House of Numbers Special:

Interview with Dr. Neil Constantine, Ph.D., Professor of Pathology, University of Maryland School of Medicine...

And Dr. Robin Weiss, Ph.D., Professor of Viral Oncology, Division of Infection and Immunity, University College London...

By film maker Brent Leung...


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Interview with Dr. Niel Constantine, by film maker Brent Leung

Brent Leung (off camera): "I'm going to ask you one last question that pertains to my HIV test I took in Africa..."

And you want this on air?

Brent Leung (off camera): "Yes, I tested negative, it's okay."

It's up to you if you want to disclose your results.

Would that make a difference for everyone to hear?

Now if I tell you that the test you took was lousy and didn't mean a thing...

Yeah, I know.

Brent Leung (off camera): "It [would] make a difference for me..."

You want everyone in the world to see that?
Interview with Dr. Robin Weiss, by film maker Brent Leung

Brent Leung (off camera):

Why don’t they up the criteria from two bands to, like, four or five now, in an effort to make the Western Blot more specific?

I don’t think the Western Blot is a useful diagnostic test, I don’t think it’s worth doing...

Brent Leung:

But it’s a useful prognostic test...

Then you can follow their antibody responses well with Western Blots.

Once you know that someone is infected...

You don’t need a Western Blot and it’s become a dogma in HIV research that you need one ELISA followed by a Western.

You’re looking forwards into how the patient’s going to do in the future, in a prognostic test.

‘Diagnostics’ say, ‘is the patient infected or not’?

You don’t!

You need two different kinds of ELISA’s made in two different formats.

Western Blots have been sort of promoted into some sort of Holy Grail.
The HIV/AIDS Story is Being Rewritten

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