

HIV Testing, Reporting and Partner Notification

A Guide for Providers

MAN OR WOMAN, GAY OR STRAIGHT, YOUNG OR OLD,
EVERY BODY NEEDS AN **HIV** TEST. ↙

ANY
BODY
CAN GET
HIV

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How to Provide HIV Test Results

Negative Results

- Discuss the possibility of HIV/AIDS exposure in the past two months (if patient engaged in risky behavior during that time) and possible need to test again.
- Discuss how to prevent HIV infection, including using condoms, limiting number of partners, avoiding alcohol and drugs before and during sex, and never sharing needles, works or medication vials (e.g., hormones or steroids).
- Explain what negative HIV test results mean. See *Materials* on page 24.

Indeterminate Results

- Discuss what the test means and offer to test again.
- Reinforce risk reduction strategies, including using condoms, limiting number of partners, avoiding alcohol and drugs before and during sex, and never sharing needles, works or medication vials (e.g., hormones or steroids).

Preliminary Positive Results

If an oral fluid point-of-care (POC) or rapid test was used, consider testing again with a fingerstick blood POC test. Give the patient his or her HIV test results.

- Discuss that while a rapid test result is more than 99% accurate, a conventional test is still needed for confirmation.
- Order a confirmatory HIV test (Western Blot, IFA and other approved tests). If acute HIV suspected, order viral load/Aptima.
- Provide *If Your HIV Test is Positive* information sheet (See *Materials* on page 24).
- Make an appointment with an HIV provider right away. See pages 8-20 for referral sites.
- Proceed with plan for confirmed positive test results on pages 2-3.

Sample Disclosure Script

Make sure the patient is in a private area.

In a calm voice, tell the patient: “The result of your HIV test came back positive.”

To clarify, say: “This means you probably have HIV.” Wait to see how s/he reacts. Unless the person had anticipated or suspected this result, s/he may be shocked and not say much.

Some people may say, “It can’t be true,” or ask if you’re sure. Some may break down and cry. Others may appear stoic or blank. These reactions are not unusual.

When the patient seems ready, make the following two points:

- **Confirmatory Test Needed**

Stress that the preliminary positive result needs to be confirmed with another test. However, it is very likely (99%) that the test will also be positive. It will take about five business days to receive these results.

- **HIV/AIDS is Treatable**

- Emphasize that although HIV is a very serious infection, today most people with HIV/AIDS are living much longer, healthier lives due to new medications that keep the immune system strong.
- Reassure the patient that s/he isn't alone — medical care, emotional support and other services are available.

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If the patient agrees to treatment, **you are required by law** to make an appointment for care. Options include:

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- New York City Designated AIDS Centers
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Provide Counseling

- **HIV is a manageable disease**

Assure the patient that, with good medical care and patient adherence, people with HIV can stay healthier and live longer.

- **Learning to cope**

Discuss ways to handle the emotional consequences of learning about a positive test result.

- **Risk Reduction**

Discuss how to prevent the spread of HIV to others (see below).

- **Partner notification**

Urge patients to notify their partners. See *Partner Notification Options* on page 5.

Pregnant Patients

- Refer pregnant patients to an HIV primary care provider and an obstetrical provider. A NYC Care Coordination Program can help make these referrals. See *New York City HIV Care Coordination Programs* on page 14.
- For more information, visit hivguidelines.org.

Risk Reduction Strategies

Take a sexual and substance use history at every routine visit and provide risk reduction strategies at every visit, including:

- Use a latex or female (FC2) condom every time you have sex.
- Never share needles or works.
- If you're a transgender woman, always obtain hormones from a medical provider. Never share needles or bottles of hormones or steroids.
- Never use drugs or alcohol before or during sex. Being high makes it more difficult to remember to stay safe.
- Always tell your partners you have HIV before you have sex, even if they don't ask.

HIV/AIDS Reporting

Report The Case (Mandatory)

- Notify the patient that, by law, the case must be reported to the New York State Department of Health and the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.
- Complete a Medical Provider HIV/AIDS and Partner/Contact Report Form (DOH-4189). For copies, call **518-474-4284**.
- Submit a copy to the New York City Health Department and keep a copy for the patient's record.
- A field representative from our office will pick up the completed Partner Report Form from you or your designee at regular, agreed-upon intervals.
 - Call the HIV Epidemiology Program at **212-442-3388** to arrange for pickup. To protect patient confidentiality, faxing or mailing of reports is not permitted.

Discuss Partner Notification

- Emphasize the importance of partner notification: the patient can help their partners stay healthy by encouraging them to get tested.
- Describe partner notification options. See *Partner Notification Options* on page 5.
- Explain your responsibility to report the names of known partners to the New York City Health Department and reassure the patient that his or her identity will never be disclosed.
- Ask for partner contact information.
- Screen for domestic violence for each named partner. Do not put a patient at risk by notifying any partner for whom there is a concern about domestic violence.
- For more information, visit **nyc.gov** and search for *intimate partner violence*.

Domestic Violence Assessment

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|--|------------|-----------|
| 1. Have you ever been emotionally or physically abused by a partner? | Yes | No |
| If so, by whom? _____ | | |
| 2. Within the past year, have you been hit, slapped or otherwise physically hurt? | Yes | No |
| If so, by whom? _____ | | |
| 3. Within the past year, have you been forced to have sex against your will? | Yes | No |
| If so, by whom? _____ | | |
| 4. Are you afraid of your partner? | Yes | No |

If patient answers 'Yes' to one or more questions, conduct clinical assessment and offer referrals.

