

Antenatal HIV Testing Information for Auckland

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- An antenatal HIV test to be recommended and routinely offered to all pregnant women with the first initial antenatal bloods
- Evidence to test even in late pregnancy strong
- Inform women that there is a possibility of inconclusive results occurring 1:1000 that require further testing and a second sample may be required for confirmation.

MOH requirements

- Infection screening tests should be routinely offered as part of a minimum care plan in section 88
- Essential that you document that offered and whether declined or accepted in notes

Failure to offer HIV screen may be seen

- As **failure to identify risk** by Health & Disability and a **breach of the H&D code** (Example: 04HDC14171)
- **Medical misadventure** by ACC

At least 2 cases in NZ have been accepted as medical misadventure by ACC. There are currently several cases being investigated by H & D two in Waikato and one in Auckland that we know of.

HIV Testing

- The test which will be used in pregnancy and all initial HIV tests is EIA 4th generation - antibody antigen test
- 1:1000 will be reactive = equates to 40-60 women per yr in Auckland
- Confirmation is done in pregnancy by obtaining a second **sample and a viral load** test. There is likely to be approx 10 + women confirmed positive in NZ per year.
- Test won't pick up infection acquired in last 2 weeks (**window period is only 2 weeks not 3 mths**)
- Definitive Results are expected to take 2-3 weeks depending on area
- In Auckland most the wait likely only a week

Support for HIV positive women: (CART) Community Aids Resource Team:

Infectious Diseases Doctors, Social Worker & three Nurses.

- Please phone **CART to get support** for your self before phoning the woman if you are **unfamiliar** with giving **positive HIV results**. They can sit in with you when you give the result
- They contact women after a **positive diagnosis** by phone as soon as possible and give support
- **CART Weekdays 9am – 5 pm Direct dial 09 375 7077**
Or **3074949 x 22977** Leave a message, phone checked regularly

FOR POSTIVE RESULTS: Generate a written referral post to:

- CART Infectious Diseases Unit Level support Bldg 2 Grafton Rd
- **or fax to (09) 307 4940** (in locked office)