

HHC Metropolitan Hospital Center

Increasing rapid HIV testing in the Emergency Department through the implementation of a provider-driven model

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Topics Covered

- MHC's Background & Goals
- Three Phases of ED Rapid HIV Testing Implementation
- Results of the Provider-Driven Model
- Linkage to Care
- Lessons Learned
- Advice to Others





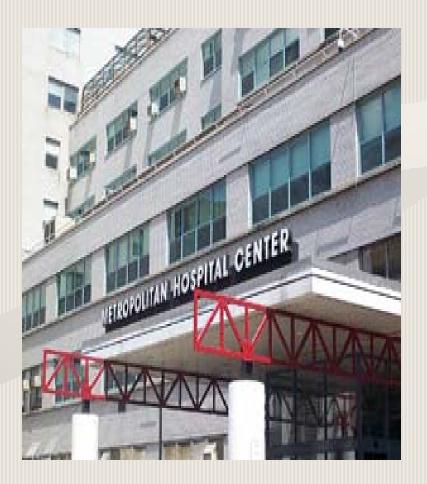
Background

- Metropolitan Hospital Center (MHC) is:
 - A municipal acute care hospital located in East Harlem, New York
 - A member of New York City Health & Hospitals Corporation (HHC)
 - Affiliated with New York Medical College
 - A hospital that serves the underserved, mostly minority communities of Upper Manhattan & the South Bronx



MHC's Place in the HIV/AIDS Epidemic

 MHC's combined service areas represent 40% of the total number of adult AIDS cases in New York City





MHC's Rapid HIV Testing Goals

- To increase the number of individuals who are aware of their HIV status by routinizing rapid HIV testing in the ED
- To ensure that every patient who agrees to be tested, is tested during their visit and given their result before discharge
- To effectively link all HIV positive patients to HIV primary care

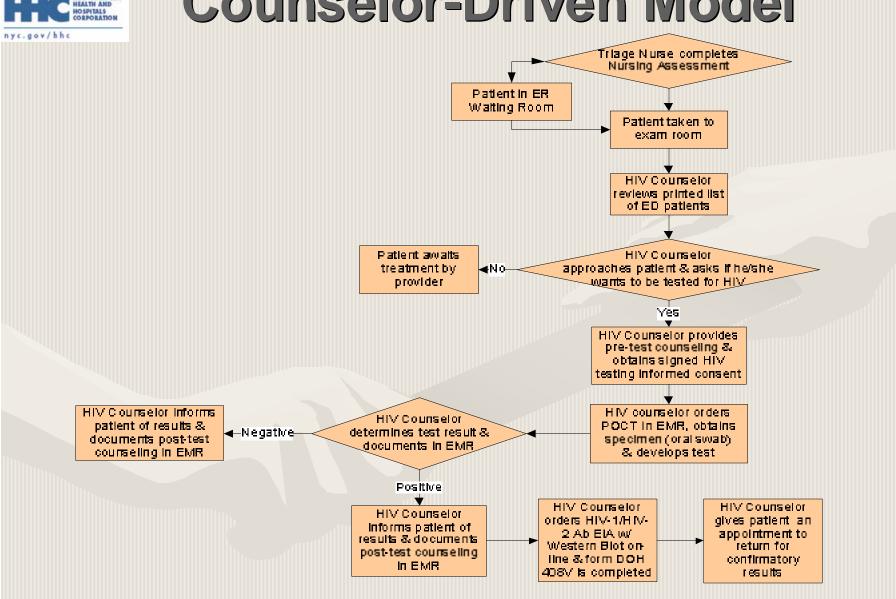


Emergency Department (ED)Rapid HIV Testing Implementation

- Three Phases of ED Rapid HIV Testing:
 - Phase 1: Counselor-driven rapid HIV testing began in August 2004
 - Phase 2: Hybrid Counselor/Provider-driven model began September 2005
 - Phase 3: Screening of 100% of eligible ED patients & Provider team-driven rapid HIV testing began in October 2006