Source: **nyc.gov**, search for *Intimate Partner Violence*

Partner Notification Options

- *Provider Referral*: The provider confidentially notifies partners of possible exposure or refers the names/contact information of partners to the New York City Health Department's free Contact Notification Assistance Program at **212-693-1419**.
- *Self-Referral*: The patient notifies partners after working out a notification plan with the provider.
- *Contract Referral*: The provider negotiates a timeframe for the patient to notify partners of possible exposure to HIV. If the patient is unable to notify within that timeframe, the provider may notify partners directly or ask the Health Department to do so.
- *Internet Referral*: **inspot.org** notifies partners anonymously.
- Partner notification is voluntary, but is highly encouraged.
 - For help notifying partners, call the Contact Notification Assistance Program at **212-693-1419**.
 - If outside New York City, call the Partner Notification Assistance Program at **800-541-AIDS (2437)**.

Report Partners

- Physicians are required by law to ask for and notify sexual and injection use partners.
- Report partners of newly diagnosed patients using Partner Report Form (DOH-4189). Include names and contact information of known partners, including spouses.

Laboratory Reporting

- Beginning June 1, 2000, New York City laboratories conducting CD4 and viral load tests are required to report positive results electronically to the City Health Department. Providers don't need to complete a separate report form for the laboratory data.

Laboratory Tests

Required tests:

- Confirmatory test — Western Blot, IFA and other approved tests; if suspect acute HIV, order a VL or Aptima test
- CD4
- Viral Load

For details, see hivguidelines.org.

Recommended tests:

- Syphilis (RPR)
- Gonorrhea (Culture, PCR/NAAT)
- Chlamydia (PCR/NAAT)
- Hepatitis A (IgM)
- Hepatitis B (HBsAg, anti-HBc, IgM and HBeAg)
- Hepatitis C (Anti-HCV)
- TB (QuantiFERON, preferred over PPD. Treatment if latent TB)

Patient Consent

Documented Oral Consent

- Patients can give oral consent for a rapid HIV test if the test produces results in one hour or less, except in correctional facilities.
- Providers must note the conversation in the patient’s medical record, including the date and name of the person ordering the test.
- In non-medical settings, note the conversation in the program’s testing documentation for each client.
- Providers can document refusal as a means of documenting counseling without testing for billing or for their records.

General Medical Consent

- Patients can consent to an HIV test by signing a general consent for medical care.
- The general consent form must give the patient an opportunity to refuse HIV testing (that is, an opportunity to opt out of being tested for HIV).
- For examples of acceptable language and model forms, visit health.ny.gov/forms/doh-5019.pdf. Providers and agencies can develop their own consent forms without approval from New York State as long as the above criteria are met.

Example A

Use your facility’s general medical consent but amend to include the following:

I have been provided information about HIV and I accept testing.

No, I don’t want an HIV test at this time.

Signature: _____

Patient or person authorized to consent

Example B

Use your facility's general medical consent but amend to include the following:

I have been given information regarding HIV testing, how HIV can be transmitted, that there is treatment for HIV/AIDS, how to keep myself and others safe from HIV infection, that testing is voluntary and can be done anonymously, how my HIV-related information will be kept confidential and what laws protect people with HIV/AIDS from discrimination. I understand that the results will be documented in my medical chart.

Consent for HIV-related testing remains in effect until I revoke it, or until the following date _____.

I may revoke my consent orally or in writing at any time. As long as this consent is in force, _____ (provider name of facility) may conduct additional tests on me without asking me to sign another consent form. In those cases, my provider will tell me if other HIV tests will be performed and will make a note in my medical record.

Patient Name: _____ Date: _____

I do not want an HIV test

Signature: _____
Patient or person authorized to consent

New York State HIV Testing Consent Forms (DOH-2556)

- Providers or agencies unable to use documented oral or general medical consent can use HIV testing consent forms created by the New York State Health Department in multiple languages. For copies of these forms, visit health.ny.gov/forms/doh-2556.pdf.

Designated AIDS Centers

Region / County	Hospital / Clinic Name	Contact Information
Downstate / Bronx Bronx	Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center Bronx, NY 10457 <i>Center for Comprehensive Care</i>	1650 Selwyn Avenue, 9th Floor 718-960-2000
Bronx	Jacobi Medical Center (HHC) <i>Adult Comprehensive Service</i>	1400 Pelham Parkway South Building 1, 1st Floor, Room 146 Bronx, NY 10461 718-918-4333
Bronx	Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center (HHC) <i>Immunotherapy Clinic</i>	234 East 149th Street 2nd Floor, Room 2A5 Bronx, NY 10461 718-579-5000 English, press 1. Spanish, press 2. Then press 3 for an appointment.
Bronx	Montefiore Medical Center - Moses Division <i>Center for Positive Living</i>	3444 Kossuth Avenue, 3rd Floor Bronx, NY 10467 718-920-8542, ext. 3
Bronx	North Central Bronx Hospital (HHC) <i>Special Care Clinic</i>	3424 Kossuth Avenue and 210th Street - 10A Bronx, NY 10467 718-519-4804
Bronx	St. Barnabas Hospital <i>PATHWAYS Center for Comprehensive Care</i>	4487 Third Avenue 4th Floor DAC Bronx, NY 10467 718-960-9400 English, press 1. Spanish, press 2. Then press 1 for an appointment.
Downstate / Brooklyn Kings	Brookdale Hospital Medical Center <i>Treatment for Life Center (T.L.C.)</i>	556 Aaron Pavilion, 5th Floor 1 Brookdale Plaza Brooklyn, NY 11212 718-240-5028 English, press 1. Spanish, press 2. Then press 2 for an appointment.
Kings	Brooklyn Hospital Center (The) <i>P.A.T.H. Center</i>	121 DeKalb Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11201 718-250-6559 or 718-265-5600

