Sample Protocol – Rapid HIV Testing in Clinic Setting

Registration/Waiting room:
- Give patient clinic registration materials, including HIV educational brochure
- Tell patient they may read the information while they are waiting, indicate on the tear-off form whether or not they want to be tested, and give the form to the MA.

Exam room:
- Ask patient if they want HIV testing. Collect form from EVERY patient.
- Patient needs to fill and sign consent with MA witness
- MA to obtain specimen for rapid test
- Usual clinic care continues

Clinic /Lab Area:
- Run test (within specified time, depending on brand of test)

Upon getting results:
- Results are documented on consent form, and per clinic’s protocol

If the test is non-reactive,
- Patient is provided result by designated health care worker (MA/nurse/physician), and post test information – “Negative HIV results.” Usual clinic care continues

If the test is reactive,
- Patient is provided result by physician. (Physician may choose to use the “reactive test” script.) MD orders western blot confirmatory test
- Patient is provided appointment card for follow-up visit
- Fill out “Checklist for Reactive Tests” document
- Consider social work involvement

If the test is confirmed positive,
- **Results, negative or positive, cannot be provided on the telephone**
- Patient is seen by provider and referred to medical care and social services per clinic’s protocol.
- **Designated staff to notify local DOH of positive patient** and:
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- Confirm whether patient is a new or previous diagnosis (via surveillance database)
- Coordinate partner services
  - Clinic has the option of requesting DOH presence at result notification. Having the DOH present helps to facilitate partner services.
  - Designated staff to fill out PEMS form. If DOH is present at result notification, designated staff to give DOH team a sticker off the PEMS. Otherwise, they can be provided this barcode number by telephone.
  - If patient does not return for results despite efforts to reach him/her, please let your DOH rep know.

If the test is confirmed negative,

- **Results, negative or positive, cannot be provided on the telephone**
- Patient is provided result by designated health care worker (MA/nurse/physician), and post test information – “Negative HIV results
- Patient is counseled regarding window period and recommended “re-test” date based on any risk assessment.

**Insurance reimbursement**

- ICD-9 and CPT codes to be discussed with clinic

**Data reporting**

- Provide PEHTI team with
  - Anonymized data for each month by the 15th of the subsequent month via designated data collection method
  - Tracking forms (from the pre-test brochures)
  - PEMS forms for all confirmed positives