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A Rapid System for HIV Counseling and Testing

ASSESS

- Explain it is now standard practice to discuss HIV with all patients
 - Explain benefits of testing for patient's health and prevention
 - Describe HIV transmission: sex/needles/perinatal
- Review risk screen or explain that HIV testing is advisable if:
 - You have ever had sex
 - You have ever used IV drugs
- If yes, recommend testing and assess testing readiness

CONSENT

- Review DOH consent form: meaning of positive and negative results, confidential vs. anonymous testing, names reporting, partner notification and domestic violence screening
- Obtain consent

TEST

- Describe/provide HIV test (blood, oral, urine or rapid)
- Make plan to deliver results or have patient wait for rapid results

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Give results and allow time to process

- **HIV-negative:**
 - Clarify if need to retest in three months (window period)
 - HIV testing by itself is not prevention: discuss prevention
- **HIV-positive:**
 - Provide support and link to care and prevention
 - Review HIV reporting, partner notification and domestic/partner violence issues

Resources

Provider Helplines

- **AIDS info** (800) 448-0440
- **Warmline HIV Clinician Telephone Consultation Service** (800) 933-3413

Patient Helplines

- **AIDS Hotline** (800) 342-AIDS
- **AIDS Hotline (Spanish)** (800) 344-SIDA
- **NYS Anonymous Test Sites** (800) 962-5065
- **Domestic Violence** (800) 799-SAFE
- **HIV Services in NYC** (800) AIDS-NYC
- **Substance Abuse** (800) 662-HELP

State and Citywide

- **AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)** (800) 542-AIDS
- **PartNer Assistance Program (PNAP) NYC** (888) 792-1711
NYS (800) 541-2437
- **Legal Action Center** (212) 243-1313
- **NYS Guidelines: HIV C&T, DV Screening and Youth Issues** hivguidelines.org
- **NY/NJ AIDS Education and Training Center** nynjaetc.org

ACTS Information & Youth-Friendly Resources

Adolescent AIDS Program: Health Care & Education
(718) 882-0232 • adolescentaids.org

Youth HIV Testing Sites – NYC & Nationwide
(718) 881-TEST • gettinbusy.org

Local Contacts



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