Region / County	Hospital / Clinic Name	Contact Information
Kings	Brooklyn Hospital Center (The) <i>P.A.T.H. Center / Central Brooklyn</i>	2222 Church Avenue (Between Flatbush & Bedford) Brooklyn, NY 11226 718-250-6559 or 718-265-5600
Kings	Coney Island Hospital (HHC) <i>Special Needs Program</i>	2601 Ocean Parkway Room 305 Brooklyn, NY 11235 718-616-3008
Kings	Interfaith Medical Center <i>Primary Care Center</i>	880 Bergen Street Brooklyn, NY 11238 718-613-7555 or 718-613-7554
Kings	Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center <i>HIV Program</i>	Pierre Toussaint Family Health Care Center Clinical Management Unit, 2nd Floor 1110 Eastern Parkway Brooklyn, NY 11213 718-735-1900, ext. 2101 or 2102
Kings	Kings County Hospital Center (HHC) <i>Center for H.O.P.E.</i>	541 Clarkson Avenue “E” Building, 4th Floor Brooklyn, NY 11203 718-245-3131 English, press 1. Spanish, press 2. Then press 2 for an appointment.
Kings	Lutheran Medical Center <i>ACHIEVE Program</i>	514 49th Street, 1st Floor (Between 5th and 6th Avenue) Brooklyn, NY 718-437-5280 English, press 1. Spanish, press 2. Then press 1 for an appointment.
Kings	SUNY Downstate Medical Center <i>Special Treatment and Research (STAR) Health</i>	470 Clarkson Avenue Suite J, 1st Floor Brooklyn, NY 11203 718-270-3745
Kings	Woodhull Medical and Mental Health Center (HHC) <i>Paul Paroski, Jr. Family Health Center</i>	760 Broadway Room 2B151, Main Floor Brooklyn, NY 11206 718-963-8033 or 718-963-8039
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Downstate / Manhattan New York	Bellevue Hospital Center (HHC) <i>Virology Clinic / Pediatric Infectious Disease Clinic</i>	462 First Avenue at 27th Street “A” Building, 4th Floor New York, NY 10016 212-562-4038

Region / County	Hospital / Clinic Name	Contact Information
New York	Beth Israel Medical Center <i>Peter Krueger Clinic</i>	317 East 17th Street Fierman Hall, 1st Floor New York, NY 10003 212-420-2995, ext. 1 for new clinic patients 212-420-2620, for current clinic patients
New York	Columbia Presbyterian Center (New York Presbyterian Hospital) <i>HPG Infectious Disease Clinic</i>	180 Fort Washington Avenue 6th Floor New York, NY 10032 212-305-3174
New York	Columbia Presbyterian Center (New York Presbyterian Hospital) <i>Women and Children Care Center</i>	Vanderbilt Clinic, 4th Floor 622 West 168th Street New York, NY 10032 212-305-5000
New York	Harlem Hospital Center (HHC) <i>Harlem Family Center</i>	15 West 136th Street K Building, 2nd Floor New York, NY 10037 212-939-2910
New York	Lenox Hill Hospital <i>Primary Care Clinic</i>	210 East 64th Street, 1st Floor (Between 2nd and 3rd Avenues) New York, NY 10065 212-434-4251
New York	Metropolitan Hospital Center (HHC) <i>Virology Clinic</i>	1901 First Avenue Main Building, 14-B, 14th Floor New York, NY 10029 212-423-6127
New York	Mount Sinai Medical Center <i>Jack Martin Fund Clinic</i>	17 East 102nd Street 3rd Floor New York, NY 10029 212-241-6159
New York	Mount Sinai Medical Center <i>Mount Sinai - Greenwich Village</i>	O'Toole Building 203 West 12th Street New York, NY 10011 212-604-1701
New York	New York Weill Cornell Center (New York Presbyterian Hospital) <i>Glen Bernbaum Unit</i>	525 East 68th Street Room F-24 New York, NY 10065 212-746-4180
New York	New York Weill Cornell Center (New York Presbyterian Hospital) <i>Chelsea Center for Special Studies - David Rogers Unit</i>	119 West 24th Street Ground Floor New York, NY 10011 212-746-7200

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New York	St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital <i>Morningside Clinic</i>	390 Amsterdam Avenue at West 114th Street Scrymser Building, 3rd Floor New York, NY 10025 212-523-3487
New York	St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital <i>Roosevelt Division - Samuels Clinic</i>	1000 Tenth Avenue (at 58th Street) 2nd Floor, Suite 2T New York, NY 10019 212-523-6500
New York	St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital <i>Center for Comprehensive Care - West Village Division</i>	36 Seventh Avenue 2nd Floor, Unit 5 New York, NY 10011 212-523-8100
Downstate / Queens Queens	Elmhurst Hospital Center (HHC) <i>Immunology Clinic</i>	79-01 Broadway Room J1, First Floor Elmhurst, NY 11373 718-334-3969
Queens	New York Hospital Medical Center of Queens (The) <i>Specialty Care Center</i>	38-47 Horace Harding Expressway 2nd Floor Flushing, NY 11367 718-670-2530
Queens	Queens Hospital Center (HHC) <i>Immunology Clinic</i>	82-68 164th Street N Building, 8th Floor Jamaica, NY 11432 718-883-3640

