to Nodal ART Centre

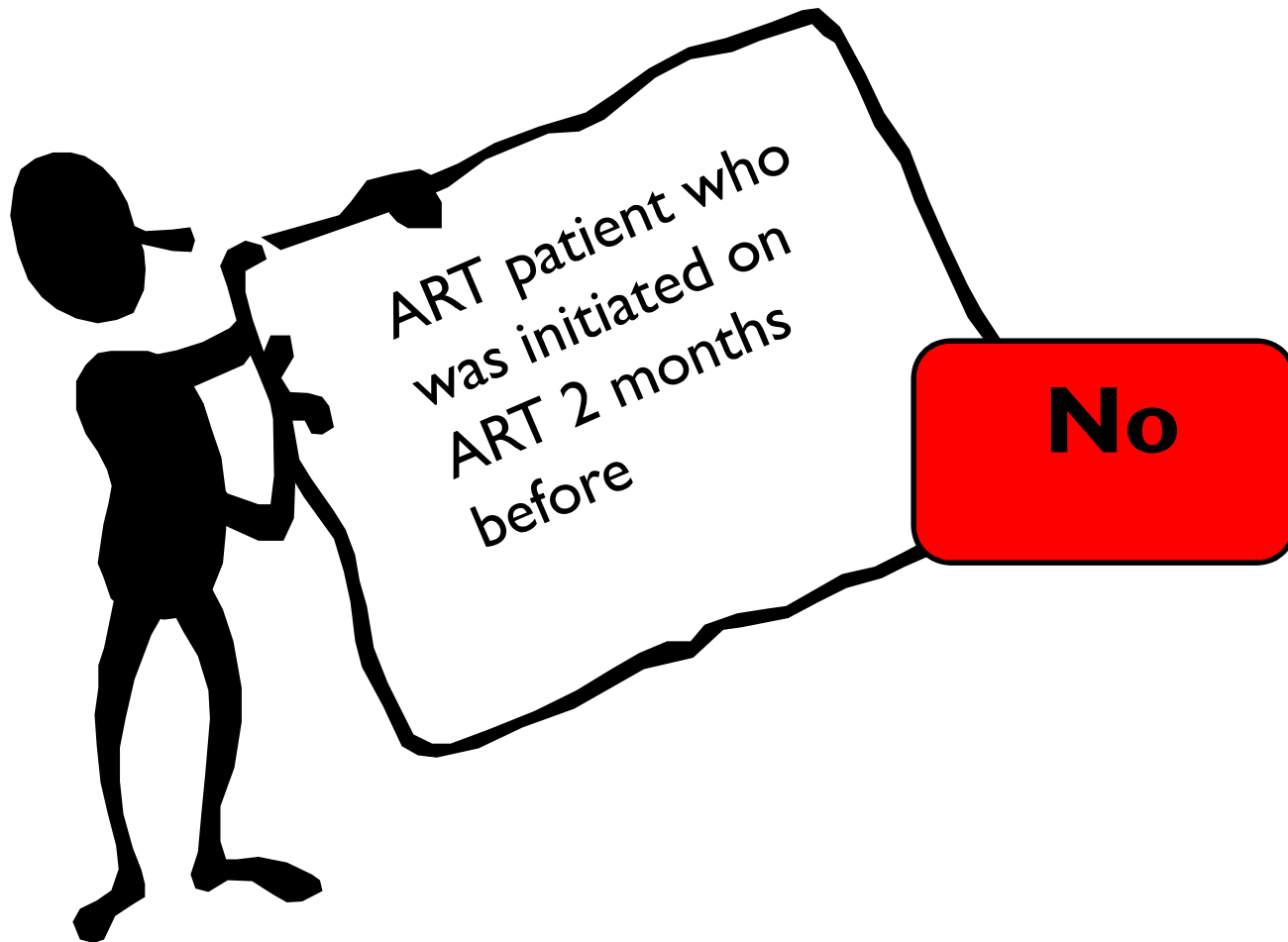
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