

Orange Blossom Family Health

HIV Testing Initiative
Beyond Primary Care
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Philosophy of Testing

- HIV can be prevented through early intervention and testing.
- HIV is a chronic disease that can be managed
- If HIV can be prevented and managed, then screening every patient must be an organizational wide endeavor to screen every patient at minimum once a year.
- Screening initiatives will occur with every patient who does not have a documented HIV test regardless of where the care visit occurs.



HIV Care Team

- VP of Quality and Performance Improvement
- Chief Medical Officer
- Chief Dental Officer
- HIV Specialist
- Chief Pharmacy Officer
- Director of Behavioral Health
- HIV Coordinator
- Disease Intervention Specialist



Training

- Training initiated with our Board of Directors
- Every staff member is educated on our philosophy
- Partnered with the AETC and Florida Department of Health to provide training on screening, testing, linkage, and treatment.
- CME HIV training opportunities made available to health care providers.



Implementation

- All medical clinical support staff have received training and are 500 and 501 HIV certified.
- 4th generation testing added to comprehensive physical lab panels
- Rapid testing available for all walk-in patients, non health center patients, and those with high risk exposure.
- Developing workflow for testing in dental.



Challenges

- Increasing PCP comfort level on discussing and advising patients on importance of screening
- Qualified HIV testers limited to medical department.
- Incorporating testing within dental workflow is challenging as dental procedures are the priority.
- Linkage and follow-up



Suggestions

- Training medical assistants to ask sexual history questions and order HIV tests as standard for all patients
- Provide rapid HIV testing to patients waiting to receive dental services
- Provide training to dental assistants to conduct rapid HIV testing
- Strong relationship with local health department and DIS



Recommendations

- Make testing procedures easily accessible
- Enhanced training for support staff on patient engagement, sexual history interviewing, and initiation of testing through standing orders
- Strong collaboration between local health departments and providers of HIV care