



HIV/AIDS Clinic

Pre-Referral Considerations:

1. Referral to HIV/AIDS Treatment Program (HATP) is appropriate for patients with:
 - a. Positive HIV ELISA and Positive HIV Western Blot tests.
 - b. Positive HIV ELISA and Indeterminate HIV Western Blot.
 - c. Documented history of HIV infection and need for continuation of care.
2. A documented positive test is necessary for referral.
3. HIV infection should be confirmed with the presence of a positive HIV Western Blot test since false positive HIV ELISA tests can occur.
4. Don't give patients positive results via telephone.
5. Contact HIV clinic Social Work prior to giving patient results of a positive test in order to coordinate communicate of results and facilitate appointments and education.

Red Flags: None. All newly diagnosed HIV patients are considered urgent.

Lab Studies:

1. HIV ELISA and HIV Western Blot tests.

Imaging Studies: None required

What to Avoid Ordering: No further lab testing required

Comments:

1. Appointment Timeframe:
 - a. 1-2 weeks. Same day visits with Social Work can often be arranged to facilitate linkage to care
2. How to Get Results to Consultant
 - a. Great Lakes Health Connect
 - b. Athena for MHPP offices
 - c. Fax to
3. Clinic Contact Information
 - a. Phone 231-728-1887