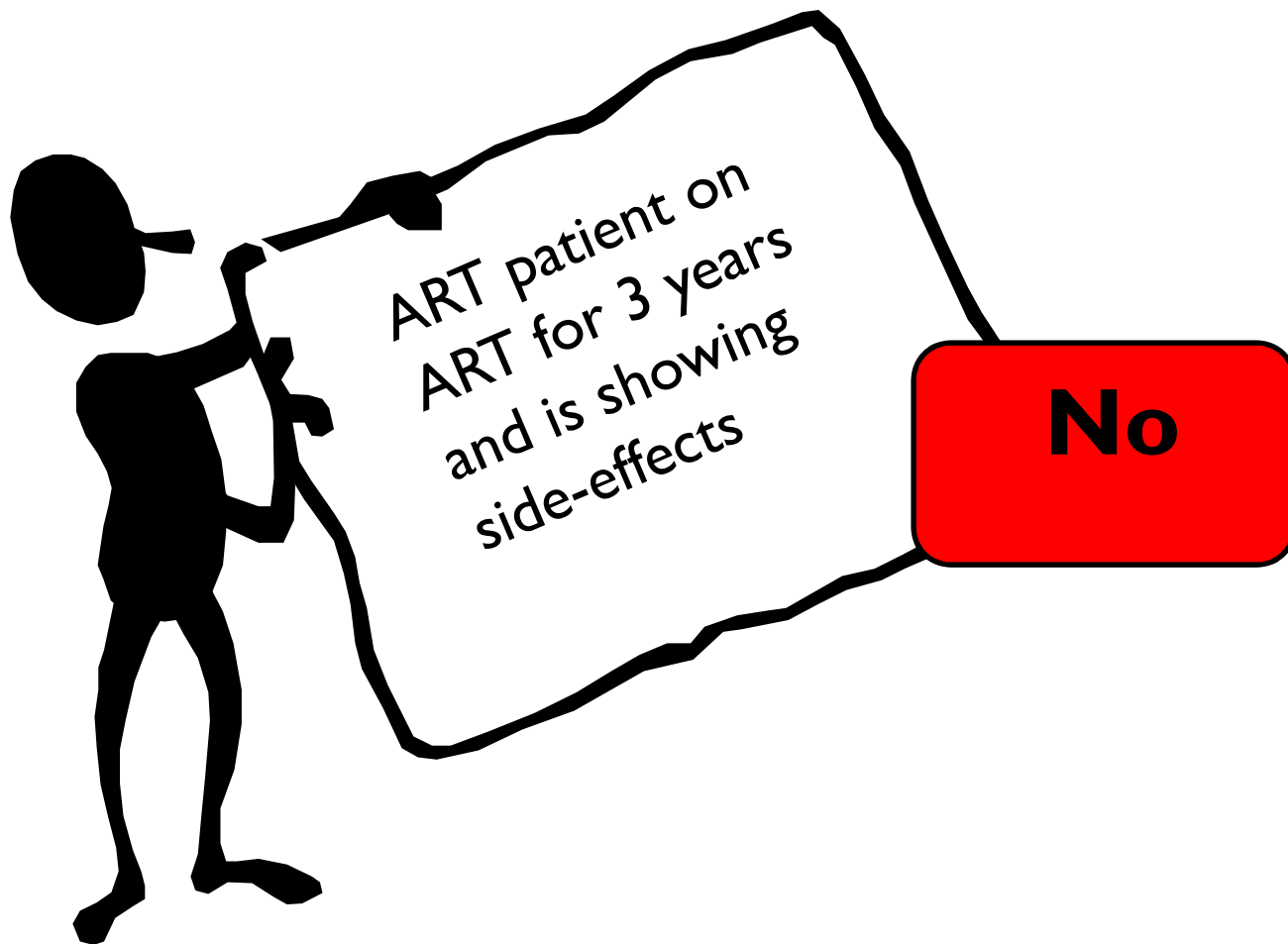
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