

Hudson County EHE Rapid ART Referral Process

Patient tests positive for HIV in a healthcare setting or through an HIV Testing Site

Patient is notified of HIV results by appropriate staff (e.g. M.D., R.N., Counselor) the same day if possible or within 2 days

Who is appropriate for Rapid ART?

- Newly diagnosed HIV infection
- Suspected acute HIV infection (with or without confirmed HIV positive result - HIV Ag or Ab test results may be negative or discordant) pending further evaluation

Refer to a designated Hudson County Rapid ART provider on the day of HIV results or within 2 days

Referral should be made directly by calling Hudson Rapid ART clinic designated contact (see on reverse)

Rapid ART clinic will schedule initial appointment within 5 days of HIV result

Rapid ART appointment may be available on the same day or usually within 24-72 hours of the referral

Referring provider should submit the positive HIV test result (reactive HIV lab result or point of care Rapid HIV test result, etc.) with the referral either electronically or via fax

Referring provider should provide the Rapid ART clinic with as much information as possible (patient demographics, contact information, contact preferences) to facilitate the intake process and allow for follow-up

Components of Rapid ART Initial Clinic Visit

Confirmatory HIV testing (if needed)

Baseline labs

Clinician evaluation and prescription of ART

Linkage / Case Management (assistance with Rx access; use of RW or EHE grant funding for payment, insurance, referrals, follow-up)

2nd medical visit scheduled to occur within 7 days

Clinician or clinic staff follow-up with patient within 3 -5 days to assess medication tolerance and adherence

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