

# Opt-out HIV Testing

Why It Matters



# Santa Rosa Community Health Vision

Our vision is to improve the health and well-being of our community by transforming the health care experience so that all people have access to care and all people feel cared for; to create a lasting health care resource for our community; and to be an integral partner with the community in the promotion of health, education, and access to care.

We believe that equal access to health care is essential to social justice.



The United States will become a place where new **HIV infections are rare** and when they do occur, every person regardless of age, gender, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic circumstance, will have **unfettered access** to high quality, life-extending care, **free from stigma and discrimination.**



NATIONAL HIV/AIDS STRATEGY VISION

Learn more at [www.AIDS.gov](http://www.AIDS.gov)

**We Test Everyone  
15 and older!!**  
Regardless of age, race,  
gender...

- **Medical Assistants are empowered to order and offer HIV labs to all patients 15 and older**



# Why opt-out HIV testing?

- Approximately one in eight people living with HIV/AIDS in Sonoma County do not know their status.
- The only way to tell if someone is living with HIV is to TEST THEM
- HIV is no longer a death sentence- With regular care, persons living with HIV can live long active lives!
- Early diagnosis leads to increased health outcomes in persons living with HIV.



# WHY Test everyone for HIV?



ABOUT 1 IN 4 NEW HIV INFECTIONS IS AMONG YOUTH AGES 13-24



MOST OF THEM DO NOT KNOW THEY ARE INFECTED, ARE NOT GETTING TREATED, AND CAN UNKNOWINGLY PASS THE VIRUS ON TO OTHERS

The only way to tell if someone has HIV is to get tested!





With proper treatment and care, people living with HIV can live long active lives!

Expanded HIV testing, HIV education and prevention services are ways we can stop the spread of HIV/AIDS in our community.



## Why HIV testing is relevant among youth:

- Youth aged 13 to 24 accounted for more than 1 in 5 new HIV diagnoses in 2014.
- Young gay and bisexual males accounted for 8 in 10 HIV diagnoses among youth in 2014 (AA 53%, Latino 26%)
- At the end of 2012, 44% of youth ages 18 to 24 years living with HIV did not know they had HIV

**HIV is a disease of poverty, you can't tell someone has HIV by looking at them, under proper care people with HIV can live long active lives!**



## **Patient education resources.**

What if my patient has more questions?

**We have many patient education resources, including pamphlets, cards, and a video available on the internet @**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F6p6nnbN5ag&feature=youtu.be>**



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- **AA and Latinos are disproportionately affected by HIV. In 2014:**

- African Americans represented about 12% of the US population, but accounted for an estimated 44% (19,540) of HIV diagnoses.
- Hispanics/Latinos represented about 17% of the US population, but accounted for an estimated 23% (10,201) of HIV diagnoses.
- Youth aged 13 to 24 accounted for more than 1 in 5 new HIV diagnoses in 2014.