PHASE 1: Counselor-Driven Model





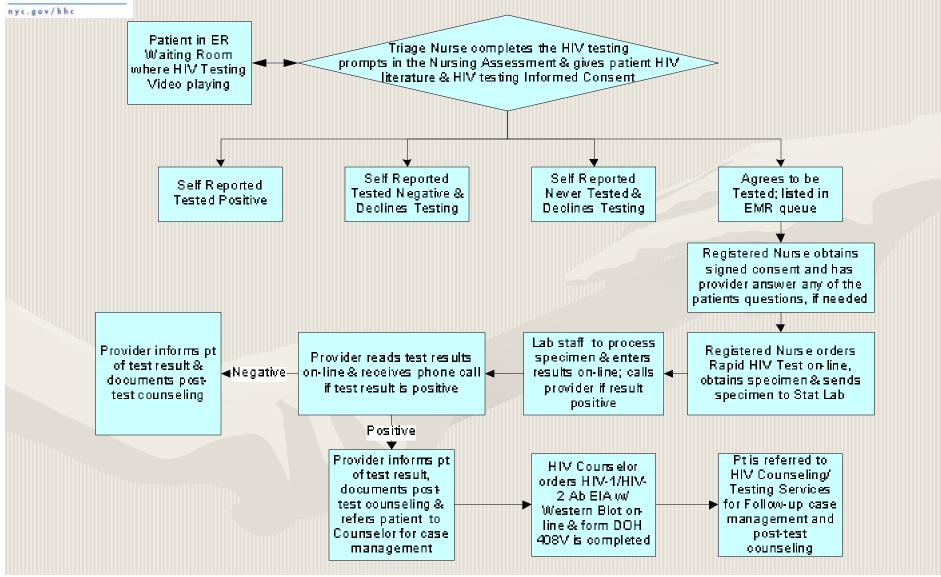
PHASE 2: Hybrid Counselor/Provider Model

- Monday-Friday 9am-5pm: Counselor-Driven model utilized
 - 1 FTE HIV Counselor
 - Oral Swab Test Utilized
- Evenings, Overnights & Weekends: ED Providers expected to offer the test to patients & conduct pre- and post-test counseling
 - Blood-based Test Utilized, Developed by the Stat Lab



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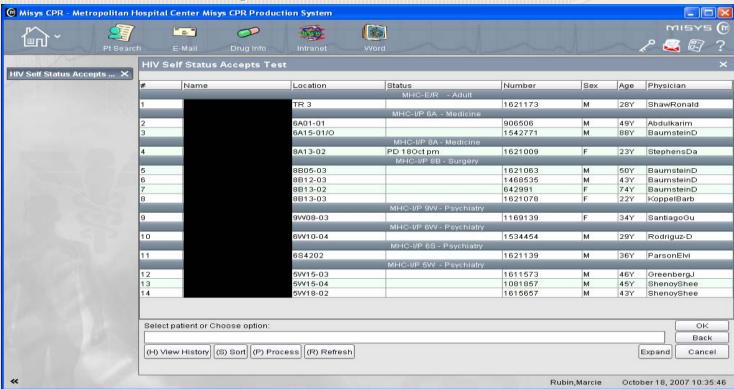
PHASE 3: Provider-Driven Model





EMR Rapid HIV Testing Trigger

 Once it is documented in the EMR that a patient agrees to be tested for HIV, the patient's information and location within the hospital is documented in the HIV Self Status queue





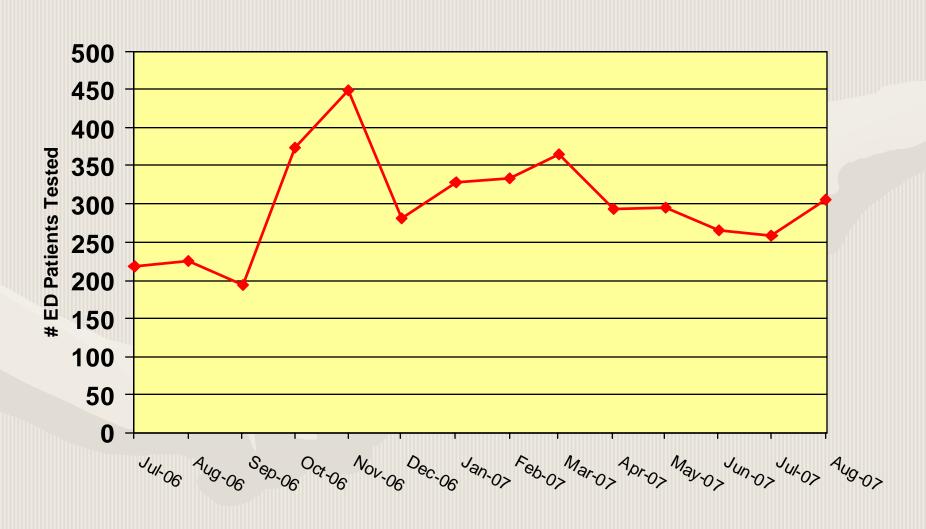
Rise in ED Testing with A Provider-Driven Model

