

A 5-ITEM HIV-AFFECT MANAGEMENT SCALE:

*EVALUATING A NOVEL THEORY-BASED CONSTRUCT
SITUATED TO HIV TREATMENT ADHERENCE CONTEXTS*

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Theorizing HIV Health Behaviors

The Transtheoretical Model of HIV Prevention

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The transtheoretical model of health behavior change is presented that reviews empirical work, processes of change, decision-making, and applications to a broad range of problem behaviors, including HIV prevention. Finally, several questions about the model's utility for HIV exposure are explored and future directions are discussed.

Discusses the difficulties of measuring behavior change. "Habit is habit, and not to be flung at a time." The past decade has seen the cessation of problem behaviors or the automaticity through one trial leading to discrete motivational stages over time. This paper will demonstrate how the transtheoretical model's understanding of how people change behavior can be used to understand how they change sexual behavior and HIV exposure and acquired immunity. Sexual behavior change studies

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Social Cognitive Theory and Exercise of Control over HIV Infection

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INTRODUCTION

Prevention of infection with the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) virus requires people to exercise influence over their own behavior and their social environment. Societal efforts designed to control the spread of AIDS have centered mainly on informing the public about how the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) is transmitted and how to safeguard against such infection. It is widely assumed that if people are adequately informed about the AIDS threat they will take appropriate self-protective action. Heightened awareness and knowledge of health risks are important preconditions for self-directed change. Unfortunately, information alone does not necessarily exert much influence on refractory health-impairing habits. To achieve self-directed change, people need to be given not only reasons to alter risky habits but also the behavioral means, resources, and social supports to do so. Effective self-regulation of behavior is not achieved by an act of will. It requires certain skills in self-motivation and self-guidance (Bandura, 1986). Moreover, there is a major difference between possessing self-regulative skills and being able to use them effectively and consistently under difficult circumstances. Success,

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Theory in HIV prevention

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... evidence that well designed, targeted, theory-based behaviour change interventions can reduce the spread of HIV. Although each behaviour is unique, there are common variables that serve as the determinants of any given behaviour and their role in behavioural prediction can guide the design of change interventions. This paper will describe and define these variables and their role in the development of behavioural interventions.

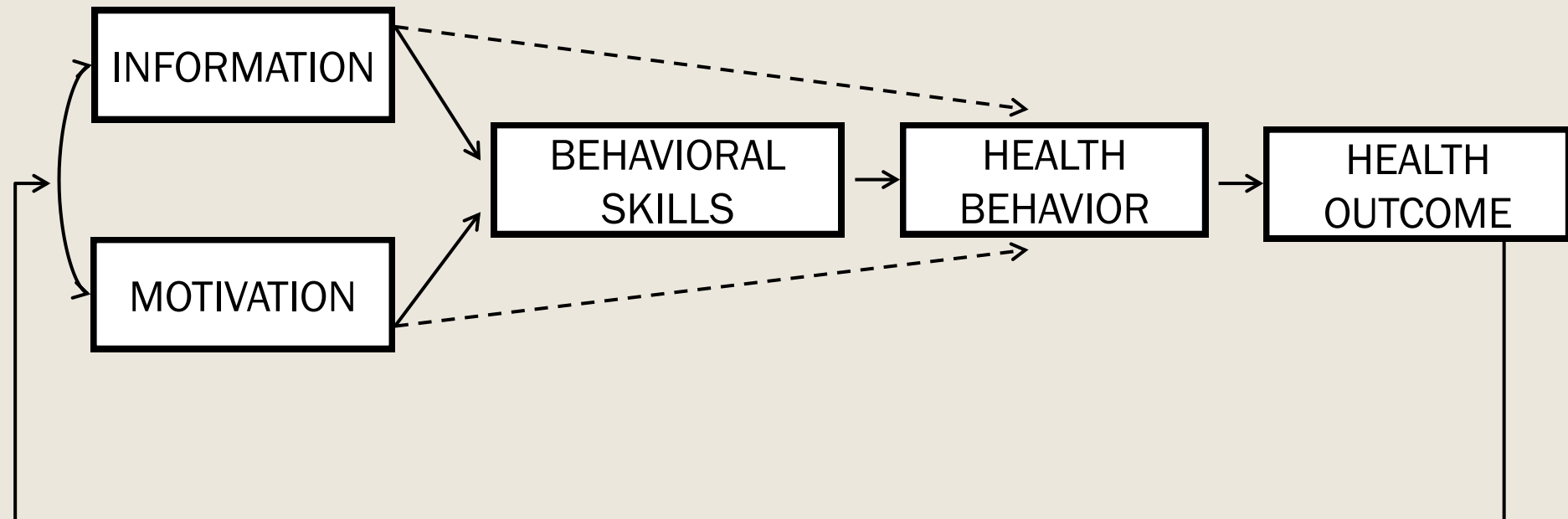
... of the second decade of the AIDS epidemic. Unfortunately, there has been no progress in prolonging and improving the quality of life of those with AIDS. There has been neither a cure for, nor a vaccine to prevent, this disease. It has become increasingly clear that preventing the transmission of AIDS must focus upon behaviour and behaviour change. AIDS is first and foremost a behaviour. It is not who one is, but what one does, that determines whether one will expose themselves or others to HIV. As Kelly et al. (1993) have argued, the behavioural sciences is to develop theory-based interventions to reduce 'risky' and increase 'healthy' behaviours. And I think it's a very long way in doing so.

