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PROCEDURE

TITLE: HIV ANTIBODY TESTING CONSENT

PURPOSE: To outline information needed to obtain HIV Antibody Testing

SUPPORTIVE DATA: The Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, Georgia, recommends the testing of individuals be performed on agreement--between the individual and the physician providing care. It is also recommended that counseling be done before and after any HIV test. A signed consent for HIV is required.

Lab work will be performed only after signed informed consent has been obtained.

CONTENT:

PROCEDURE:

KEY POINTS:

1. Verify physician order and that physician has counseled patient.
2. Review the consent with patient and have patient mark consent/refusal of test and sign the form.
3. Nurse obtaining consent will sign as a witness.
4. Place the signed consent in the patient's chart.
5. Forward completed lab slip to the Laboratory.
6. The blood specimen will be obtained by the Laboratory after reviewing consent form.
7. The results of HIV testing will be placed directly on the patient's medical record and a copy forwarded to the physician by the Laboratory.

HIV testing may not be ordered over the telephone.