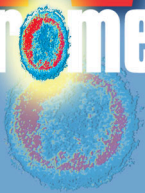




Acute

HIV

Syndrome



LEARN TO RECOGNIZE IT! **EARLY DIAGNOSIS IS THE BEST MEDICINE**

Acute HIV Syndrome mimics many common viral and bacterial illnesses and is easy to misdiagnose.

This pocket reminder is designed to help you recognize Acute HIV at its earliest stages and to help prevent the spread of HIV to others.

Acute HIV Syndrome mimics these illnesses

Common Illnesses

Infectious (EBV) Mononucleosis
Severe Exudative Pharyngitis
(streptococcal or gonococcal)
Influenza
Viral meningitis
Viral hepatitis
Primary Herpes Simplex (HSV) Infection
Systemic Drug Allergy

Less Common Illnesses

Primary Cytomegalovirus (CMV)
Infection
Secondary Syphilis
Acute Toxoplasmosis
Rubella
Malaria
Brucellosis

Positive Diagnosis?

Counsel the patient, **offer advice** about how to prevent transmission to others and **immediately arrange** for the patient to be seen at the regional Acute HIV Treatment Center (see reverse side of card)

Acute HIV Syndrome

What is Acute HIV Syndrome?

- First Stage of HIV infection
- An Acute Febrile Illness
- HIV ELISA-negative
- HIV PCR positive

What behaviors put you at risk?

- Unprotected sexual activity
- Use of illicit or "party" drugs
- Needle sharing
- Occupational exposure to blood/body fluids

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TIMING IS CRITICAL!

Contact your regional

Acute HIV Center

National HIV/AIDS Clinicians'
Consultation Center

which includes the

Warmline (800-933-3413)

and PELine (888-HIV-4911)

with staffed clinical guidance services

24 hours a day