... there has been a growing recognition that behavioural science has become an important role in protecting and maintaining the public health (Fishbein et al., 1996b). For example, in February of 1997, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of Medical Applications Research conducted a conference to evaluate the effectiveness of behavioural interventions to reduce the risk of HIV infection. A 12-member, non-federal, expert panel of scientists and clinicians agreed that behavioural interventions to reduce risk for HIV/AIDS are effective and should be used (NIH, 1997).

... all interventions are equally effective. What behavioural science has learned is to provide guidelines for developing effective behaviour change interventions. We have learned that the most effective interventions will be those that target specific behaviours (e.g. walk for 20 minutes, three times a week) rather than general goals (e.g. exercise) or goals (e.g. lose weight) (Fishbein et al., 1992). It's important to recognize that while the use of a male condom is a goal for men, it is a goal for women. In addition, condom use is not a single

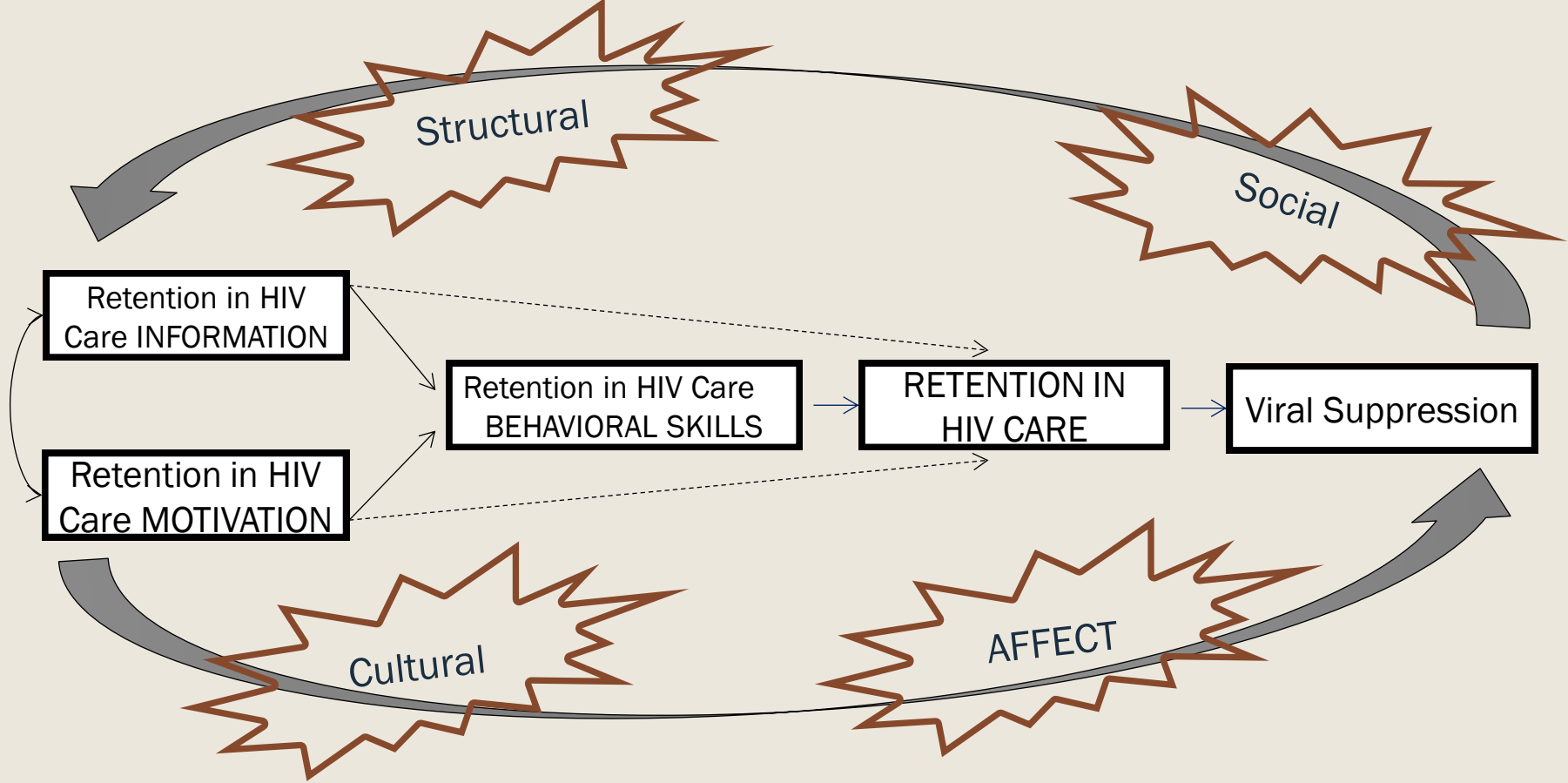
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(Figure adapted from W. A. Fisher, Fisher, & Harman, 2003; J. D. Fisher & Fisher, 1992)