Month 2006	Jan	Feb	May	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
# ED Pts.	174	184	205	203	215	209	218	226	194	374	449
Tested											



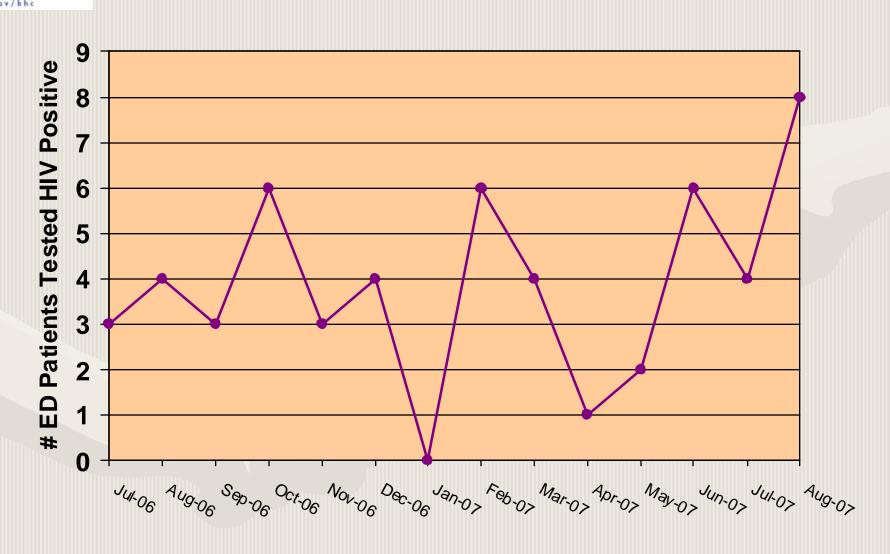


Sustaining the Rise in ED Rapid HIV Testing





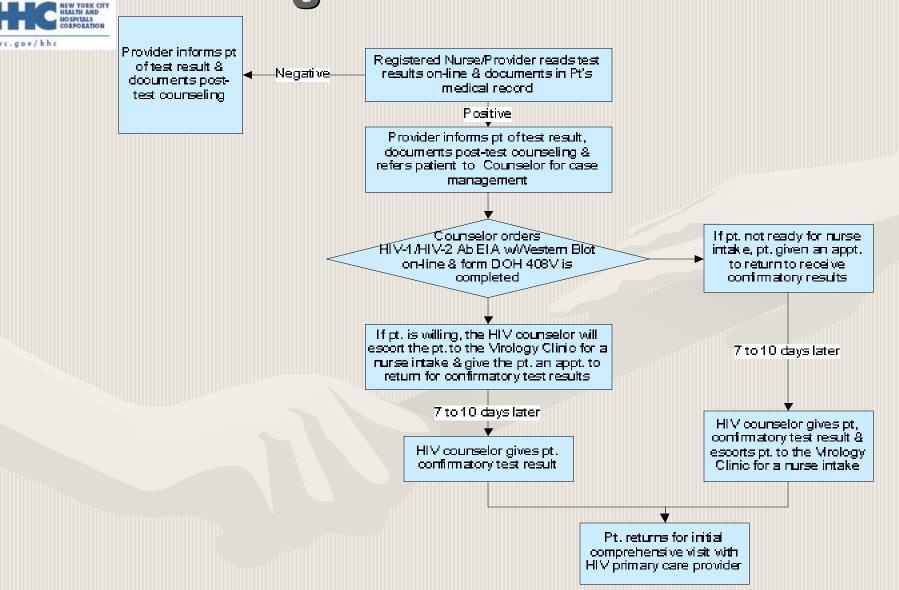
Identifying HIV+ ED Patients





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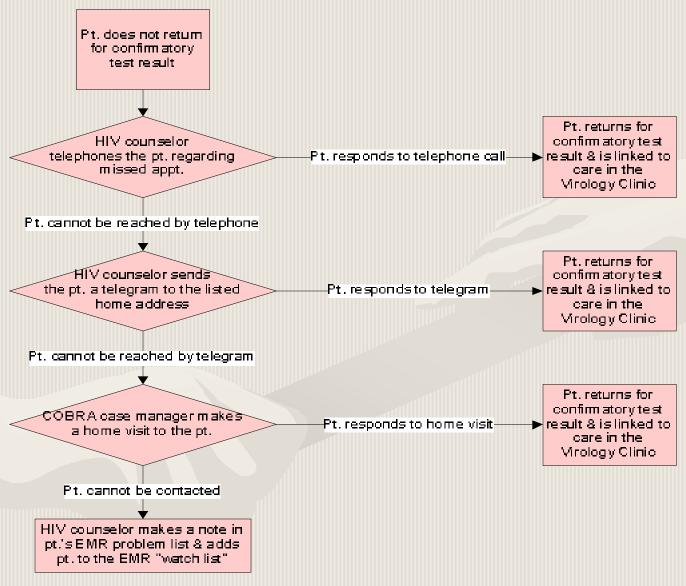
Linkage to Care Procedures







