

HIV Testing Observation Tool

Minimum testing session requirements to be observed.		Date:
Agency:	Tester:	Observer:
*** During all testing encounters staff must demonstrate non-judgmental, un-biased behavior.***		
1.	Informed consent obtained from client	
2.	Basic demographic information collected	
3.	Both anonymous and confidential HIV testing options offered	
4.	Brief risk assessment conducted including:	
	a.	Reason for HIV test
	b.	Date and type of most recent risk behavior
	c.	History of STD diagnosis and treatment
	d.	Date and result of last HIV test
5.	Basic information about HIV infection and HIV testing provided including:	
	a.	Benefits of testing
	b.	Behaviors that transmit HIV
	c.	How HIV can be prevented
	d.	Explanation of "window period" during which HIV infection may not be detected
	e.	Explanation of the testing technology to be used
	f.	Explanation of when and how HIV test results will be provided
	g.	Procedure if client receives a positive test result
6.	Population-specific/tailored health education messages provided	
7.	Provide result and assist client in understanding result.	
HIV Positive Results	Must follow Protocol Based Counseling for HIV positive results.	
8.	Counseling and support provided to assist client in understanding the meaning of the result	
9.	Sources of support identified	
10.	Benefits of initiating and remaining in HIV medical care explained	
11.	Risk reduction strategies discussed (referral to risk reduction intervention, if appropriate)	
12.	Partner services/public health follow up explained	
13.	Client offered referrals to supportive services, if appropriate	
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