Ending the Epidemic Task Force Recommendation Form



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Q1: OPTIONAL: This recommendation was submitted by (please provide your first and last name, affiliation, and email address)

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Q2: Title of your recommendation

Routinized HIV testing in all medical settings

Q3: Please provide a description of your proposed recommendation

The current policies state that providers must offer HIV testing. We need additional regulations or policies to support integrated testing on an annual basis. The language to support this needs to be strong or required. We need to focus first on those agencies and institutions in communities where the HIV seroprevalence rate is high, and then move to be instituted in all communities. We need to ensure that we are actually testing the great majority of the NYS population. Routinized HIV testing needs to be integrated into Emergency Departments, Ambulatory Care settings, urgent care settings, inpatient, and private provider offices. In addition, the current HIV testing algorithm needs to be adopted throughout.

Linkage to care needs to be part of the integrated model, so that those who are HIV positive are immediately linked to care -- or if they are not, there is staff to find them and encourage them to become engaged in care. PrEP information needs to be available for those who test -- for those who are positive to share with their negative partners, and for those who are negative and high-risk.

Q4: For which goal outlined in the Governor's plan to end the epidemic in New York State does this recommendation apply? (Select all that apply)

Identifying persons with HIV who remain undiagnosed and linking them to health care

Linking and retaining persons diagnosed with HIV to health care and getting them on anti-HIV therapy to maximize HIV virus suppression so

they remain healthy and prevent further

transmission

Facilitating access to Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for high-risk persons to keep them HIV negative

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Q5: This recommendation should be considered by the following Ending the Epidemic Task Force Committee (Select all that apply) Prevention Committee: Develop recommendations for ensuring the effective implementation of biomedical advances in the prevention of HIV, (such as the use of Truvada as pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)); for ensuring access for those most in need to keep them negative; and for expansion of syringe exchange, expanded partner services, and streamlined HIV testing by further implementing the universal offer of HIV testing in primary care, among others. The Committee will focus on continuing innovative and comprehensive prevention and harm reduction services targeted at key high risk populations, as well as grantfunded services that engage in both secondary and primary prevention.

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Care Committee: Develop recommendations to support access to care and treatment in order to maximize the rate of HIV viral suppression. The Committee will promote linkages and retention in care to achieve viral suppression and promote the highest quality of life while significantly decreasing the risks of HIV transmission. Recommendations will also ensure a person centered approach is taken and that access to culturally and linguistically appropriate prevention and health care services is available.

Q6: Does this recommendation require a change to an existing policy or program, or the creation of a new policy or program?

Change to existing policy

Q7: Would implementation of this recommendation be permitted under current laws or would a statutory change be required?

Permitted under current law

Q8: Is this recommendation something that could feasibly be implemented in the short-term (within the next year) or long-term (within the next three to six years)?

Within the next year

Q9: What are the perceived benefits of implementing this recommendation?

More people will know their HIV status, and be linked to care. The expectation is that the community viral load will be reduced. In addition, PrEP will be made available to those who are negative at high-risk. Increased HIV identification, reduced transmission.

Q10: Are there any concerns with implementing this recommendation that should be considered?

Will need financial support and best practices to implement this in various clinical and other settings.

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Q11: What is the estimated cost of implementing this recommendation and how was this estimate calculated?

There are I.T. costs associated for those with EMRs. There are the additional costs of the test, but this should be covered by insurance reimbursements.

Q12: What is the estimated return on investment (ROI) for this recommendation and how was the ROI calculated?

Respondent skipped this question

Q13: Who are the key individuals/stakeholders who would benefit from this recommendation?

HIV positive people who will identify HIV earlier in disease progression. Reduction in community viral load.

HIV negative people who will have an additional tool to stay HIV negative.

Q14: Are there suggested measures to accompany this recommendation that would assist in monitoring its impact?

Respondent skipped this question

Q15: This recommendation was submitted by one of the following

Other (please specify) Health Care Director