

# HIV TESTING & TREATMENT IN L&D

**Competency:** The RN will demonstrate the management of HIV testing and treatment consistent with policy and protocol.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA		DATE & INITIAL	
		Met	Not Met
1.	<b>Review prenatal records for evidence of prenatal HIV testing. If no results available, discuss with caregiver /receive orders for Rapid HIV test.</b>		
2.	<b>Discuss, in private, with the patient that her HIV status was not listed and the rapid HIV test utilizing the HIV counseling guide and protocol. Utilize the opt-out method for obtaining consent for the testing.</b>		
3.	<b>Obtain written acceptance for rapid HIV testing. Explain that the testing process may take up to one to two hours for results.</b>		
4.	<b>Discuss in private the privacy issues around the rapid HIV test, i.e.who is in the room at the time of test disclosure, how to label IV bags, how to reveal any treatment measures, etc.</b>		
5.	<b>Order Rapid HIV lab test. Draw blood drawn and transported to lab (RN/lab) STAT.</b>		
6.	<b>When results are obtained:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If HIV negative, discuss results with patient assuring them that a negative result is reliable, except in the case of a very recent exposure.</li> <li>• If HIV positive: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Notify Obstetrician to come ASAP to discuss test results, confirmatory testing and treatment options with the patient in person.</li> <li>2. Notify Social Services /Case Manager of any positive test result</li> <li>3. Notify Pharmacy while awaiting med orders to ensure antiretroviral meds are available for administration.</li> <li>4. Notify Nursery staff (RN and/or MD) of positive results and timeline for delivery.</li> <li>5. Notify Postpartum unit of the positive results and any availability of a private room after delivery</li> <li>6. Avoid invasive procedures (such as AROM, FSE...) until discussed with Obstetrician, as this may increase the chance of vertical transmission.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>		
7.	<b>Demonstrate a supportive, non-judgmental attitude, independent of patient's treatment choices.</b>		

8.	<b>IF medication is ordered, notify Pharmacy STAT. Ensure IV access is present and administer antiretroviral medication(s) as soon as available. Observe and notify caregiver of any side effects.</b>		
9.	<b>Provide anticipatory guidance for patient if mode of delivery now has been changed.</b>		
	<b><u>POST DELIVERY:</u></b>		
10.	<b>Educates patient regarding relevant topics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe sex</li> <li>• HIV confirmatory testing</li> <li>• Infant Care</li> <li>• Community resources for mother and infant</li> </ul>		
11.	<b>Arranges in conjunction with Case Management:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriate Follow-up care for mother and infant in the community</li> <li>• Medication availability</li> <li>• Financial resources</li> <li>• Community support services</li> </ul>		

**Validator Signature(s)**

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**Staff Signature**

**Date**

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