


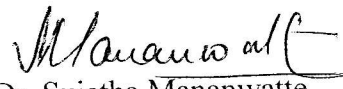
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To all Consultants/MOs in STD clinics,

**INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO INFORM THE HIV ANTIBODY TEST
RESULTS TO HOSPITAL WARDS/CLINICS**

- When a sample is sent to the STD clinic laboratory for HIV test, a screening test should be performed as early as possible.
- When the screening test result is positive the requesting Consultant/MO should be informed immediately about the possibility of the result being a true positive or a false positive. This should be done maintaining strict confidentiality.
- A second sample of blood should be requested for confirmation. When doing so, the medical officer or the consultant in the ward, or the Consultant Venereologist or the MO STD has to do the pre-test counseling, and the form Health1214 has to be duly completed and sent to the STD clinic with the second sample.
- Properly packed second sample, the Health 1214 form and the details of the test results obtained in the STD clinic laboratory has to be sent to the Central laboratory for confirmation of results.
- Since the confirmatory test is performed only, every 7-10 days, if results are needed urgently, it is important to communicate with the Microbiologist / MO -laboratory regarding the urgency.
- The Consultant or the MO who has requested the confirmation of the test result should take the initiative to find out the final result from the Central Laboratory. The method of getting the written report back(by post or by courier) should be informed.
- If the result is positive, the MO in the Central Laboratory should make all attempts to inform the result to the relevant Consultant or the MO.
- As early as possible, the final test result should be given to the requesting Consultant/MO, maintaining strict confidentiality.


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