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Offer of HIV Testing

New York State Public Health Law requires that an offer of HIV related testing be made to all persons between the ages of 13 and 64 receiving hospital or primary care services except under specific circumstances. This includes inpatients, persons seeking services in emergency departments those receiving primary care on an outpatient basis at a clinic or from a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner or midwife.

HIV is the virus that causes AIDS and is passed from one person to another during unprotected sex (oral, anal or vaginal sex without a condom) with someone who has HIV. HIV is also passed through contact with blood as in sharing needles (piercing, tattooing or injecting drugs of any kind) or sharing “works” with a person who has HIV.

If your test is negative, you can learn how to protect yourself from being infected in the future. If you are positive, you can take steps to prevent passing the virus to others, and you can receive treatment for HIV and learn about other ways to stay healthy.

_____ Yes, I would like to speak to someone about HIV testing.

_____ No, I do not wish to have an HIV test today.

Patient Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____
(Patient or person authorized to consent)