

HIV and HEPATITIS C TESTING AND CARE FOR INMATES

STANDARD NO(S):

NYSSA#

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I. PURPOSE:

The Medical Department will have an HCV and HIV infection prevention and exposure control program, which includes surveillance, and methods of prevention and control of communicable disease.

II. OBJECTIVE:

Seneca County jail has the following policies and procedures that meet the current NYSDOH standards for HIV and Hepatitis C (HCV) testing and care.

III. PROCEDURE

Guidelines:

1. The Seneca County jail will ensure that mandated medical evaluation occurs within 14 days of incarceration.
2. The Seneca County jail shall provide inmate medical care providers (MCP) with HIV/AIDS and HCV standards and guidelines. Links to the NYSDOH AIDS Institute Clinical Guidelines can be found in Attachment A.
3. Medical care providers will sign an attestation to the effect that they read, understand and will provide services in accordance with the standards and guidelines. The attestation signed will include language stating that all care providers and appropriate administrative staff will sign up for practice alerts and guidelines. The Seneca County jail will require care providers to submit such attestations annually.
4. The Seneca County jail will provide the information required to MCP to subscribe to [hivguidelines.org](http://www.hivguidelines.org). Practice alerts and guideline updates are available through an email registration at <http://www.hivguidelines.org/home/about/mailling-list/>.

Medical Grievances:

The Seneca County jail will maintain a log of medical grievances related to HIV and Hepatitis C and make it available for review by the AIDS Institute, upon request.

Data Collection:

The Seneca County jail will collect data on HIV and HCV services being provided within their facilities. At a minimum, the jail will collect and report the following data to the NYSDOH on an annual basis to jailsrev@health.ny.gov:

1. Number of inmates in jail during this time period
2. Number of HIV screening tests performed
3. Number of inmates newly diagnosed with HIV infection by the facility
4. Number of inmates with HIV/AIDS housed within the year
5. Number of inmates receiving ART
6. Number of HCV screening tests performed
7. Number of inmates newly diagnosed with HCV infection by the facility
8. Number of inmates with HCV housed within the year
9. Number of inmates receiving HCV treatment
10. Number of female inmates
11. Number of pregnant inmates

Education:

The jail will provide health education and information on HIV and hepatitis C to every inmate, either directly, through medical care providers, or in conjunction with community-based providers. Brochures available online and/or ordered free of charge from the New York State Department of Health at https://www.health.ny.gov/forms/order_forms/hiv_educational_materials.pdf will be accessed. These include:

HIV the Facts

www.health.ny.gov/publications/9242.pdf

Hepatitis C Facts

www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/HCV/PDFs/HepCGeneralFactSheet.pdf

Hepatitis C in Prison and Jail

https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/providers/corrections/docs/hcv_inmate_brochure.pdf

Hepatitis C in Prison and Jail (Spanish Version)

https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/providers/corrections/docs/hcv_inmate_brochure_spanish.pdf

A guide for people on Hepatitis C Treatment This brochure is provided to inmates receiving HCV treatment. <https://www.health.ny.gov/publications/16010.pdf>

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Questions and Answers about HIV/AIDS

<https://www.health.ny.gov/publications/0213.pdf>

Important News for Pregnant Women this brochure is provided to every female inmate.
<https://www.health.ny.gov/publications/9216.pdf>

I Might Have Been Exposed to HIV...Here's My Action Plan.
www.health.ny.gov/publications/9104.pdf

Be Aware. Don't Share. Expanded Syringe Access Program
www.health.ny.gov/publications/9405.pdf

PrEP FAQs
www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/general/prep/faqs.htm

Educational material may be provided through electronic or written means. Any additional HIV and HCV-related materials provided to inmates will be available for review by the AIDS Institute.

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Discharge Planning:

Wherever possible, the jail will provide the following at discharge planning:

Condoms.

DOCCS Transition Guide or education and information on HIV/AIDS, STIs, PrEP/PEP, hepatitis C, and the Expanded Syringe Access Program/Buprenorphine.

Information on services available in the community for persons living with HIV/AIDS and/or hepatitis C.

Provision of enough medications to continue HIV and/or HCV treatment without disruption until medication is accessed in the community following discharge

Information on the HIV uninsured care programs.

Information on contacting local social services department for Medicaid coverage or application

Discharge medical summaries and follow-up appointments (in their home community) for patients with HIV or HCV.

HIV Patient Resources Directory

www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/resources/resource_directory/patient_resources_directory.htm

HIV Uninsured Care Programs

www.health.ny.gov/publications/9211.pdf

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