

EVALUATION OF STRATEGIES

HIV Testing Strategies Subcommittee – STOP HIV/AIDS Pilot Project

Framework

For the HIV testing strategies identified as top priorities for consideration as part of the STOP HIV/AIDS pilot project (on September 13, 2010), the following framework will be used for evaluation of each individual strategy by the HIV Testing Strategies Subcommittee. Each element of the framework will be informed by evidence where available from the existing literature (most relevant for items 1-5), and discussed by the subcommittee.

1. Description of the strategy
 - a. Definition/summary
 - b. Context or rationale for strategy
 - i. Epidemiology, health system, other
 - c. Populations where applied
 - d. Location or settings where applied
 - e. Existing recommendations/standards
2. Potential benefits
 - a. Increased testing (test volume or frequency of testing)
 - b. Identification of new HIV infections and reach into untested populations
 - c. Linkage to HIV care, treatment and prevention services
3. Potential harms
4. Cost-effectiveness
5. Acceptability of strategy
 - a. Clients
 - b. System
6. Ethical, compliant with legislation
7. Assessment of the Current State
 - a. Barriers that this strategy will address
8. Feasibility (within Vancouver, Prince George)
 - a. Differences from setting/populations/context where previously used
 - b. Potential challenges to implementation
 - c. Resources required (\$, human resources)
 - d. Potential impact on capacity for HIV treatment and support services
9. Recommended approaches for implementation

Process

1. Review evidence for each strategy and populate the evaluation framework.
2. Subcommittee members review framework.
3. Subcommittee Discussion of framework – clarification of evidence, determine group opinion regarding elements with no evidence (if relevant). Discuss and determine feasibility of strategy.
4. Evaluation framework finalized for each strategy (3-4 pages max per strategy).
5. Decision regarding strategies to recommend to Leadership committee for implementation (by consensus, or if no consensus if > 80% of members agree).
6. For secondary objectives of working group:
 - Identify evaluation metrics, plan/conduct evaluation of strategies
 - Development of common resources or supports