New York City Health Department STD Clinics

FREE Confidential and Anonymous HIV Counseling and Testing

- All services are free, no insurance necessary
- Adolescents do NOT need parental consent for examination and treatment
- Proof of citizenship or immigration status not required

Rapid HIV testing, hepatitis A and B vaccines, and emergency contraception are available at all sites

Bronx

Morrisania

1309 Fulton Ave (E 169th St. off 3rd)
Bronx, NY 10456

Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 3 pm
Saturday, 8:30 am to 12 pm

- STD services for patients presenting symptoms or at risk of exposure, emergency contraception, HIV counseling and rapid testing

Brooklyn

Crown Heights

1218 Prospect Place (at Troy Avenue)
2nd Flr
Brooklyn, NY 11213

Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 3 pm

- STD services for patients presenting symptoms or at risk of exposure, emergency contraception, HIV counseling and rapid testing

Fort Greene

295 Flatbush Ave. Extension
*(located at the corner of Willoughby St. -
Near the Fulton Mall and Long Island University)*
2nd Flr.
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 3 pm
Saturday, 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

- STD services for patients presenting symptoms or at risk of exposure, emergency contraception, HIV counseling and rapid testing

Tuesday and Thursday, 5 pm to 7 pm

- HIV counseling and rapid testing only

Manhattan

Central Harlem

2238 Fifth Avenue (137th Street)
New York, NY 10037

Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 3 pm
Saturday, 8:30 am to 12 pm

- STD services for patients presenting symptoms or at risk of exposure, emergency contraception, HIV counseling and rapid testing

Chelsea

303 Ninth Avenue (28th Street)
New York, NY 10001

Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 3 pm
Saturday, 8:30 am to 12 pm

- STD services for patients presenting symptoms or at risk of exposure, emergency contraception, HIV counseling and rapid testing

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 5 pm to 7 pm

- HIV counseling and rapid testing only

Manhattanville Renaissance

21 Old Broadway (corner of 126th Street)
New York, NY 10027

Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 3 pm

- STD services for patients presenting symptoms or at risk of exposure, emergency contraception, HIV counseling and rapid testing

Queens

Corona

34-33 Junction Blvd. (Roosevelt/Northern)
Jackson Heights, NY 11372

Tuesday and Friday, 8:30 am to 3 pm

- STD services for patients presenting symptoms or at risk of exposure, emergency contraception, HIV counseling and rapid testing

Jamaica

90-37 Parsons Blvd. 1st Flr. (off Jamaica Ave.)
Jamaica, NY 11432

Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 3 pm

Saturday, 8:30 am to 12 pm

- STD services for patients presenting symptoms or at risk of exposure, emergency contraception, HIV counseling and rapid testing

Rockaway

(Operated by Joseph P. Addabbo Health Center)
67-19 Rockaway Beach Blvd.
(Addabbo Health Center)
Queens, NY 11692

Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5 pm

- STD services for patients presenting symptoms or at risk of exposure, emergency contraception, HIV counseling and rapid testing

Please note: Addabbo Health Center is not a Health Department site and may charge for emergency contraception.

Staten Island

Richmond

51 Stuyvesant Place (Wall Street)
Staten Island, NY 10301

Thursday, 8:30 am to 3 pm

- STD services for patients presenting symptoms or at risk of exposure, emergency contraception, HIV counseling and rapid testing

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

- Walk-in HIV counseling and testing

***For the most current hours and locations,
go to nyc.gov and search for STD clinics.***

New York City HIV Care Coordination Programs

BRONX

Argus Community Inc./A.C.C.E.S.S II Program

Location:

760 East 160th Street
Bronx, NY 10456

Primary Contact for Referrals

Tiffany Dejesus
718-742-2171 • tdejesus@arguscommunity.org

Secondary Contact for Referrals

Maria A. Rodriguez
718-401-5715 • marodriguez@arguscommunity.org

Hours: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM (M-F)**Office Fax:** 718-993-9662**Languages:** English, Spanish**Website:** <http://www.arguscommunity.org>**Nearest Transit Stop:** Prospect Avenue (2, 5); Bx4, Bx17, Bx6**Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:**
Montefiore Medical Group - Cicero Program Clinics;
AllMed Rehabilitation of New York; Barbee Health Center

Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center

Location:

1650 Selwyn Avenue, #7A
Bronx, NY 10457

Primary Contact for Referrals

Filomena Rosario, LCSW
718-960-1035 • frosario@bronxleb.org

Secondary Contact for Referrals

Jennifer Marciano, LCSW, PhD
718-960-1069 • jmarcian@bronxleb.org

Hours: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (M-F)**Office Fax:** 718-960-1354**Languages:** English, Spanish, various African dialects**Website:** <http://www.bronx-leb.org>**Nearest Transit Stop:**

Mt Eden Av (4) or 174-175 Sts (B, D)

Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center

HHC Jacobi Medical Center (North Bronx HealthCare Network)

Location:

1400 Pelham Parkway South, Building 1 1W5
Bronx, NY 10461

Primary Contact for Referrals

Melissa Chiodi
718-918-3611 • melissa.chiodi@nbhn.net

Secondary Contact for Referrals

Sarah Frei
718-519-2117 • sarah.frei@nbhn.net

Hours: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (M-F)**Office Fax:** 718-918-6060**Languages:** English, Spanish, French**Website:** <http://www.nyc.gov/html/hhc/jacobi>**Nearest Transit Stop:**