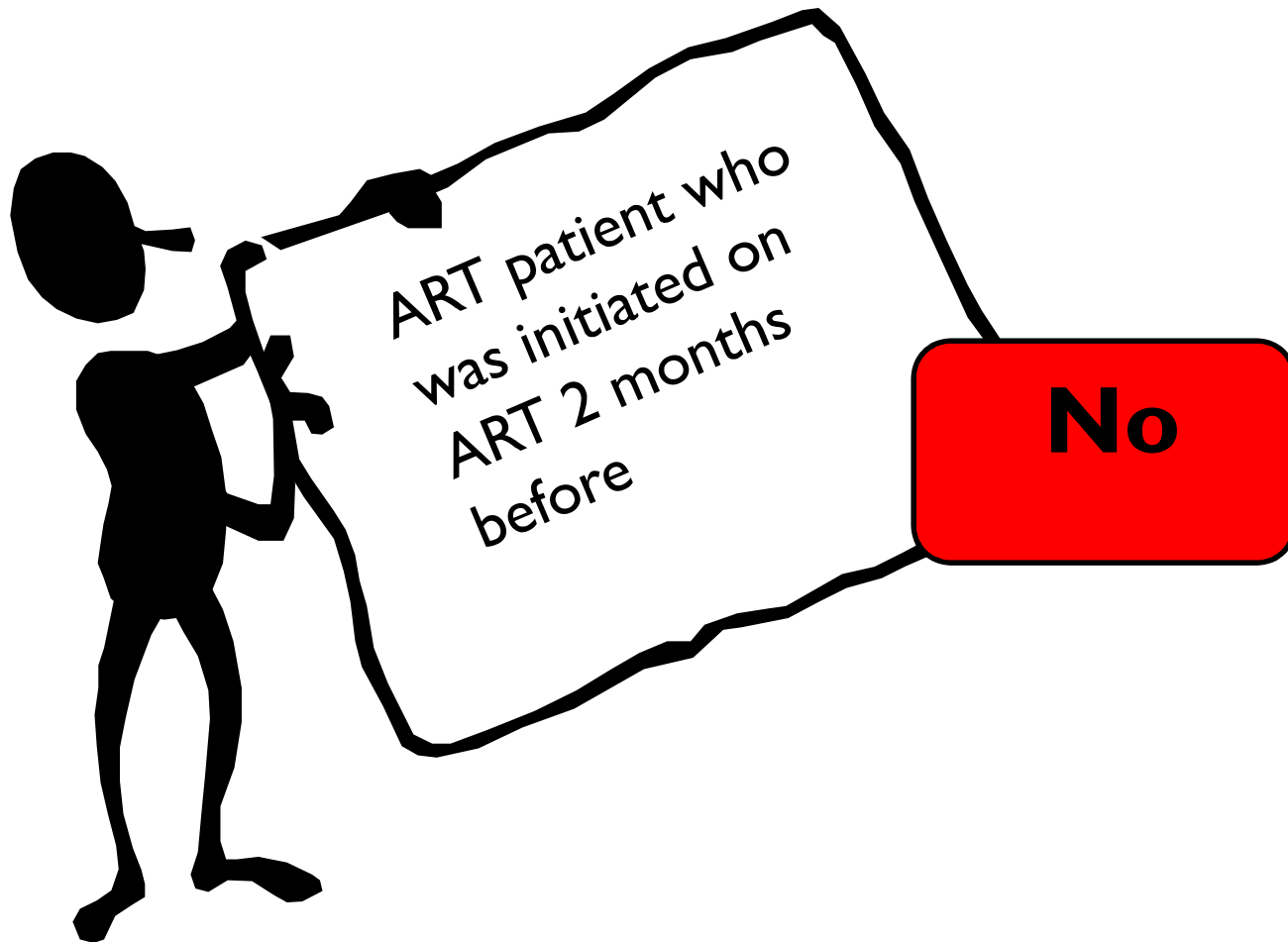
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