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10.8.2 HIV ANTIBODY TESTING PROCEDURE	Attachments: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

I. PROCEDURE OVERVIEW

Voluntary, Opt-Out Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) testing shall be routinely provided to all patients upon entry or reentry to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). 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. The HIV test shall also be provided during health care encounters whenever it is recommended by a clinician.

II. DEFINITIONS

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

III. RESPONSIBILITY

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

IV. PROCEDURE

- A. In the reception center setting, routine Opt-Out HIV testing shall be integrated into the initial health screening process (e.g., screening for sexually transmitted infections, pregnancy, coccidioidomycosis, and hepatitis C). The patient will be informed that an HIV test is planned, unless he or she declines. In all settings, prior to testing for HIV, the patient will be:
 1. Provided information about the test;
 2. Informed that there are numerous treatment options available for a patient who tests positive for HIV;
 3. Informed that a person who tests negative for HIV should continue to be routinely tested.
- B. Consent for HIV screening shall be incorporated into the general informed consent for medical diagnostic services. If a patient declines the test, the health care provider shall document the refusal in the patient's health record using the CDC 7225, Refusal of Examination and/or Treatment form.
- C. Patients with a positive HIV test result shall be notified confidentially in person of the results by a health care provider and referred for initial evaluation and treatment.
- D. Patients with a negative result may receive information in person or through confidential written notification that does not specify the test (e.g., all tests were normal).

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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
- 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