Situating Theory to Contextual Factors



A situated Information- Motivation- Behavioral Skills model of Retention in HIV Care
(adapted from Amico 2011).

Disease Affect as a Contextual Factor

- Affect, or the ways in which individuals experienced feelings or emotions tied to having HIV affected how they thought about and engaged with HIV medical care.

“ Feeling like I have to [see the doctor], I get more depressed. I’ll keep myself occupied to not think about [having HIV]. Make other things a priority instead of going to the doctors, when I should be going to the doctors.”

A 5-Item HIV Affect Management Scale

1= Very Hard, 5 = Very Easy; $\alpha=.835$

1. Being able to always manage my feelings about being HIV-positive in a productive way is:
2. Thinking about being HIV-positive without feeling anger, shame, or sadness is:
3. Learning ways to think of HIV as just part of who I am is:
4. Giving myself credit for the small things I do to care for my HIV, even when I'm not doing everything I should is:
5. Coming to my HIV clinic appointments when I want to forget about having HIV is:

HIV Affect Management Skills

Associations with retention in care

- HIV Affect Management Behavioral skills was significantly associated with patients' retention in HIV care status over the previous 18 months.

$$r = -.301, p < .001$$

- Less Efficacy for managing HIV-related affect was associated with poorer retention in HIV care in a treatment experienced population.

Study Overview

Garner evidence of construct validity

Participants & Procedures

- N=93 Urban CBO clients
- Age: M=50.28, SD=8.55 years
- 55.9% Black, 38.7% Latino/a

- Cross-sectional
- Interviewer-administered survey

Measures

- HIV Identity (centrality, salience)
- ART adherence
- CESD 10, Brief COPE, mMOS-SS
- HIV Stigma Mechanism Scale
- HIV Disclosure/Concealment Scale

Results

5-Item HIV Affect Management Scale

M= 3.60, SD = 0.917 ($\alpha = .835$)

Construct	M (SD)	Pearson's' r	P-value
HIV IDENTITY			
<i>Centrality</i>	3.02 (1.17)	-.212	.045
Saliency	3.94 (2.49)	-.265	.001
ART ADHERENCE			
<95% adherent		-.238	.022

Results

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Construct	M (SD)	r	p-value
CONVERGENT VALIDITY			
No. of Depressive Symptoms	15.68 (8.59)	-.359	.001
HIV Stigma	1.65 (0.62)	-.386	< .001
Social Support	3.49 (1.25)	.214	.022

Results

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Construct	M (SD)	r	p-value
DISCRIMINANT VALIDITY			
General Coping Skills	2.99 (0.91)	.171	.105
HIV Disclosure/Concealment	3.27 (1.07)	.021	.842

Discussion

- We provide initial support of the 5-item HIV Affect Management Scale's construct validity.
- Behavioral implications of this scale suggest focusing on how capable one perceives themselves to be in managing how they experience emotions or feelings related to their HIV diagnosis.
- Prospective assessments of the scale's ability to predict adherence behaviors is needed.
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Thank you.

