

HIV Acute Care Testing Talking to your patient

Asking a patient to consent to an HIV Test

Clinician: We routinely test all hospital patients for HIV. Can I include this with your blood-work today?

We offer an HIV test to all patients, because knowing your HIV status is important for your health and health care.

Just like all other test results, the result of the HIV test will only be known to you and the medical team who will be treating you. This means the test result is confidential.

If patient refuses test

Clinician: You can decline the test today and it won't affect the care you receive.

Is there a reason you don't want an HIV test today?

Patient: I am not at risk.

Clinician: Most people we test are at very low risk. But, HIV has no symptoms for many years. The only way to know for sure, is to have the test.

Patient: I have had a test in the last few years.

Clinician: That's good. We now recommend testing every year.

Patient: I'd rather not know.

Clinician: HIV is a treatable disease. People on treatment live long, healthy lives. It is much better to know.

Clinician: Complete the HIV Routine Admission Orders Form with reason for refusal.

If a patient tests positive for HIV

1. Physicians can choose to disclose a positive result or contact:

- PHC - contact HIV nurse to disclose result, provide patient counseling, education and linkage to care. Local 34377 (or page 604 252 4377)
- VCH - contact VGH Infectious Disease physician to disclose result, provide patient counseling, education and linkage to care. Call 604 875 4588 between 8am-5pm.



VA: VGH / UBCH / GFS
 VC: BP / Purdy / GPC

ORDERS

ADDRESSOGRAPH

COMPLETE OR REVIEW ALLERGY STATUS PRIOR TO WRITING ORDERS

HIV ROUTINE TESTING – ON ADMISSION ORDERS

(items with check boxes must be selected to be ordered)

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Date: _____ Time: _____

Time Processed
 RN/LPN Initials
 Comments

ADMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

HIV Routine Testing is required for all patients admitted to acute care units.

LABORATORY:

Patient has consented to HIV test

- Yes - obtain HIV Antibody Test with next blood-work
- No - indicate reason below to complete order

If NO, state reason:

- Known HIV Positive
- Recent HIV test within last 12 months
- Patient unable to provide consent
- Patient refusal

Follow-up for Positive Test Results

If HIV test result is positive, please contact the HIV Service. A HIV Infectious Disease physician should be contacted for all post-test counselling and linkage to care. Call 604 875 4588. This service is available Monday-Friday 8am-5pm.

Refer to physician FAQ on intranet for positive test algorithm.

Provincial Translation Services
 Language is not a valid reason for inability to consent.
 To book an Interpreter call 604 675 4099

 Prescriber's Signature

 Printed Name
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PRESCRIBER'S ORDERS

NO DRUG WILL BE DISPENSED OR ADMINISTERED
WITHOUT A COMPLETED
CAUTION SHEET
ALLERGY/INTOLERANCE STATUS FORM (PHC-PH047)

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DATE AND TIME	HIV ROUTINE TESTING ADMISSION ORDERS <small>(Items with check boxes must be selected to be ordered)</small>
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PATIENT HAS CONSENTED TO HIV TEST

- Yes - HIV Antibody Test with next blood-work
- No - Select reason below to complete order

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Follow-up for Positive Test Results

See HIV Testing and Follow-up Guidelines on intranet

For support in disclosing a positive test result, please contact an HIV experienced nurse. An HIV experienced nurse should be contacted for all post-test counseling and linkage to care.

Contact HIV experienced nurse at local 34377 (or page 604 252 4377). This service is available Monday-Friday 8am-4pm.

Printed Name

Signature

College ID

Pager