

**Offer of HIV Testing**

New York State Public Health Law requires that an offer of HIV related testing be made to all persons between the ages of 13 and 64 receiving hospital or primary care services except under specific circumstances. This includes inpatients, persons seeking services in emergency departments those receiving primary care on an outpatient basis at a clinic or from a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner or midwife.

Seven points of information about HIV:

1. HIV is the virus that causes AIDS and can be transmitted through unprotected sex (vaginal, anal, or oral sex) with someone who has HIV; contact with blood as in sharing needles (piercing, tattooing, drug equipment including needles), by HIV-infected pregnant women to their infants during pregnancy or delivery, or while breast feeding.
2. There are treatments for HIV/AIDS that can help an individual stay healthy.
3. Individuals with HIV/AIDS can adopt safe practices to protect uninfected from acquiring HIV and infected people from acquiring additional strains of HIV.
4. Testing is voluntary and can be done anonymously at a public testing center.
5. The law protects the confidentiality of HIV test results and other related information.
6. The law prohibits discrimination based on an individual's HIV status and services are available to help with such consequences.
7. The law allows an individual's informed consent for HIV related testing to be valid for such testing until such consent is revoked by the subject of the HIV test or expires by its terms.

If your test result is negative, you can learn how to protect yourself from being infected in the future. If you are positive, you can take steps to prevent passing the virus to others, and you can receive treatment for HIV and learn about other ways to stay healthy.

Yes, I would like to speak to someone about HIV testing.

No, I do not wish to have an HIV test today.

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(patient or person authorized to consent)

Medical Record #: \_\_\_\_\_