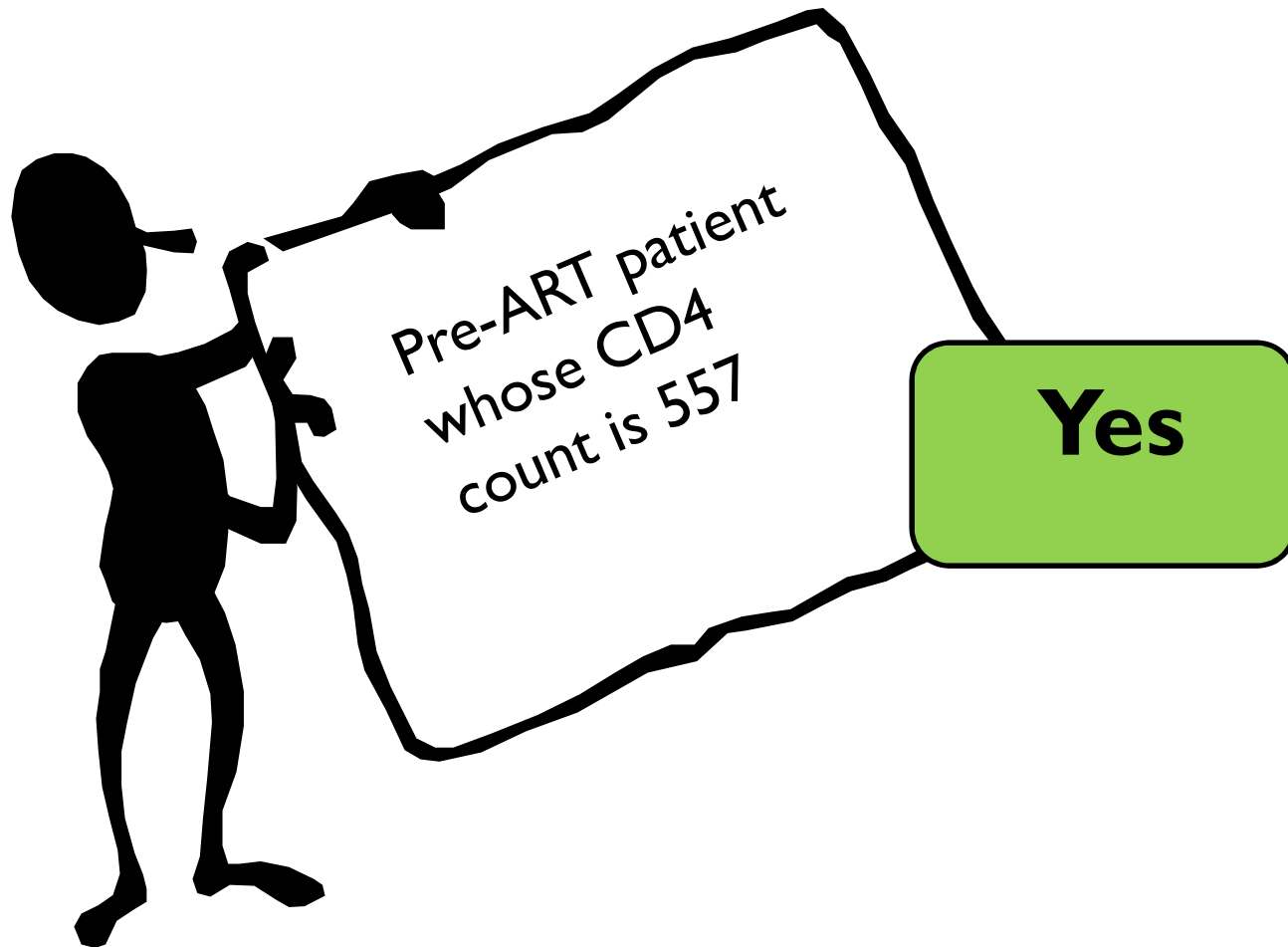
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