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Hepatitis C Treatment Program

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NYC H+H Mission

Health care safety net for all New Yorkers without exception

- Among largest jail system in US*
  - Over 20,000 annual admissions
  - Apprx 6,000 avg daily population
  - 93% male
  - 87% Black or Hispanic
- LOS: Mean 115 days, Median 19



Comprehensive health services of the highest quality with a commitment to humane care, dignity, and respect, regardless of ability to pay

*DOC Jail Population Metrics (FY'23) www.nyc.gov/site/doc/about/statistics-and-compliance.page

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- **Program Fundamentals**:
  - Systemwide emphasis on universal HCV testing offers
  - Early referral to HCV program for education, care coordination, discharge planning, and treatment
  - On-site availability of HCV medications
  - Citywide partnerships and collaborations

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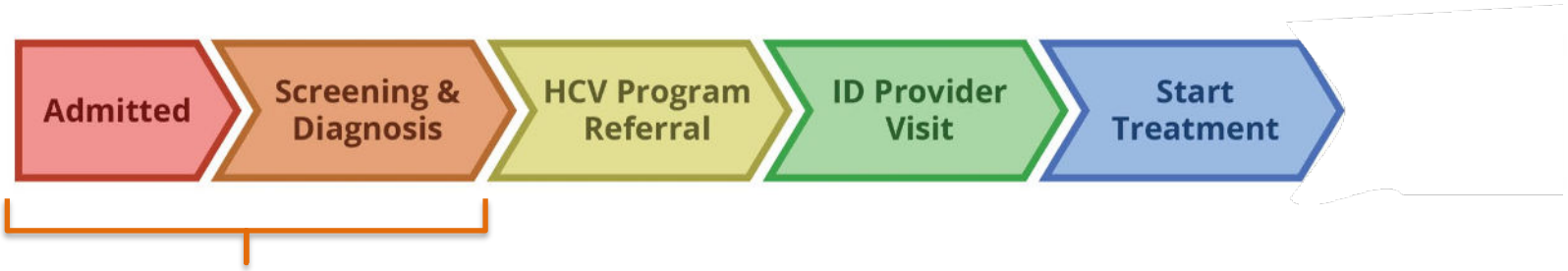

- **Testing** offered to every person entering the jails:
  - Rapid Ab test: Fingerstick
  - Blood draw: Ab w/reflex to RNA
  - Blood draw: RNA testing

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- **HCV Program (Medspan)**
  1. Education and harm reduction
  2. **Care Coordination & Discharge Planning**
     - Length of stay evaluation
     - Obtain community contacts
     - Linkage to community care options
  3. **Determine feasibility of on-site treatment start**
  4. Patient follow-ups

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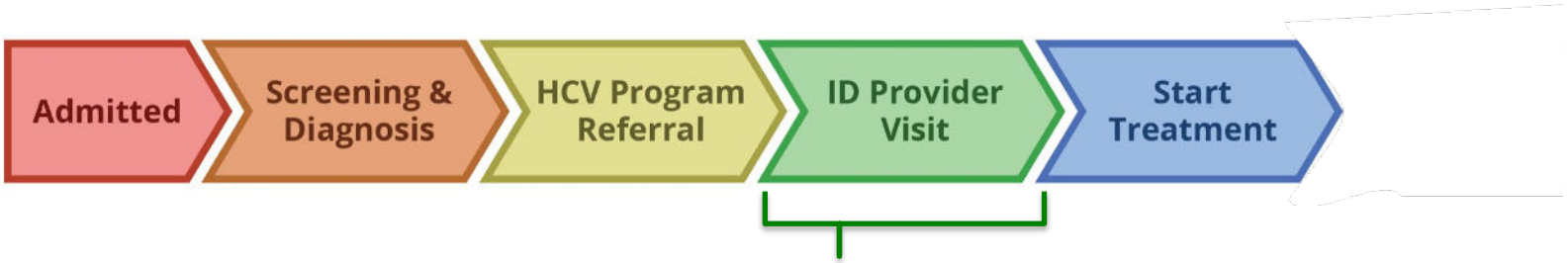

- **ID Doctor Visit:**
  - HCV focused clinical history and exam
  - Review labs, including HIV, HAV, HBV; discuss vaccinations
  - HCV medication education
  - **Start Treatment!**
    - Linkage to community provider for those who cannot start treatment on-site

