

2014 Testing Venues

- Truman Medical Center
 - Hospital Hill Emergency Room
 - Lakewood Emergency Room
- Swope Health Services
- Sojourner Health Clinic
- St. Luke's Multi-Specialty Clinic
- University of Missouri-Kansas City Student Health and Wellness
- Kansas City CARE Clinic
 - General Medicine Clinic
 - Dental Clinic
- Paseo Comprehensive Rehabilitation



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Vision

Creating solutions for a healthy community

Mission

The mission of Kansas City CARE Clinic is to promote health and wellness by providing quality care, access, research and education to the underserved and all people in our community.

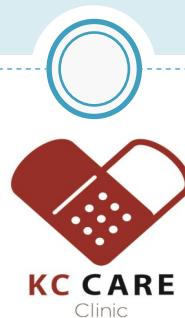
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RUSH - Link

*Routine **U**niversal **S**creening for **H**IV and **L**inkage to Care*

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Why routine HIV testing?

25% of people infected with HIV are unaware because they are not tested for it.

In light of this, the Center for Disease Control (CDC)* recommends annual routine, voluntary HIV screening for all persons ages 13-64, regardless of risk.

How is this different from before?

Now, patients are presented with HIV testing as a part of standardized, routine care, and may choose to opt-out of the HIV screening. Additionally, patients have the opportunity to ask questions about the process. Patients also no longer need to sign a separate consent form for the screening. Lastly, under the new program, risk reduction and HIV prevention counseling are not required.

Goals of RUSH-Link

Routine Universal Screening for HIV - Linkage to Care, or RUSH - Link, promotes a sustainable routine HIV screening program in healthcare facilities.

In doing so, it increases the number of persons who receive HIV testing among disproportionately affected populations and ensures that all persons who test positive for HIV are linked to medical care, partner services, and HIV prevention services.



Responsibilities

Testing Venues

Testing venues are responsible for integrating the new routine HIV testing, or opt-out testing, process into routine medical care and for utilizing the Linkage to Care Program.

Participating venues report patient data every month and participate in routine HIV testing training in order to work towards a sustainable routine testing program after one year.

The Kansas City CARE Clinic

As program coordinator for “opt-out” testing, the Kansas City CARE Clinic provides testing sites with the necessary test kits and supplies and assists them with patient data submission.

Additionally, the Program Coordinator with the Kansas City CARE Clinic collaborates on the development and implementation of testing venue procedures and protocols and trains staff on routine HIV testing to ensure that the Linkage to Care system is in place for all patients that test HIV positive.

* See www.CDC.gov for revised recommendations for HIV screening in medical care settings.

Recommendations for HIV testing services for inpatients and outpatients in acute-care hospital settings. MMWR 1993; 42[No. RR-2]:1-10; CDC. Revised guidelines for HIV counseling, testing and referral. MMWR 2001;50[No. RR-19]: 1-62; and CDC. Revised recommendations for HIV screening of pregnant women. MMWR 2001;50[No. RR-19]:63-85.