Drug Resistance Testing for PrEP Seroconverters Instructions for Dried Blood Spot Collection with Venipuncture



Upon confirmation of HIV infection with PrEP client, review consent for sample collection. If client consents, continue.

Initiate or refer the client for ART initiation as per national Test and Treat guidelines.



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Add the participant's PrEP identifier number or barcode sticker to:

- ·DBS cards—write the number in the 'name' field ·CRF/LRF
- $\cdot \textbf{Blood collection tube}$
- ·Client's medical file

Do NOT write the client's name on the study materials.





Collect blood per standard operating procedures and according to universal blood collection procedures.





Gently invert the blood collection tube at least 5 times, and then open the stopper carefully.





Aspirate whole venous blood to the line closest to the bulb on a transfer pipette, avoiding air bubbles (approximately 50 µl).





Transfer 1–2 drops of blood to the center of each of 5 circles (on each of the 2 cards) without touching the filter paper directly with the tip of the pipette. Try to fully saturate the circle.





If DBS card has a flap, bend the flap behind the card, with blood spots facing up, and dry the DBS card at room temperature overnight, or for a minimum of 3 hours. Dispose of used and leftover materials per local protocol, including remaining blood.





The cards will be dry once the color of the blood changes from bright red to dark red. After the DBS card dries, insert it into the sealable plastic bag with the desiccant and humidity indicator card.





Insert the sealed plastic DBS bag, the CRF, and the LRF in the envelope provided and mail the envelope immediately, or within 3 days.