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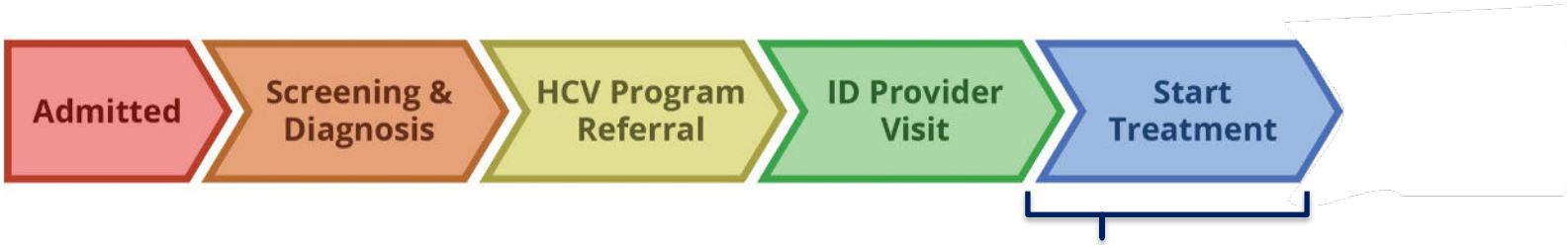

- **On Treatment:**
  - **Complete treatment on-site**
  - **Discharged while on treatment**
    - Continue in NYS DOCCS system
    - Continue in the community (Rx delivery an option)
      - Residential SUD treatment program
      - At their home or place of residence
      - With a community medical provider

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CHS Admissions and Screening | CY 2023 + H1 2024



Medical intakes completed:	**31,063**	
Screened for HCV:	**9,746**	**(31%)**
Positive screening for HCV:	**1,139**	**(12%)**
Confirmatory tested for HCV:	**1,056**	**(93%)**
Active HCV:	**478**	**(45%)**

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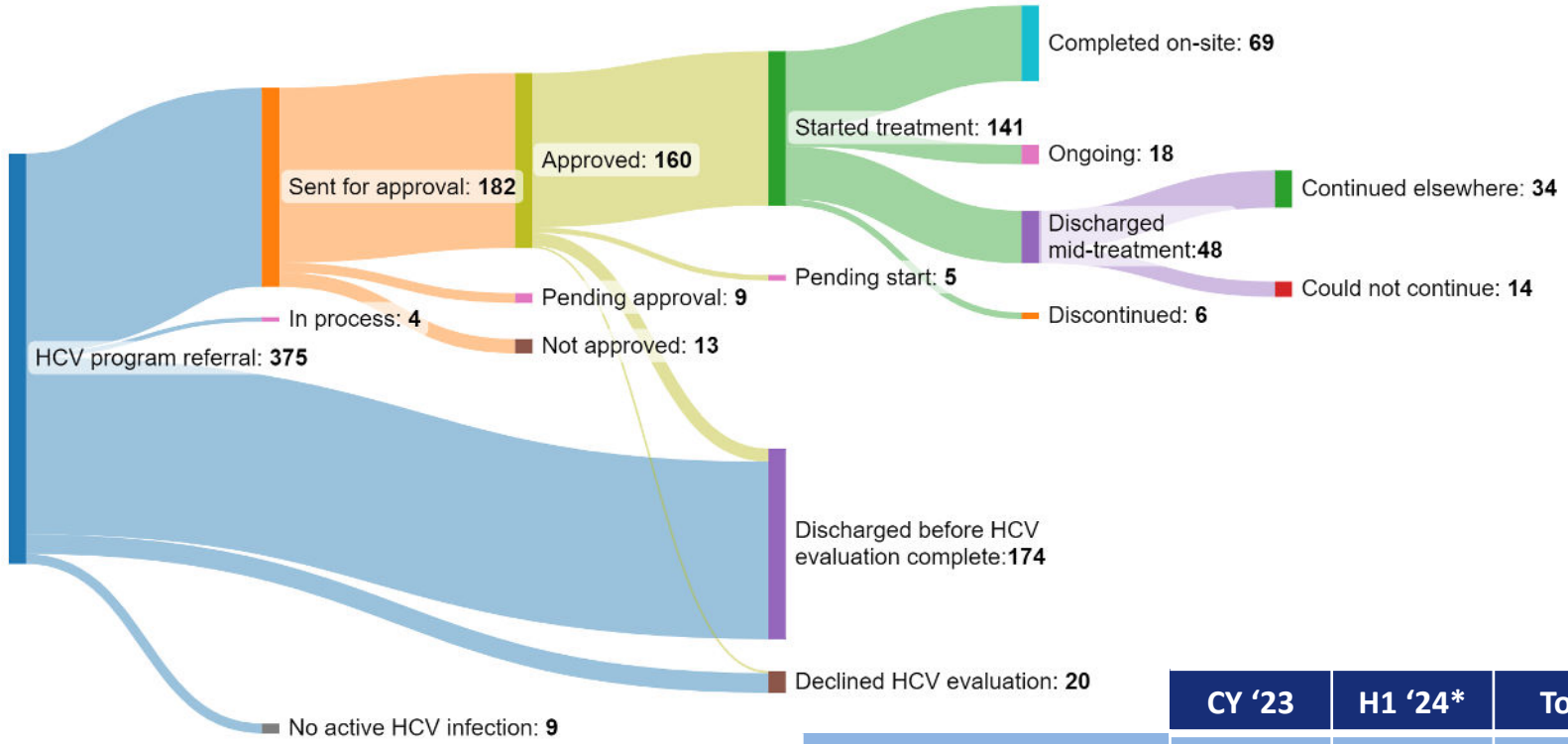