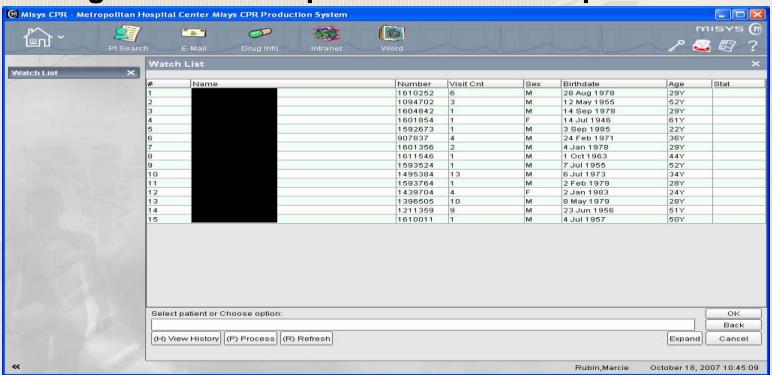
HIV Counselors' Follow-Up





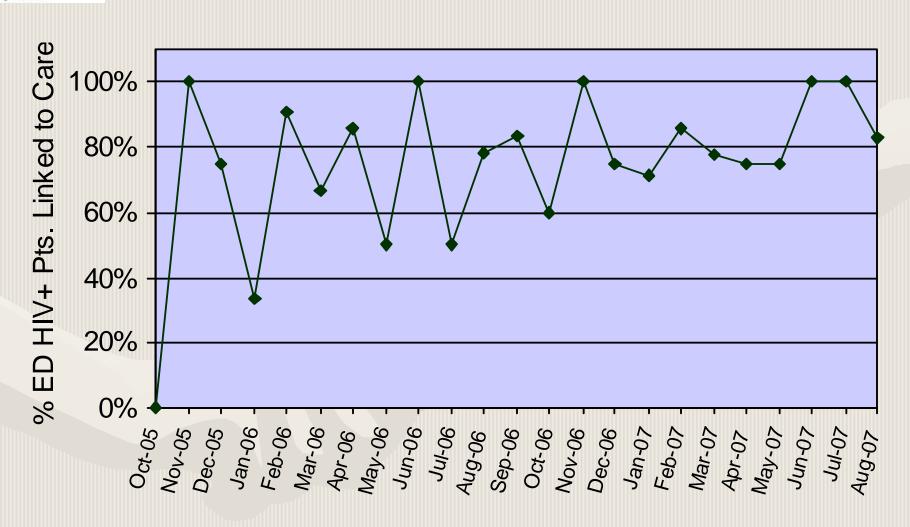
EMR Assisting in Linkage to Care

- HIV counselors maintain a watch list in the EMR of patients who tested HIV+ and have not returned for follow-up care
- If the patient has a visit opened, the system will automatically generate a message to the HIV counselors alerting them that the patient is in the hospital





Increasing Linkage to Care for Newly Diagnosed HIV+ ED Patients





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- Dr. Almond and NYCDOHMH presented at the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors' conference on HIV testing in hospital emergency departments in Miami, FL on January 10-11, 2007





Lessons Learned

- Additional staffing resources not needed with a provider-driven model
- Continuous training is needed for current staff
- Continuous training is needed for new hires and per-diems
- Patients don't always give correct follow-up information
 - Attempt to verify prior to discharge



Advice to Others

- Dedicated multidisciplinary team with a focus on public health
- Dedicated implementation team with Nursing driving the process
- An HIV Counselor to assume an oversight role as coordinator
- Utilizing the stat laboratory instead of POCT
- Well-designed Electronic Medical Record system
- Constant follow-up, verification, reminders needed



Rapid HIV Testing Locations

- The ED is just one part of the integration of HIV testing in the public health system
- Rapid HIV Testing Locations include:
 - ☑Emergency Department

 - ☑Psychiatric Inpatient
 - ✓ Primary Care
 - ☑ Family Planning
 - ✓ Prenatal Care
 - ☑Labor & Delivery
 - ✓ Walk-In Testing
 - **☑**Dental Medicine



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Any Questions???