Re-Linkage Protocol for Out of Care HIV Patients at an Urban Emergency Department

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Nearly 1.2 million people in the U.S. are infected with HIV

Approximately one-fourth of these individuals remain undiagnosed, and a significant portion are out of care. One in three people with HIV (35%*) are not receiving needed HIV care.

80% of new HIV infections are transmitted by people who are not aware they have HIV or not receiving any HIV care Only 46% of HIVdiagnosed persons (and 40% of all HIV-infected persons) in the U.S. were receiving HIV medical care in 2011

The majority of new HIV infections (61%) are transmitted by persons who are HIV-diagnosed but not retained in medical care

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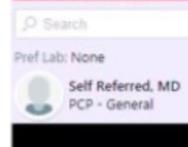
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Re-engaging out of care HIV patients through Emergency Department Screening?

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HIV Tests	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
HIV Ag/Ab Tests Performed	11,934	14,535	15,098	15,418
Total HIV Positive Patients Identified through Testing	113	241	209	119
Seropositivity	0.9%	1.7%	1.4%	0.8%
Diagnosed Acute HIV Infections	3	7	7	7
Diagnosed Known HIV Infections Lost to Follow-up	30	13	13	2
HIV Linkage				
Total HIV Positive Patients Attended First Appointment	75	79	77	101
Acute HIV Positive Patients Attended First Appointment	3	7	6	7
Known HIV Positive Patients Lost to Follow-up Re-engaged and Attended First Appointment	0	5	10	2

Patient Specific Action Plan (PSAP), FOCUS Alert Not Resulted



Patient FYIs

Patient Specific Action Plan (PSAP)

Pt is homeless, unfunded, HIV+ Pt presented two days in a row, 8/4 and 8/5, both times requesting Covid testing Please encourage pt to follow up with community health departments to establish for HIV care and medications Please set boundaries on the amount of food and drinks we provide to her during an ED visit

and drinks we provide to her during an ED visit, as she makes excessive demands

FOCUS Alert- Not Resulted

Patient tested HIV positive. Unable to contact patient, and they have not been resulted. If patient presents to the ED please result the patient, engage in care and provide appropriate follow resources. Additionally, please alert the FOCUS team. 8448095. Please give information to Metro Wellness and Community Centers, they can assist patient in getting Medicaid as well as transportation assistance.

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Community Collaboration



- Same day care
- Transportation support
- Insurance navigation
- Care co-location
- Mental health support
- Food security
- Primary care

Thank you!

Questions?

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