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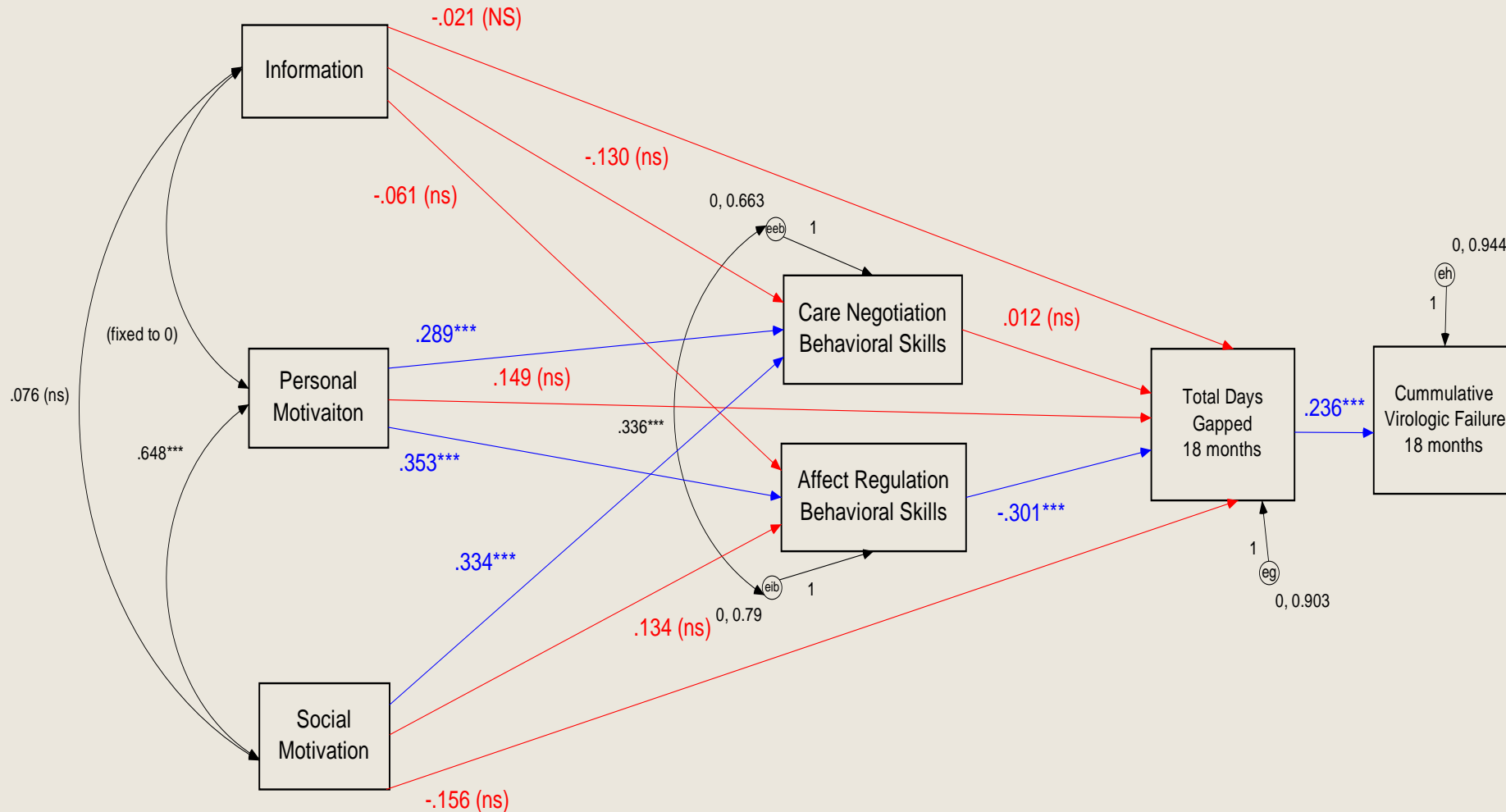