Pelham Pkwy (5); Bx12 at Jacobi Medical Center

Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
Jacobi Medical Center; North Central Bronx Hospital

HHC North Central Bronx Hospital (North Bronx HealthCare Network)

Location:

3424 Kossuth Avenue, 10C
Bronx, NY 10467

Primary Contact for Referrals

Melissa Chiodi
718-918-3611 • melissa.chiodi@nbhn.net

Secondary Contact for Referrals

Sarah Frei
718-519-2117 • sarah.frei@nbhn.net

Hours: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (M-F)**Office Fax:** 718-918-6060**Languages:** English, Spanish, French**Website:** <http://www.nyc.gov/html/hhc/jacobi>**Nearest Transit Stop:** Pelham Pkwy (5); Bx12
at Jacobi Medical Center**Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:**
Jacobi Medical Center; North Central Bronx

Institute for Family Health – Urban Horizons Family Health Center

Location:

50 East 168th Street
Bronx, NY 10452

Primary Contact for Referrals

Allison Hesterman
212-423-4500 x2546 • ahesteman@institute2000.org

Secondary Contact for Referrals

Caitlin Murphy
212-423-4500 x2512 • cmurphy@institute2000.org

Hours: 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM (M-F)

Office Fax: 212-423-4837

Languages: English, Spanish

Website: <http://www.institute2000.org>

Nearest Transit Stop: 167th Street (4, B, D)

Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
Urban Horizons Family Health Center

Services for the Underserved

Location:

263 East Tremont Avenue
Bronx, NY 10045

Primary Contact for Referrals

Allen Feldman
646-879-6615 • afeldman@susinc.org

Secondary Contact for Referrals

Kelsa Alhassan
646-879-6614 • kalhassan@susinc.org

Hours: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (M-F)

Office Fax: 718-299-5529

Languages: English, Spanish, Hausa

Website: <http://www.susinc.org>

Nearest Transit Stop: East Tremont Avenue (D)

Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
Carl M. Adler, MD; Ganfez Abdullah, MD;
Hemant Patel, MD

St. Barnabas Hospital

Location:

Pathways Center for Comprehensive Care
4487 Third Avenue, 4th Floor
Bronx, NY 10457

Primary Contact for Referrals

Registration – Pathways Center for
Comprehensive Care
718-960-9000, x1621

Hours: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (M-F)

Office Fax: 718-960-9159

Languages: English, Spanish

Website: <http://www.stbarnabashospital.org>

Nearest Transit Stop: 3rd Ave-149th Street (2, 5),
walk to 3rd Ave & Westchester Ave to transfer to
Bx55 bus (Fordham Plz via 3 Ave bound), exit 3rd Ave
and 184th St.

Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
St. Barnabas Hospital

Unique People Services

Location:

3510 Bainbridge Avenue
Bronx, NY 10467

Primary Contact for Referrals

Harold Holloway
718-231-4900 • haroldh@uniquepeopleservices.org
mohamadoud@uniquepeopleservices.org

Secondary Contact for Referrals

Jin Xu
718-231-4974 • jinx@uniquepeopleservices.org

Hours: 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM (M-F)

Office Fax: 718-231-4976

Languages: English, Spanish

Website: <http://www.uniquepeopleservices.org>

Nearest Transit Stop: Mosholu Park (4)

Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
Montefiore Medical Center

BROOKLYN**Brookdale University Hospital & Medical Center**

Location:

One Brookdale Plaza,
Brooklyn, NY 11212

Primary Contact for Referrals

Frank Badillo
718-240-6761 • fbadillo@brookdale.edu

Secondary Contact for Referrals

Steve Phillips
718-240-5963 • sphillips@brookdale.edu

Hours: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (M-F)

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM (W only)

Office Fax: 718-240-6637

Languages: English, Haitian Creole, Spanish, French

Website: <http://www.brookdale.edu>

Nearest Transit Stop: Saratoga Avenue (3); B15, B35
to East 98th Street

Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
Brookdale University Hospital & Medical Center

Brownsville Community Development Corp.

Location:

408 Rockaway Ave, 3rd Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11212

Primary Contact for Referrals

Lloyd Goulbourne
718-345-6366 x6663

Secondary Contact for Referrals

Rainford Haughton
718-345-6366 x6657

Hours: 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM (M-F)

Office Fax: 718-345-5794

Languages: English, Spanish

Website: <http://bmsfhc.org>

Nearest Transit Stop: Rockaway Ave (2, 3, 4, 5)

Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:

Brownsville Multi-Service Family Health Center;
Long Island College Hospital

HHC Kings County Hospital Center

Location:

Kings County Hospital Center
451 Clarkson Avenue, E-4
Brooklyn, NY 11203
East New York Diagnostic and Treatment Center
2094 Pitkin Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11207

Primary Contact for Referrals

Callixta Baptiste
718-245-2813 • callixta.baptiste@nychhc.org

Secondary Contact for Referrals

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Languages: English, Interpreter Service Available,
American Sign Language Interpreters Available

Website: <http://www.nyc.gov/kchc>

Nearest Transit Stop: Winthrop Avenue Station (2, 5);
B12 to Clarkson Avenue

Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:

Kings County Hospital Center

HHC Woodhull Medical & Mental Health Center

Location:

