

## HIV STARHS Referral (Serologic Testing Algorithm for Recent HIV Seroconversion)

<b>Test Description</b>	Referral of confirmed HIV positive serum, as required, for epidemiological characterization.
<b>Test Use</b>	To differentiate recent (i.e. incidence) from longstanding HIV infection for epidemiological surveillance purposes. Selected sera are referred to the Wadsworth Center Retroviral Immunology Diagnostic HIV Testing Laboratory for testing.
<b>Test Department</b>	Virology Phone: (860) 920-6662 FAX: (860) 920-6661
<b>Methodology</b>	BED HIV-1 Capture EIA
<b>Availability</b>	Specimens are forwarded to the Wadsworth Center laboratory after case evaluation.
<b>Specimen Requirements</b>	>0.5 mL residual serum
<b>Collection Kit/Container</b>	Residual serum submitted in standard serum separator collection tubes or aliquot tubes
<b>Collection Instructions</b>	Standard venipuncture technique
<b>Specimen Handling &amp; Transport</b>	Store and transport specimen at 2-8° C.
<b>Unacceptable Conditions</b>	Unlabeled specimen Specimens that have leaked or containers that have broken in transit
<b>Requisition Form</b>	Clinical test requisition (select <b>HIV STARHS</b> )
<b>Required Information</b>	Name and address of submitter (and/or Horizon profile #) Patient name or identifier, date of birth, town of residence (city, state, zip) Specimen type or source of collection, test requested, date of collection Please ensure patient name on the requisition matches that on the specimen.
<b>Limitations</b>	The laboratory test report will only acknowledge receipt of the specimen. A test result is not produced.
<b>Additional Comments</b>	Referred sera should be confirmed by the submitter as HIV antibody positive by an approved method.

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