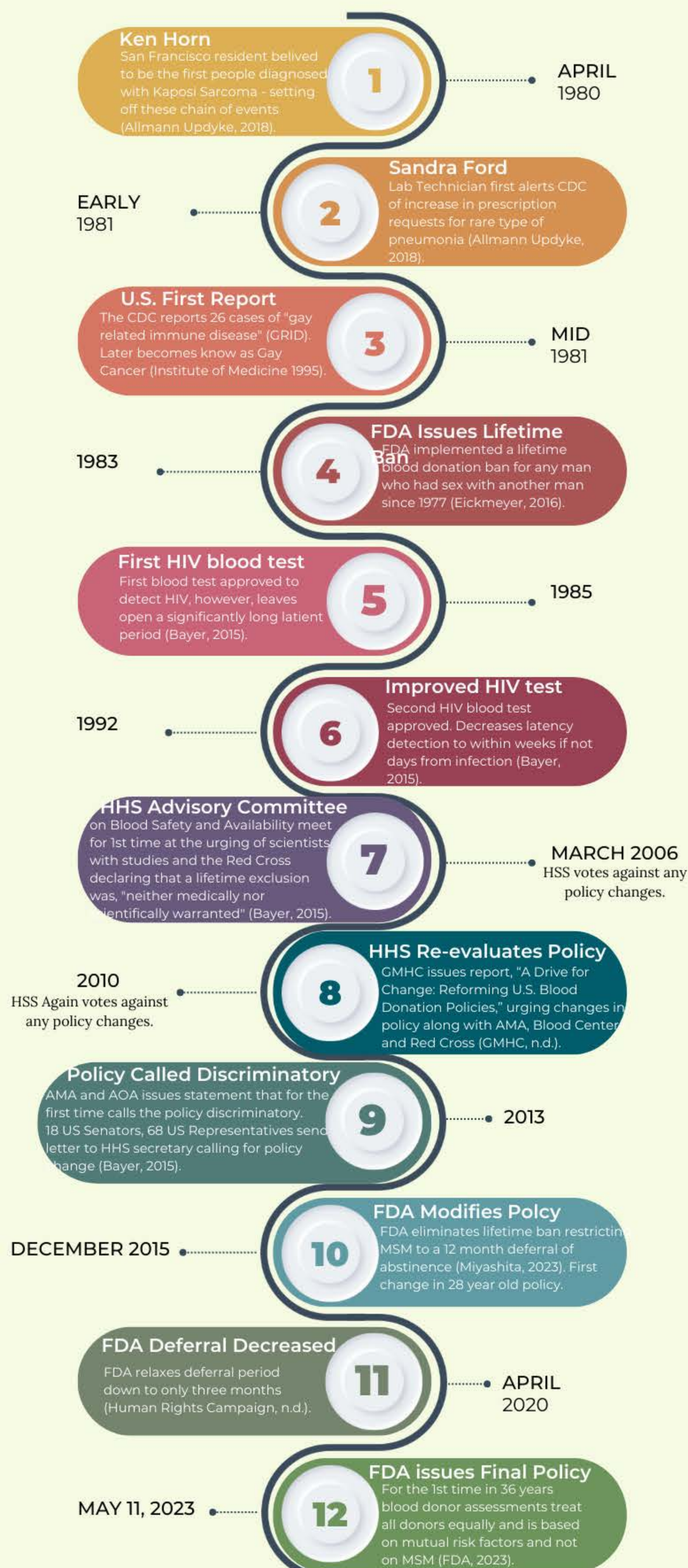


BLOOD DONOR ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES

For the first time in 40 years the criteria for screening potential blood donors will not be discriminatory toward a particular group of people and will assess all donors upon the same risk factors. This only came about with the ardent support of Advocacy groups, the Scientific community, and law makers. It will benefit not only the LGBTQ+ community the address the shortage of the American Blood Supply.



According to Miyashika (2023), conservative estimates for lifting this ban will lead to a 2-4% increase in the blood supply possibly saving more than 1 M lives. This will have a tremendous effects of those who need blood transfusions as well as help quell the stigma proliferated over the years by the original policy.