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10.8.1 HIV ANTIBODY TESTING POLICY	Attachments: Yes 🗌 No 🖂

I. POLICY

The California Correctional Health Care Services (CCHCS) shall provide Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) testing of patients in compliance with applicable state law. Opt-Out HIV testing shall be routinely provided to all patients upon entry or reentry to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. HIV testing shall also be provided at the patient's request throughout incarceration, but shall not be more frequently than once a month, unless recommended by a clinician. HIV testing shall also be provided during health care encounters when recommended by a clinician.

This policy does not apply to mandatory, court-ordered HIV testing performed due to a blood borne pathogen exposure among patients and/or staff.

II. DEFINITIONS

Opt-Out Screening Method: The patient is informed that an HIV test will be performed unless the patient declines.

III.PURPOSE

To ensure that patients who are HIV-infected are diagnosed as early as possible and referred to an HIV specialist for medical care and treatment services. Early diagnosis and treatment reduces morbidity and mortality while preventing onward transmission of HIV through patient awareness and viral suppression.

IV. RESPONSIBILITY

The Chief Executive Officer or designee of each institution is responsible for the implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of this policy.

V. REFERENCES

- California Health and Safety Code, Division 105, Part 4, Chapter 7, Section 120990, and Division 106, Part 5, Chapter 1, Article 4, Sections 125090 and 125107
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) "HIV Testing Implementation
- Guidance for Correctional Settings," January 2009 http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/risk_correctional_settings_guidelines.pdf
- The White House, Office of National AIDS Policy, "National HIV/AIDS strategy for the United States: Updated to 2020", July 2015. https://www.aids.gov/federal-resources/national-hiv-aids-strategy/nhas-update.pdf
- California Correctional Health Care Services Care Guide: HIV
- California Correctional Health Care Services, Inmate Medical Services Policies and Procedures, Volume 4, Chapter 2, Reception Health Care Policy and Procedure