Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

(General Information and Implementation Guidelines)

Overview and Directory of Information on HIV Rapid Testing

This resource includes descriptions of the rapid HIV tests approved by the FDA, how the tests can be implemented in different settings, and research on the effectiveness and possible uses of the tests.

Quality Assurance Guidelines for Waived Test Sites

This document establishes guidelines for applying quality system essentials to HIV rapid testing, including the important monitoring processes, to assure quality and reliability of test results. The guidelines should be useful to those responsible for HIV/AIDS programs, government officials and for those managing voluntary testing and counseling sites

State Health Departments

This page on the CDC website contains an interactive map of State Health Departments. The links will direct users to the website of the health department of a chosen state. This would be a good source to search for information about a state's HIV testing resources and to ask about mobile testing services to provide HIV rapid testing onsite in substance abuse treatment programs.

AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETCs)

(Training and Implementation Resources)

The AIDS Education and Training Centers Program includes a network of 11 regional centers with more than 130 local performance sites and 5 national centers representing all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the U.S.-affiliated Pacific jurisdictions. The mission of the AETCs is to improve the quality of life of patients living with HIV/AIDS through the provision of high-quality professional education for health care providers.

AETC National Resource Center (NRC)

The AETC NRC provides the AETC network and other healthcare professionals with access to HIV/AIDS education and training resources. The NRC website, **www.aidsetc.org**, serves as a central repository for these resources and for AETC program contact information. The NRC also provides an online training about the rapid HIV test.

National HIV/AIDS Clinicians' Consultation Center (NCCC)

The NCCC offers up-to-the-minute clinical HIV information and individualized expert consultation nationwide through a Warmline, (800-933-3413).

AETC Regional Centers

By clicking on the interactive map, treatment programs can obtain contact information for AETCs in their local area. The AETCs design customized trainings, and are expert in trouble-shooting those unexpected issues and challenges that arise during implementation of HIV testing programs in a variety of settings. Some common HIV testing training and technical assistance topics addressed by the AETCs include: giving positive results; designing clinical systems for HIV testing around patient flow; offering the HIV test; gaining consent; strengthening linkage to care and referral systems; reconciling differences in state HIV testing laws with CDC; and more.

Staff in these centers can direct programs to local health departments or other sources of information about local procedures and requirements for implementation of HIV rapid testing, as well as information about availability of mobile testing programs which can bring testing to the treatment program site. The AETC centers can also provide information about the availability of training and technical assistance for HIV rapid testing.

Helpful HIV Testing Resources

Over 100 resources developed by the AETCs and others can be found on the AETC NRC website. This includes guidelines, bibliographies, curricula, fact sheets, online training programs, patient resources, pocket guides, videos, and more.

Compendium of State HIV Testing Laws

The *Compendium of State HIV Testing Laws* describes key state HIV testing laws and policies. Each state's HIV testing laws are unique and many have undergone revision or supplementation. The Compendium which was developed and is maintained by the NCCC (referenced above) is designed to help programs understand HIV testing laws and to implement sound HIV testing policies.

FUNDING and Other Implementation Support

SSA Directory

This is a directory of Single State Agencies which receive funding through the Substance Abuse and Prevention Block grant. Nineteen states have been designated as high

prevalence states and are required to expend **5% of their SAPT block grant for HIV early intervention services** (including HIV testing). However not all states qualify for this type of expenditure and you should contact your state agency to find whether they have a budget for this service. Each SSA office also has an HIV coordinator who can be contacted to inquire about HIV rapid testing and related programs.

SAMHSA support for the National HIV/AIDS Strategy

In addition to the block grant set-aside, SAMHSA provides HIV intervention support in the **12 Cities Project** and also supplements the HHS Minority AIDS Initiative (**MAI**) through the **Rapid HIV Testing Supplement** mechanism. Both of these programs provide for a range of HIV/AIDS intervention activities including rapid testing.

HIV Screening and Testing Reimbursement

This resource describes possible sources of reimbursement to include Medicare Medicaid, and other sources. This **Coding Guide** provides information to help identify billing codes to use in covering HIV testing costs in health care settings.

Implementation Examples

New York State

New York State Department of Health presents rapid testing program description to include organizational policies, protocols, and FAQs.

Article on Implementing HIV rapid testing in a substance abuse treatment program.

This article describes the experience of a substance abuse treatment agency where, following participation in a clinical trial, the agency implemented an HIV testing and counseling program. This case study may be helpful for other treatment providers seeking to implement an HIV testing program. The original article by Louise Haynes may be obtained through this citation: Haynes, L. F., et al., HIV rapid testing in substance abuse treatment: Implementation following a clinical trial. Evaluation and Program Planning 34 (4), (2011) pp 399-406.

A Practical Guide for HIV Testing in Emergency Departments

This is a guide for implementing HIV testing in an ER setting, with advice for clinicians and administrators. It covers various approaches and considerations for implementing the service.

Other Information

Cost of implementation (Cost Estimation Worksheet)

This is a worksheet developed by Dr Bruce Schackman and colleague for estimating costs for implementing HIV rapid testing in a substance abuse treatment program.

NOTE: This link has not yet been activated.

Community Outreach Model

This NIDA publication provides a manual to help community planners, policymakers, programmers, and service providers develop and implement programs to better prevent the spread of HIV and other blood-borne infections.

Global Perspective on Prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS among Drug Using Populations.

This is a report of a meeting convened by NIDA and the international AIDS Society with the purpose of advancing understanding of the global HIV and substance abuse epidemics and highlighting the importance of including drug abusers—particularly injection drug users (IDUs)—in any comprehensive, multidisciplinary approach to HIV prevention and treatment.

Principles of HIV Prevention in Drug-Using Populations

This NIDA publication provides background information on issues related to services for drug users at risk for HIV/AIDS.

SAMHSA Advisory: Rapid HIV Testing in Substance Abuse Treatment Facilities

Describes rapid HIV testing and reviews the benefits of its use in substance abuse treatment facilities. Reviews testing regulations and outlines the procedures for implementing the testing, including factors associated with pretest and posttest counseling.