

# HIV MODERNIZATION

Know your role to stop the stigma!

Medical Professionals are now required to ask patients 15 years and older whether they would like to be tested for HIV and other STIs in primary care and emergency medical settings.

Exceptions are limited:

- 1) treating a life-threatening emergency,
- 2) the patient has recently been offered testing or has been recently tested, or
- 3) lacks the capacity to consent.

Why is testing important?

- 1) HIV is still a problem that affects all persons and populations.
- 2) Testing is important to keep your patient and their partners healthy.
- 3) Testing helps reduce transmission throughout your community.
- 4) HIV is preventable and treatable. Testing your patients will enable them to make informed healthcare choices.
- 5) Making testing routine can help reduce the stigma of HIV.
- 6) Discussing testing can help your patients have more open discussions about their sexual health.



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Not part of your practice?

Make a referral to a local clinic providing testing in your area.