760 Broadway, Rm 2TA 314
Brooklyn, NY 11206

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Office Fax: 718-630-3250

Languages: English, Spanish, Creole

Website: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/hhc/woodhull/html/home/home.shtml>

Nearest Transit Stop: Flushing Ave (J, M, Z); B15,
B43, B46, B47, B57

Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:

Woodhull Medical and Mental Health Center;
Cumberland Diagnostic & Treatment Center

Housing Works – East New York

Location:

2640 Pitkin Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11208

Primary Contact for Referrals

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Hours: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (M-F)

Office Fax: 718-827-8848

Languages: English, Spanish, Haitian Creole

Website: <http://www.housingworks.org>

Nearest Transit Stop: Euclid Avenue (A, C)

Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:

Housing Works; Maimonides Medical Center

Interfaith Medical Center

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Brooklyn, NY 11238

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Languages: English, Spanish, French, Creole

Website: <http://www.interfaithmedical.com>

Nearest Transit Stop: Franklin Avenue (A, C);
Park Place (S); B65 to Bergen & Classon Avenue

Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:

Interfaith Medical Center

Lutheran Family Health Center – Sunset Terrace

Location:

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Languages: English, Spanish
Website: <http://www.lutheranmedicalcenter.com>
Nearest Transit Stop: 53rd Street (R)
Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
Lutheran Family Health Centers – Sunset Terrace

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Location:
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Brooklyn, NY 11203
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9:00 AM – 8:00 PM (W)
Office Fax: 718-270-4244
Languages: English, Spanish, Creole
Website: <http://www.downstate.edu/star>

Nearest Transit Stop: Flatbush Avenue (2, 5)
Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
STAR Health Center

Wyckoff Heights Medical Center

Location:
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Brooklyn, NY 11237
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Languages: English, Spanish, French
Website: <http://www.wyckoffhospital.org>
Nearest Transit Stop: Dekalb Avenue (L)
Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
Wyckoff Heights Medical Center

MANHATTAN

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Japanese, Spanish
Website: <http://www.apicha.org>
Nearest Transit Stop: Canal Street (6, N, Q, R, W, J,
M, Z, A, C, E, 1)
Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
APICHA; Astor Medical Group; Pride Medical

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Languages: English, Spanish
Website: <http://www.baileyhouse.org>
Nearest Transit Stop: 125th Street (4, 5, 6, 2, 3);
M100, M101, M60, BX15
Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
HELP/PSI; Heritage HealthCare; William F. Ryan
Community Health Center

Beth Israel Medical Center

Location:
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Languages: English, Spanish
Website: [http://www.wehealny.org/services/
BI_Aidsservices/KruegerCenter.html](http://www.wehealny.org/services/BI_Aidsservices/KruegerCenter.html)

Nearest Transit Stop: 1st Avenue (L) or Union Square (4, 5, 6, L, N, R, Q)

Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
Beth Israel Medical Center

Callen-Lorde Community Health Center

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Languages: English, Spanish, Russian, Hebrew

Website: <http://www.callen-lorde.org>

Nearest Transit Stop: 14th Street (A, C, E);
18th Street (1); M14

Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
Callen-Lorde Community Health Center; Beth Israel Medical Center

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Languages: English, Spanish, French, Haitian Creole

Website: www.nyc.gov/html/hhc/html/facilities/bellevue.shtml

Nearest Transit Stop: 28th Street (6); M15 to 27th Street

Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
Bellevue Hospital Center

HHC Harlem Hospital Center

Location:

15 West 136th Street, 2nd Floor
New York, NY 10037

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Hours: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM (M-F)

Office Fax: 212-939-8192

Languages: English, Spanish, French, Creole

Website: www.nyc.gov/html/hhc/harlem/html/home/home.shtml

Nearest Transit Stop: 135th Street (2, 3); M7, M102

Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
Harlem Hospital Center

Housing Works – Manhattan

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New York, NY 10012

Primary Contact for Referrals

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Hours: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (M-F)

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Languages: English, Spanish, Haitian Creole

Website: <http://www.housingworks.org>

Nearest Transit Stop: Broadway-Lafayette (B, D, F, V)
or Prince Street (R, W) or Bleecker Street (6)

Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
Housing Works; Maimonides Medical Center

Institute for Family Health – Family Health Center at North General

Location:

1879 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10035

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Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
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Mount Sinai Medical Center – Comprehensive Health Program

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Languages: English, Spanish

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Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
Mount Sinai Medical Center

Mount Sinai Medical Center – Jack Martin Clinic

Location:

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Languages: English, Spanish

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Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
Mount Sinai Medical Center

New York Presbyterian Hospital

Location:

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622 West 168th Street
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Languages: English, Spanish, Translation Services for other languages

Website: <http://nyp.org>

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Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
New York Presbyterian Hospital

St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital Center – Morningside Clinic

Locations:

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New York, NY 10025

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Languages: English, Spanish

Website: http://www.wehealny.org/patients/stl_home

Nearest Transit Stop: 116th Street (1); 110th Street (B, C); M3, M7, M116 to 116th Street

Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital Center

St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital Center – Samuels Clinic

Locations:

1000 10th Avenue, Second Floor, Room 2T
New York, NY 10019

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Office Fax: N/A

Languages: English, Spanish

Website: http://www.wehealny.org/patients/stl_home

Nearest Transit Stop: 59th Street-Columbus Circle (A, B, C, D, 1); M7 to 59th Street

Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital Center

St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital Center – West Village Division