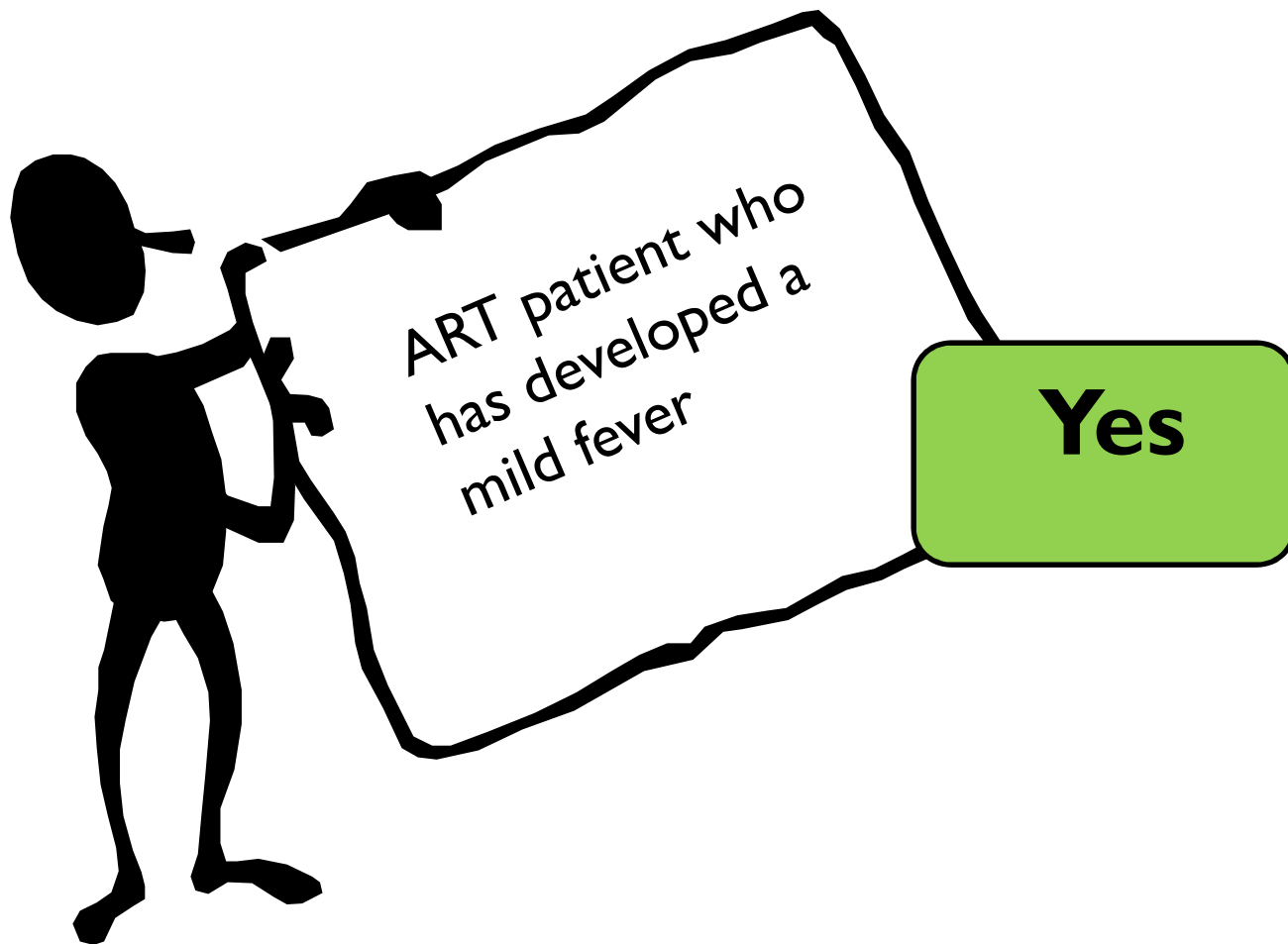
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