

Survey of HIV testing policy and practice

The main purpose of this survey is to assess the impact of the *UK National Guidelines for HIV Testing 2008*.

Is your service a:

- GUM/sexual health clinic
 Infectious diseases department providing HIV care
 HIV centre
 Other department providing HIV care, please state:

How many adult patients (age 16 or over) with HIV currently receive care at your clinic/service?

- 100 or fewer
 101-200
 201-500
 501-1000
 1001 or more
 Not sure

If possible, please enter the actual number of adult HIV patients who have attended your centre for care at least once in the past six months. This enables us to estimate the proportion of the UK HIV population covered by the audit:

Do you routinely offer and recommend an HIV test to all patients attending for GUM/sexual health services (unless already known to be positive)?

- Yes
 No
 Not sure
 Not applicable because not a GUM/sexual health service

What is the practice as regards HIV testing within the following departments/services in your area?

	Recommend routinely to all patients	Recommend selectively	Do not test for HIV	Other, please state:	Not known	Not applicable/ no local service
GUM/sexual health clinic	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Antenatal clinic	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Termination of pregnancy service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Drug dependency service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Accident and emergency	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Medical admissions unit or short stay (or all acute medical admissions to Trust)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Medical out-patients	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tuberculosis service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hepatitis service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If there are plans to introduce routine HIV testing in any of the above services where this is not currently provided, please describe these:

To your knowledge, do any local general practices offer and recommend HIV testing routinely to new patients as they register?

Yes (at least one practice)
 Not yet, but some plan to do so
 No
 Not known

Since the publication of the National HIV Testing Guidelines in 2008, have you or colleagues in your department taken any of the following steps to encourage more widespread HIV testing (please tick all that apply)?

- Presented a case of late HIV diagnosis at grand rounds
- Raised importance of HIV testing in relation to case(s) presented by others at grand rounds
- Discussed the need for increased HIV testing with the medical director of your trust
- Specifically requested the medical director of your trust to consider introducing routine HIV testing in all general medical admissions
- Initiated or supported introduction of routine testing in another department
- Introduced HIV care pathway(s) for other departments
- Given a presentation on the importance of HIV testing to colleagues from other departments
- Provided training to clinicians from departments other than your own on how to offer and recommend routine HIV testing
- Held displays or roadshows for staff or patients in other departments
- Advised on the setting up or expansion of community-based HIV testing services
- Other, please state:

Has HIV testing been addressed in the following local commissioning/quality arrangements (England only)?

	Yes	Please describe:	No	Not sure	Not applicable/ outside England
CQUIN (commissioning for quality and innovation)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
QOF (Quality and Outcomes Framework)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
LES (Local Enhanced Services)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Has HIV testing been addressed in local CQUIN (commissioning for quality and innovation) arrangements (England only)?

- Yes, please describe: No Not sure Not applicable/outside England

Are you aware of the *Tackling HIV Testing* resource pack produced by the Medical Foundation for AIDS and Sexual Health?

- Yes No Not sure

If yes, have you used it?

- Yes No Not sure

If yes, have you circulated it to non-GUM/HIV colleagues?

- Yes No Not sure

If you wish, please comment on ways it could be improved:

Do you use combined HIV antibody/P24 antigen tests (fourth generation tests) as your *routine* method of HIV testing (ie your routine first-line assay)?

- Yes No Not sure

What is your practice as regards rapid/point of care (POCT) testing for HIV infection?

- Use routinely in most circumstances, unless there is possible recent exposure
 Use routinely in higher risk populations
 Offer in some settings or circumstances, please describe:

- Do not use
 Not sure

What is your practice as regards STARHS/RITA testing (Serological Testing Algorithm for Recent HIV Seroconversion/Recent Infection Testing Algorithm)?

- Use routinely for all new diagnoses
 Use routinely if recent seroconversion suspected
 Use in some circumstances, please describe:

- Do not use
 Not sure

How long does it usually take to receive laboratory results for a non-urgent, confirmed positive HIV test (not reference laboratory confirmation)?

- <24 hours 1-2 days 3-4 days 5-7 days >1 week Not sure

Are you satisfied with provision of urgent HIV testing when this is clinically required?

- Yes No, please comment: Not sure

Please comment further if you wish on policies and practice regarding HIV testing throughout your trust and other local NHS services:

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