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New York, NY 10011

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Languages: English, Spanish
Website: http://www.wehealny.org/patients/stl_home
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18th Street (1)
Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital Center

Village Care

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Languages: English, Spanish
Website: <http://www.villagecare.org>
Nearest Transit Stop: 23rd Street (F, M, 1, N, R)
Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
Village Care Health Center

QUEENS

HHC Elmhurst Hospital Center

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Languages: English, Spanish, Creole
Website: <http://nyc.gov/html/hhc/qhn>
Nearest Transit Stop: Jackson Heights/Roosevelt
Ave (7, E, F, R, G)
Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
Elmhurst Hospital Center; Queens Hospital Center

HHC Queens Hospital Center

Location:
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Jamaica, NY 11432
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Office Fax: 718-883-6119
Languages: English, Spanish, Creole
Website: <http://nyc.gov/html/hhc/qhn>
Nearest Transit Stop: Q65
Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
Elmhurst Hospital Center; Queens Hospital Center

STATEN ISLAND

Community Health Action of Staten Island

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Hours: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (M-F)
Office Fax: 718-808-1890 or 718-808-1891
Languages: English, Spanish
Website: <http://www.chasiny.org>
Nearest Transit Stop: Castleton Ave & Port Richmond
Ave (S46)
Medical Providers in Care Coordination Network:
Staten Island University Hospital; Deeptha
Nedunchezian, MD; Frank Scafuri, DO

Resources

HIV Testing

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

aids.gov/hiv-aids-basics/

New York City Health Department

nyc.gov, search for *HIV testing*

New York City HIV Testing Sites: Call **311**

Find an HIV testing location by texting your zip code to KNOWIT (566948)

New York City Health Department STD Clinics

nyc.gov, search for *STD clinics*

New York State Health Department

health.ny.gov/aids

New York State HIV Hotline

English: **800-872-2777**

Spanish: **800-233-7432**

TDD: **800-369-2437**

Basic HIV Testing Information

aidsinonet.org/fact_sheets/view/102

HIV Positive

New York City HIV Care Coordination Programs

nyc.gov, search for *HIV Care Coordination*

New York State Provider Report Form: **518-474-4284**

Partner/Contact Notification

In New York City: **212-693-1419**

Outside New York City: **800-541-AIDS (2347)**

Designated AIDS Centers: **518-486-1383**

AIDS Drug Assistance Program: **800-542-2437**

Free medications and care for uninsured HIV infected persons

HIV Training for Health Care Providers

In New York City:

Bureau of HIV/AIDS Prevention & Control

Training — Technical Assistance Program (T-TAP): **347-396-7701** or
TTAP@health.nyc.gov

Bureau of STD Control Region II STD/HIV Prevention Training Center **nycptc@health.nyc.gov**

AIDS Education & Training Center **212-304-5530** or **nynjaetc.org**

In New York State: 518-474-9866 or **800-233-5075**

Information for people diagnosed with HIV

aids.gov/hiv-aids-basics/

Mental Health Support

Call **311** or LifeNet: **800-LIFENET (800-543-3638)** or **877-AYUDESE** (Spanish),
or search LifeNet at **nyc.gov**

Contact Notification Assistance Program (CNAP) Informational Card **home2.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/std/std3.shtml**

New York City Domestic Violence Hotline **800-621-HOPE (800-621-4673)** or call **311** TDD: **866-604-5350**

New York State Department of Health Living with HIV/AIDS Website **health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/resources/**

New York State Health Department HIV publications order form **hivguidelines.org/Admin/Files/other/orderform05122009.pdf**

NYC Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project Hotline: 212-714-1141

Legal Action Center for HIV-related concerns **212-243-1313** or **800-223-4044**

HIV Prevention

New York City Health Department

nyc.gov, search for *HIV/AIDS information*

NYC Knows Facebook Page

facebook.com/NYCKnows

NYC Condom Facebook Page

facebook.com/NYCcondom

United States Department of Health and Human Services

aids.gov/hiv-aids-basics

Urban Coalition for HIV/AIDS Prevention Services

uchaps.org

National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors

nastad.org

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

niaid.nih.gov

HIV Prevention Trials Network

hptn.org

HIV Vaccine Trials Network

hvtn.org

Microbicide Trials Network

mtnstopshiv.org

**National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention
Prevention Is Care: Being Safe Patient Brochure**

cdc.gov/hiv/topics/treatment/PIC/pdf/brochure.pdf

NYC Health Bulletins

Call **311** to order; see samples on page 25

New York State Department of Health

health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/publications/

Materials

Say Yes to the Test Poster

If Your HIV Test Is Positive

English, Spanish

What You Need to Know About an HIV Test

Guide to New York City Health Department STD Clinics

New York State Department of Health Post-Negative Information Sheet

English, Spanish

New York City HIV Test is Negative Notification Card

English, Spanish

HIV Testing Waiting Room Easel and Palm Cards

New York Knows Palm Cards

English, Spanish

New York Knows Posters

Contact Notification Assistance Program Provider Card

English, Spanish

Contact Notification Assistance Program Palm Cards for Patients

English, Spanish

HIV Testing, Reporting and Partner Notification: A Guide for Providers

Living Positively with HIV

English, Spanish

HIV Prevention and Care (City Health Information)

To order HIV Materials, call 311

Patient Resources

Health Bulletin #78: STOP HIV IN NYC
Health Bulletin #39: Take Pride and Take Care New York
Health Bulletin #47: NYC Condoms, Get Some



To order Health Bulletins for your office, call 311

Readings

Revised recommendations for HIV testing of adults, adolescents, and pregnant women in health-care settings

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR), September 22, 2006.

