

Routine Testing and Linkage to Care: The Clinical Standard

Routine HIV screening allows many people with undiagnosed HIV-infection to be identified who may otherwise have been missed by risk-based testing. Patients diagnosed through routine HIV screening are able to benefit from medical treatment, which has been proven to reduce morbidity and mortality, and to avoid unintentionally transmitting HIV to others. Routine screening and prompt linkage to HIV care by Black nurses and other health care providers will greatly reduce HIV's disproportionate burden on African Americans, improving health outcomes and reducing racial/ethnic health disparities in the U.S.



CDC-INFO

1-800-232-4636; TTY: 888-232-6348

English, en Español

To find an HIV testing site, text ZIP code to KNOWIT (566948)

- Toll-free, confidential HIV/AIDS information for the public—8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.
- Sensitive and compassionate service via multiple channels (e.g., phone calls, e-mail, mail, and fax materials).
- Customer service representatives offer referrals to appropriate services, including clinics, hospitals, local hotlines, counseling, and legal services.

Act Against AIDS for Professionals

(campaigns and resources for health care providers)

<http://www.actagainstaids/provider/index.html>

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