

**HIV PROTOCOL**

The following HIV protocol for the follow-up of persons exposed to another person's blood will be included in the staff handbook:

**Source**

1. HIV Positive
  - A.. Test positive for the HIV antibody
  - B. Has Clinical AIDS
  - C. Refused testing
  - D. Is unavailable or incompetent to sign a consent form

**Insured Person**

- A. Counsel regarding the risk of transmission
- B. Evaluate serologically for baseline HIV status
- C. If seronegative at baseline:
  1. Advise to report and seek medical attention for any febrile illness the first 12 weeks after exposure;
  2. Retest 6 weeks, 3 months, 6 months after exposure;
  3. Follow US Public Health Service Guidelines to prevent transmission during follow-up until serology is negative 6 months after exposure
    - delay pregnancy
    - refrain from donating blood, semen, organs
    - use precautions during sexual intercourse

**HIV Status Unknown**

Obtain consent and test for HIV antibody.

- A. Draw serum for HIV antibody baseline from the employee and store in freezer, pending the result of patient's HIV antibody. If the patient's test is positive, follow #1.

**HIV Negative**

No testing of the employee is necessary. Discard the serum.

Reference: Policy JLCCA

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