Summary

These recommendations for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) testing are intended for all health-care providers in the public and private sectors, including those working in hospital emergency departments, urgent care clinics, inpatient services, substance abuse treatment clinics, public health clinics, community clinics, correctional health-care facilities, and primary care settings. The recommendations address HIV testing in health-care settings only. They do not modify existing guidelines concerning HIV counseling, testing, and referral for persons at high risk for HIV who seek or receive HIV testing in nonclinical settings (e.g., community-based organizations, outreach settings, or mobile vans). The objectives of these recommendations are to increase HIV screening of patients, including pregnant women, in health-care settings; foster earlier detection of HIV infection; identify and counsel persons with unrecognized HIV infection and link them to clinical and prevention services; and further reduce perinatal transmission of HIV in the United States. These revised recommendations update previous recommendations for HIV testing in health-care settings and for screening of pregnant women (CDC. *Recommendations for HIV testing services for inpatients and outpatients in acute-care hospital settings*. MMWR 1993;42 (No. RR-2):1–10; CDC. *Revised guidelines for HIV counseling, testing, and referral*. MMWR 2001;50 (No. RR-19):1–62; and CDC. *Revised recommendations for HIV screening of pregnant women*. MMWR 2001;50 (No. RR-19):63-85).

Major revisions from previously published guidelines are as follows:

For patients in all health-care settings

- HIV screening is recommended for patients in all health-care settings after the patient is notified that testing will be performed unless the patient declines (opt-out screening).
- Persons at high risk for HIV infection should be screened for HIV at least annually.
- Separate written consent for HIV testing should not be required; general consent for medical care should be considered sufficient to encompass consent for HIV testing.
- Prevention counseling should not be required with HIV diagnostic testing or as part of HIV screening programs in health-care settings.

For pregnant women

- HIV screening should be included in the routine panel of prenatal screening tests for all pregnant women.
- HIV screening is recommended after the patient is notified that testing will be performed unless the patient declines (opt-out screening).
- Separate written consent for HIV testing should not be required; general consent for medical care should be considered sufficient to encompass consent for HIV testing.
- Repeat screening in the third trimester is recommended in certain jurisdictions with elevated rates of HIV infection among pregnant women.

Risk-based HIV testing in South Carolina health care settings failed to identify the majority of infected individuals.

Duffus WA, Weis K, Kettinger L, Stephens T, Albrecht H, Gibson JJ. South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, HIV/STD Division, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, USA. AIDS Patient Care STDS. 2009 May; 23 (5):339-45.

Abstract

To provide evidence of large numbers of missed opportunities for early HIV diagnosis we designed a retrospective cohort study linking surveillance data from the South Carolina HIV/AIDS Reporting System to a statewide all payer health care database. We determined visits and diagnoses occurring before the date of the first positive HIV test and medical encounters were categorized to distinguish visits that were likely versus unlikely to have prompted an HIV test. Of the 4117 HIV-positive individuals newly diagnosed between 2001 and 2005, 3021 (73.4%) visited a South Carolina health care facility one or more times prior to testing HIV positive. Of these 3021, 1311 (43.4%) were late testers, and 1425 (47.2%) were early testers. Females were less likely than males to be late testers (odds ratio [OR] 0.55, 95% confidence interval [CI] 0.45-0.68), blacks were more likely than whites to be late testers (OR 1.37, 95% CI 1.10-1.71), and persons 50 years of age and older more likely to be late testers (OR 7.16, 95% CI 3.84-13.37). A total of 78.8% of the 13,448 health care visits for both late and early testers were for health care diagnoses unlikely to prompt an HIV test. These findings underscore the need for more routine HIV testing of adults and adolescents visiting health care facilities in order to facilitate early diagnosis.

Other Readings

Results of the Expanded HIV Testing Initiative – 25 Jurisdictions, United States, 2007-2010. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep. 2011 Jun 24;60(24):805-10.

Implementation of and barriers to routine HIV screening for adolescents. Minniear TD, Gilmore B, Arnold SR, Flynn PM, Knapp KM, Gaur AH. Pediatrics. 2009 Oct;124(4):1076-84.

Simplifying Consent for HIV Testing is Associated with an Increase in HIV Testing and Case Detection in Highest Risk Groups, San Francisco January 2003-June 2007. Zetola NM, Grijalva CG, Gertler S, Hare CB, Kaplan B, Dowling T, Colfax G, Katz MH, Klausner JD. PLoS One. 2008 Jul 2;3(7):e2591.

Patient acceptance of rapid HIV testing practices in an urban emergency department: assessment of the 2006 CDC recommendations for HIV screening in health care settings. Haukoos JS, Hopkins E, Byyny RL; Denver Emergency Department HIV Testing Study Group. Ann Emerg Med. 2008 Mar;51(3):303-9, 309.e1.

Expanded HIV screening in the United States: effect on clinical outcomes, HIV transmission, and costs. Paltiel AD, Walensky RP, Schackman BR, Seage GR 3rd, Mercincavage LM, Weinstein MC, Freedberg KA. Ann Intern Med. 2006 Dec 5;145(11):797-806.

Missed opportunities for earlier diagnosis of HIV infection--South Carolina, 1997-2005. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep. 2006 Dec 1;55(47):1269-72.



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