Health Canada Advisory: Beware of unlicensed home-use HIV and STD test kits

The issue: A company is attempting to sell online unlicensed home-use HIV test kits that use urine, saliva and blood samples. It is important to note that there are currently no HIV test kits authorized for home use in Canada.

Health Canada has not licensed test kits for HIV, nor for any of the following conditions also indicated on the seller’s website; syphilis, Trichomonas vaginalis, gonorrhea, chlamydia, hepatitis (B/C) or herpes simplex. It is illegal to sell unlicensed test kits.

What consumers should do:

- Consult your healthcare practitioner if you have used any home-use test kits sold via the curaherbdistributor.com website or under the "Home Aware" brand and are concerned about your health.

For more information, please visit the Health Canada website.
Disclaimer

Decisions about particular medical treatments should always be made in consultation with a qualified medical practitioner knowledgeable about HIV- and hepatitis C-related illness and the treatments in question.

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