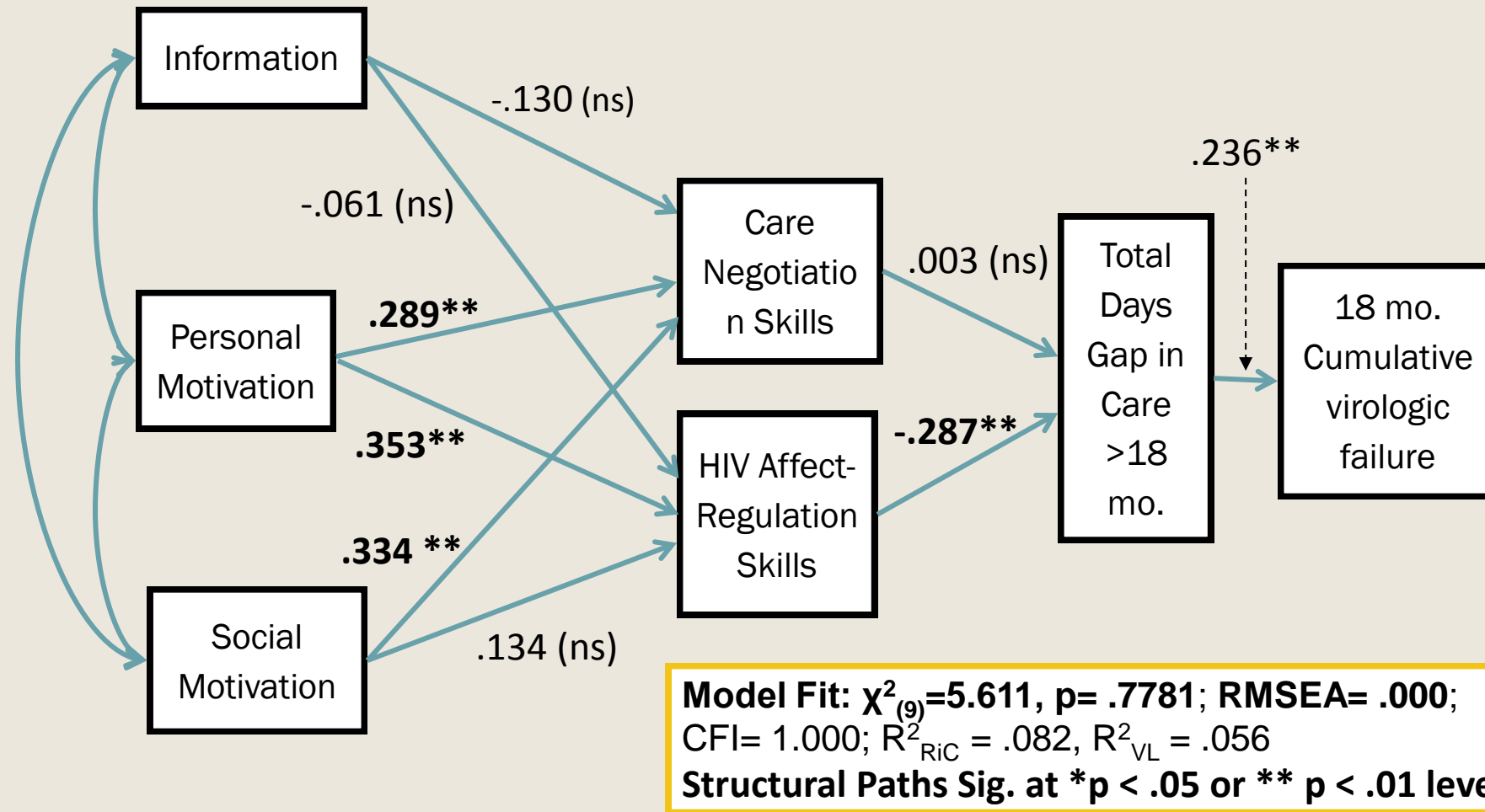
QUESTIONS

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HIV Affect Management Skills

Associations with retention in care





Structural Test of the 5-factor sIMB-RiC Mediated Model Predicting Retention in HIV Care and Cumulative Virologic Failure Over an 18-month Period

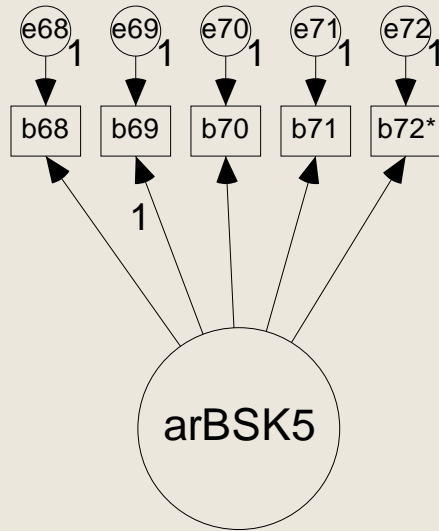


Figure 7. 5-item Affect Regulation Behavioral Skills sIMB-RiC CFA Model.
* Mean imputed for missing value

$$\chi^2_{(5)} = 6.282, p = .280$$

$$\text{GFI} = .975$$

Fit Indices: $\text{CFI} = .994$

$$\text{RMSEA} = 0.051 (.000 - 0.155),$$

$$p\text{-close} = .416$$

Item	Estimate	S.E.	C.R.	P-value
B68	.937	.009	9.437	***
B69	1.018	.108	9.424	***
B70	.840	.088	9.559	***
B71	.487	.091	5.337	***
B72*	.775	.102	7.574	***

EFFECTSIZE OBSERVED:	LARGE (≥0.50)	MEDIUM (0.3 -0.49)	SMALL (0.1 -0.29)
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