

The AIDS Education and Training Center's (AETC) *HIV Testing Information and Resources for California Clinicians* offers this sample script language:

- a. "We perform routine screening for HIV on all patients and we'll be doing that as part of your visit today."
- b. "We do this because of our desire to help keep our patients healthy and because there are excellent treatment options available for HIV."
- c. "If your test is positive we will need to do more testing, but you should know there are many effective treatments for HIV."
- d. "You can decline the test and it will not affect the care you receive today."
- e. If using rapid test: "It's a quick test and you will know the preliminary results before you leave today."

**"Our clinic routinely screens all patients for HIV.**

**We will test you this visit for HIV.**

**If your test is positive, treatment for HIV is available."**

**"OK?"**