



DCVC HIV nPEP Program EBlast!

(PART 2 of a two part Special EBlast!)

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Greetings!

DCVC's HIV nPEP Program provides S.C. Hospitals or Medical Facilities with funding for at risk victims for contracting HIV. The HIV Program is available to adults and children who are victims of sexual assault and meet the "high risk" criteria as developed by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

- **According to the CDC (“Sexual Assault and Abuse and STDs” 2015, p. 5) when an assailant’s HIV status is unknown, determinations regarding risk for HIV transmission to the survivor should be based on:**
 - a. Whether vaginal or anal penetration occurred
 - b. Whether ejaculation occurred on mucous membranes
 - c. Whether multiple assailants were involved
 - d. Whether mucosal lesions are present in the assailant or survivor
 - e. Any other characteristics of the assault, survivor, or assailant that might increase risk for HIV transmission
- **Once entered into an HIV nPEP program services are at no cost to the victim**
 - a. Victims can receive up to four clinic visits after the initial ED visit
 - b. Laboratory testing as needed
 - c. Medication regimen as set forth by CDC

Current Collaborating Facilities: Palmetto Health and MUSC are continuing their HIV nPEP programs including both adult and pediatrics. DCVC is currently collaborating with Spartanburg Regional Medical Center and The Careteam Plus of Horry County to bring the HIV nPEP into their facilities. **If your hospital or facility is interested in establishing an HIV nPEP program, please contact Genita Snipes at (803) 734-1706 or email: GSnipes@SCAG.gov**

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NEVER SEND A BILL TO A VICTIM OR THEIR INSURANCE!

Sincerely,

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