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NOTIFICATION OF POSITIVE HIV PATIENTS



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This instruction establishes responsibilities, procedures and requirements for notification and management of the positive Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) patients .

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

This document is substantially revised and must be completely reviewed.

1. Responsibilities:

1.1. The Medical Group Commander (MDG/CC) will:

1.1.1. Inform wing, group and squadron commanders of each aspect of the HIV program.

1.1.2. Appoint a physician consultant to manage initial medical assessment and subsequent follow-up of patients that are HIV seropositive.

1.1.3. Receive copies of all positive HIV test results.

1.1.4. Inform the HIV consultant physician and unit commander of those individuals who are positive.

1.1.5. Notify seropositive individuals.

1.1.6. Forward the original of all reports to the laboratory.

1.2. The physician consultant will:

1.2.1. Interpret and explain the test results to the patient if designated by the MDG/CC.

1.2.2. Educate the patient on the transmission and spread of the disease, and how to prevent the transmission of the virus to family members and close contacts .

- 1.2.3. Explain the need for the complete examination at Wilford Hall Medical Center (WHMC), Lackland AFB TX.
- 1.2.4. Make arrangements with WHMC for the medical examination and set up air evacuation (AE).
- 1.2.5. Conduct a periodic follow-up at least semiannually. During periodic evaluations, the physician will update problem sheet and ensure the appropriate codes are annotated.
- 1.3. Public Health (PH) will:
 - 1.3.1. Ensure the appropriate epidemiological follow-up and disease reporting procedures are accomplished .
 - 1.3.2. Conduct contact interview and follow-up when patient returns from WHMC (if necessary).
 - 1.3.3. Notify Dental Clinic via AF Form 570, **Notification of Patients Medical Status**.
- 1.4. Laboratory Personnel will maintain the file of all HIV reports.
- 1.5. Specific Unit Commanders will:
 - 1.5.1. Issue an order (**Attachment 2**) directing the positive HIV individual to follow preventative medicine requirements. The HIV consultant physician should be present to answer any medical concerns of the member. The commanders and members will sign and date the order.
 - 1.5.2. Ensure the patient is not placed on mobility.
 - 1.5.3. Notify PH of any overseas TDY/PCS orders for the patient.
 - 1.5.4. Ensure that the patient's confidentiality is maintained. Air Force policy limits knowledge of positive HIV test results to Clinic Commander, treatment physician, PH, laboratory and specific unit commanders. Patient's right to privacy is protected under the Privacy Act .

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Attachment 1**GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION*****References***

AFI 48-135, *Human Immunodeficiency Virus Program*

Abbreviations and Acronyms

AE—Air Evacuation

AF—Air Force

DBMS—Director of Base Medical Services

HIV—Human Immunodeficiency Virus

PAFBI—Pope Air Force Base Instruction

PCS—Permanent Change of Station

PH—Public Health

TDY—Temporary Duty

WHMC—Wilford Hall Medical Center

Terms

HIV Positive Patient—Any patient whose serological test for HIV is returned with the laboratory result annotated as “positive HIV”.

Specific Unit Commander—The commander of the unit to which the HIV positive patient is actually assigned.

Attachment 2**PREVENTATIVE MEDICINE REQUIREMENTS**

ORDER TO FOLLOW
PREVENTATIVE MEDICINE REQUIREMENTS
Because of the necessity to safeguard the overall health, welfare, safety and reputation of this command, and to ensure unit readiness and the ability of the unit to accomplish its mission, certain behavior and unsafe health procedures must be prescribed for members who are diagnosed as positive HIV infection.
As a military member who has been diagnosed as positive HIV infection, you are hereby ordered to: 1) inform your sexual partners that you are HIV positive prior to engaging in sexual relations. This order extends to sexual relations with other military members, military dependents, civilian employees of DoD components or any other persons; 2) use proper methods to prevent the transfer of body fluid during sexual relations, including the use of latex condoms; 3) in the event that you require emergency care, to inform personnel responding to you emergency that you are HIV positive; and 5) not to donate blood sperm, tissues or other organs.
Violating the terms of this order may result in adverse administrative action or punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, Article 92, for violation of a lawful order.
Signature of Commander and Date
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
I have read and understand the terms of this order and acknowledge that I have a duty to obey this order. I understand that I must inform sexual military members, military dependents, civilian employees of DoD components or any other persons that I am HIV positive prior to sexual relations; that I must use proper methods to prevent the transfer of body fluids while engaging in sexual relations, including the use of latex condoms; that if I need emergency care I will inform personnel responding to my emergency that I am HIV positive before treatment if initiated, and that I must not donate blood, sperm, tissues, or other organs. I understand violations of this order may result in adverse administrative actions or punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, Article 92, for violation of a lawful order .
Signature of Member and Date