

HIV Information Form for Insurance Applicant

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ABOUT AIDS

Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is a life threatening disorder of the immune system, caused by a virus, HIV. The virus is transmitted by sexual contact with an infected person, from an infected mother to her newborn infant, or by exposure to infected blood, (as in needle sharing during IV drug use).

AIDS does not typically develop until a person has been infected with HIV for several years. A person may remain free of symptoms for years after becoming infected. Symptoms of infection may include fever, weight loss for no apparent reason, swollen lymph glands, fatigue, diarrhea, or white spots or blemishes in the mouth.

HIV TESTING AND RESULTS

There are tests that determine the presence of antibodies or antigens to HIV. These tests do not test for AIDS; AIDS can only be diagnosed by medical evaluation.

A positive test result means that a person is infected with HIV.

A person with a positive test should:

- Have a regular medical checkup and get counseling.
- Not donate blood, sperm or organs.
- Not share needles with others.
- Avoid exchanging body fluids during sexual activity.
- Not share toothbrushes, razors or anything that could be contaminated with blood.

A negative test result is not a guarantee that a person is not infected. It takes several weeks for a positive test result to develop after a person is infected. Persons with a negative test result should begin, or continue, to practice safe sex (including condom use for sexual contact with someone). There are tests that determine the presence of antibodies or antigens to HIV. These tests do not test for AIDS; AIDS can only be diagnosed by medical evaluation.

INFORMATION AND COUNSELING RESOURCES

Further information about HIV testing and AIDS can be obtained by calling any one of the following AIDS hotlines:

In California 1-800-367-2437

National AIDS Hotline 1-800-342-AIDS

AIDS Counseling is available at these and other locations:

San Francisco AIDS Foundation

995 Market Street, Suite 200
San Francisco, CA 94103
(415) 487-3000

Central Valley AIDS Team

P.O. Box 4640
Fresno, CA 93744
(209) 264-2436

AIDS Services Foundation of Orange County

17982 Sky Park Circle, Suite J
Irvine, CA 92614-6482
(949) 809-5700

AIDS Project-East Bay

1320 Webster Street
Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 663-7979

Sacramento AIDS Foundation

1330 21st St # 100
Sacramento, CA 95814-4230
(916) 448-2437

AIDS Project Los Angeles

3550 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 300
Los Angeles, CA 90010
(213) 201-1600

San Diego LGBT Resource Center

9500 Gilman Drive # 0023
La Jolla, CA 92093-0023
(858) 822-3493

ARIS Project

595 Millich Drive, Suite 104
Campbell, CA 95008
(408) 370-3272

