

15.12 Preliminary Reactive HIV Results: Rapid HIV Antibody Test

DEFINITION: Reactive preliminary test response, as defined by the test insert specifications. Preliminary test results suggest presence of HIV antibodies.

SUBJECTIVE: May Include:

1. Fever
2. Malaise
3. Lymphadenopathy
4. Skin Rash
5. History or presence of Risk Factors for Exposure to HIV per CDC guidelines:
 - a. MSM
 - b. IVDU
 - c. Recreational Drug Use
 - d. Presence of other STI(s)
 - e. Multiple Sex Partners

OBJECTIVE: May include:
Complete Physical Exam

LABORATORY: Must Include:

1. Reactive test result as defined per test insert.

PLAN:

1. Perform venipuncture and send to state lab for confirmatory testing.
2. If not already performed, conduct detailed medical history including substance and sexual abuse history and vaccination history.

PATIENT EDUCATION

1. Provide and explain results. Discuss rarity of false positives with HIV rapid testing.
2. Address patient concerns and answer immediate questions.
3. Explain confirmatory testing. Discuss precautions (i.e., safe sex practices, clean needle usage) between now and time of return visit for confirmatory results.
4. Offer condoms.
5. Provide patient with educational materials
6. Explore patient's support system.
7. Schedule appointment.