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Started treatment	75	66	141
Completed on-site	44 (59%)	25 (38%)	69 (49%)
Discharged mid-treatment	30 (40%)	18 (27%)	48 (34%)
Discontinued	1 (1%)	5 (8%)	6 (4%)

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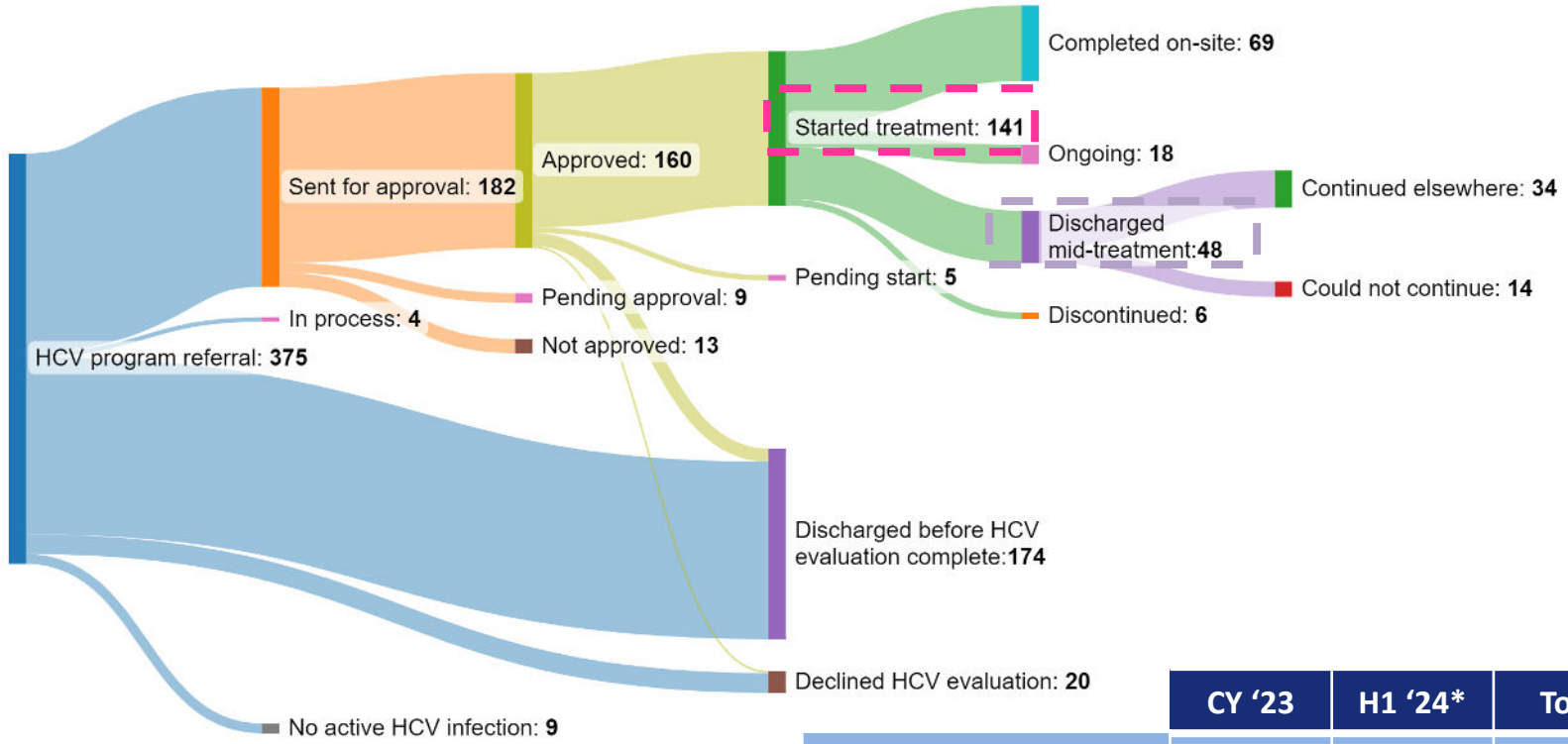