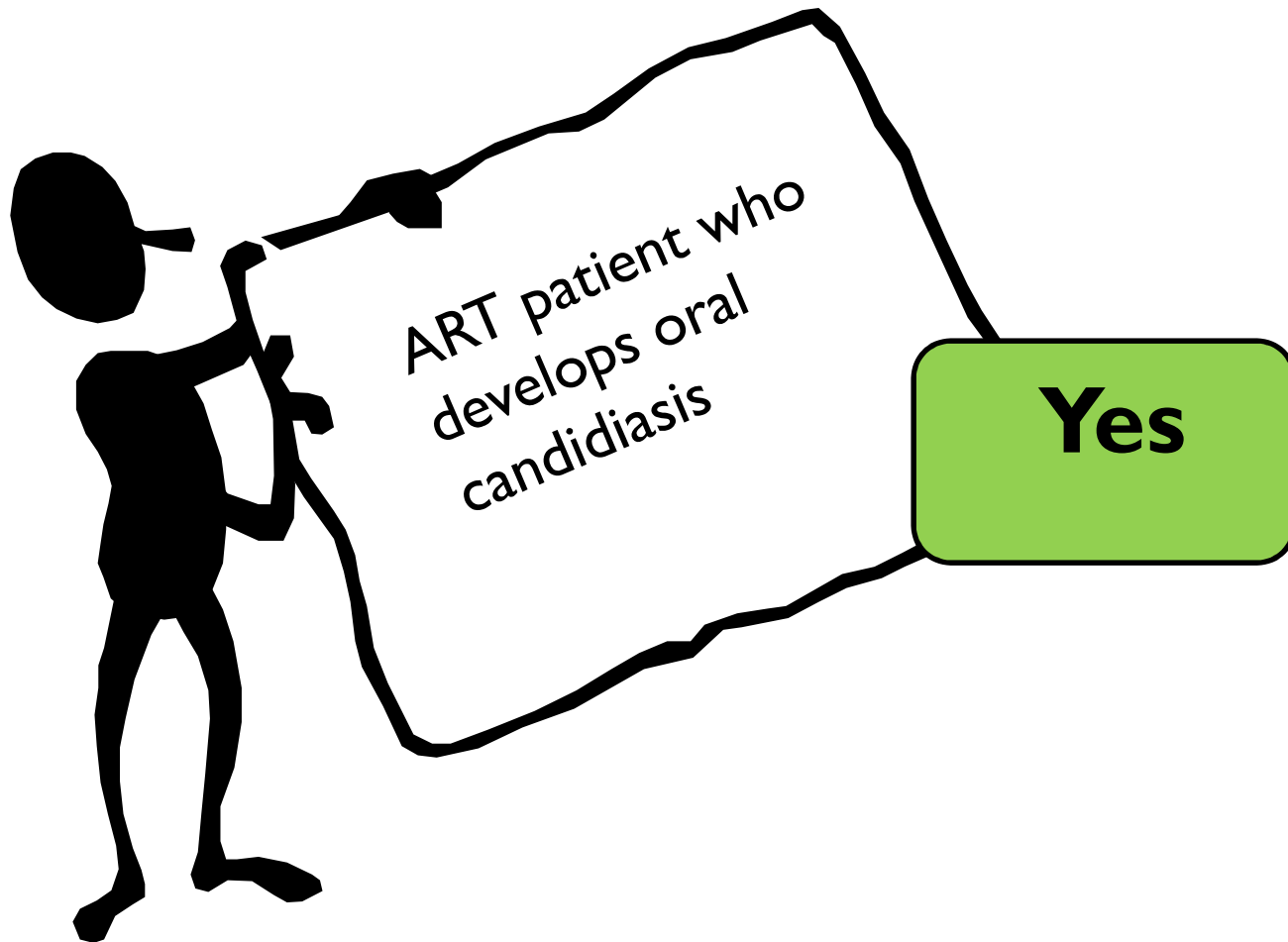
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