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United Kingdom

The following provides a summary of specific guidelines from the country's national guidance strategy. Use the jump links in yellow to access details on consent and confidentiality, mandatory and compulsory testing, self-testing, and quality assurance and quality improvement, in accordance with the WHO guidelines. This summary can be downloaded or e-mailed to yourself or a colleague. The original country guidance document can also be found below the jump links for download.

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Year of Policy Available for Download: 2014

Language: English

Strategies and Algorithms

Testing strategy for diagnosis: Serial

What is the HIV testing algorithm(s)? Not Specified

What format of HIV test is used? A1= Lab Test/RDT, A2= Lab Test, A3= Lab Test

Consent and Confidentiality

Does policy include an informed consent policy? Yes

What age can someone give informed consent? 16

Does policy include a confidentiality policy? Yes

Lay Providers and Nurses

Can lay providers collect fingerstick specimen? No

Can lay providers collect oral fluid? No

Can lay providers perform RDTs? No

Can lay providers give report and positive diagnosis? Not Specified

Can nurses collect fingerstick specimen? Yes

Can nurses collect oral fluid? Yes

Can nurses perform RDTs? Yes

Can nurses give report and positive diagnosis? Not Specified

Community-based Testing and Self-Testing

Does policy allow for testing services to occur outside facilities or in community-based setting?

Yes

Does the policy mention HIV self-testing? No

If yes, is HIV self-testing legal/supported?

Mandatory and Compulsory Testing

Which populations require mandatory HIV testing? Not supported - voluntary

Which populations require compulsory HIV testing? Not Specified

Quality Assurance and Quality Improvement

Is there a quality assurance (QA) system for HIV testing? Yes

Is there a quality improvement (QI) system for HIV testing? No Data

What are the QA/QI systems? No Data

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