

# 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 HIV-diagnosed persons (and 40% of all HIV-infected persons) in the U.S. were receiving HIV medical care in 2011

Bradley H, Hall HI, Wolitski RJ, et al. Vital Signs: HIV diagnosis, care, and treatment among persons living with HIV--United States, 2011. *MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep.* 2014;63:1113–1117.

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

Skarbinski J, Rosenberg E, Paz-Bailey G, et al. Human immunodeficiency virus transmission at each step of the care continuum in the United States. *JAMA Intern Med.* 2015;175:588–596.


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


<b>HIV Tests</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>	<b>2017-2018</b>	<b>2018-2019</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>
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
<b>HIV Linkage</b>				
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**

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 Self Referred, MD  
PCP - General



## 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, 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.

FYI

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FOCUS Alert: Not Resulted

Insert Recent Test

Patient is known HIV positive, and is currently out of care. Has been unable to contact either by primary or secondary contact numbers. If patient presents to the ED please reach out to SW to engage with patient, and please alert the FOCUS team at 813-844-8025.

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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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