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HCV Mid-Treatment Discharges | CY 2023 + H1 2024

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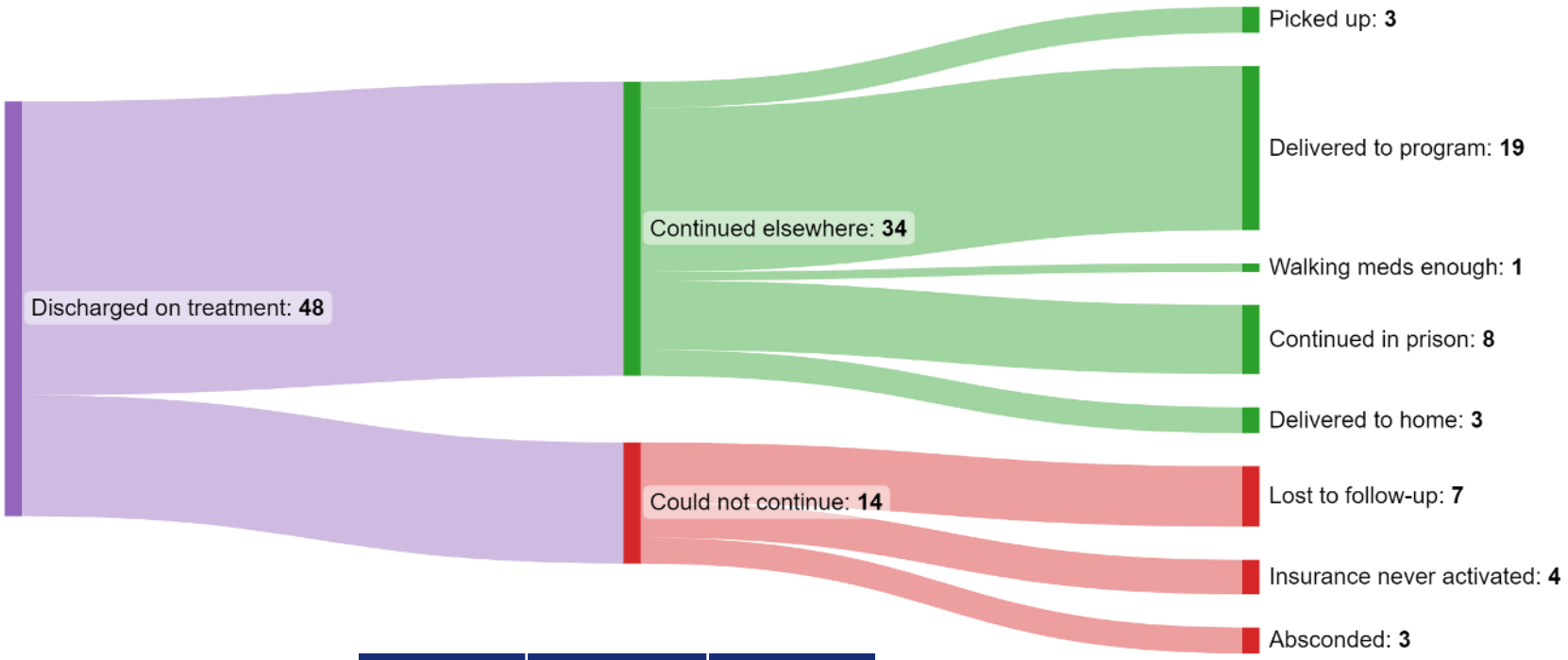

	CY 2023	H1 2024	Total
Discharged mid-treatment	30	18	48
Continued elsewhere	19 (63%)	15 (83%)	34 (71%)
Could not continue	11 (37%)	3 (17%)	14 (29%)

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- **Ongoing Program Challenges**:
  - Challenges inherent to a **short-stay** correctional facility
  - Reentry planning and post-release engagement

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- **Ongoing Program Goals**:
  - **Optimize early Medspan patient engagement** to enhance care coordination and discharge/reentry planning efforts
  - Continue **building and strengthening citywide partnerships** and collaborations

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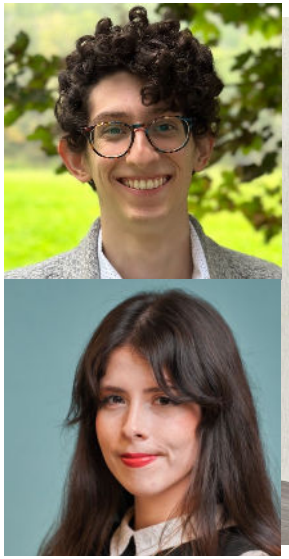



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