



HIV and HCV Linkage to Care Indicators

Indicator 21: Percentage of newly identified HIV-positive testing events where client was referred to HIV medical care	
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percentage of total newly identified HIV-positive testing events for which clients received a referral to HIV medical care.
Significance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Linkage to care is crucial for successful HIV treatment. Delayed linkage impacts medical outcomes (e.g. longer time to virologic suppression) and increased HIV transmission risk (Dombrowski, 2013).
Data source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CBO administrative data
Possible disaggregation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Limitations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CBO tracking issues Lack of standardized manner to track referrals Difficult to determine if client followed up with referral

References

- Dumbrowski, K. (2013). Linkage to care. Retrieved from: http://depts.washington.edu/nwaetc/presentations/uploads/109/linkage_to_care.pdf

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