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HIV Screening and Adolescents:
Lessons Learned and Questions Raised while
Integrating Routine HIV Screening
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Our Programs



- **Southside Medical Center**
 - Federally Qualified Health Center
 - Health care for insured, uninsured, and under-insured
 - PCMH JACCHO certified
 - Primary Care Center
 - Service: Dental, Optometry, Pediatrics, Women's Health, Internal Medicine, and Behavioral Health
 - Locations: Ridge Ave, Cleveland Ave, Gresham Rd, Norcross, Riverdale, Forest Park, Butts County



Our Programs



- **Saint Joseph Mercy Care**
 - Federally Qualified CHC
 - Designated Healthcare for the Homeless provider
 - PCMH Certification
 - Early Intervention Clinic
 - Prevention Program
 - PMC: 1 Pediatrician, Family Medicine Providers
 - ✦ City of Refuge
 - ✦ Mercy Care North
 - ✦ Mercy Care Downtown



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Routine Screening



Implementation



- 2006 CDC Recommendation on HIV Screening
- Consent language added to general consent for treatment.
- Brochures developed for pre-test counseling requirement
- CMA's/Provider process
- Electronic Health Record modifications
- Linkage to care
- Quality Program monitoring data outcomes (PCMH and UDS reporting requirement for 2014)



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Goals of Routine Screening Initiative

- ❑ Make routine HIV screening a standard of medical care!
- ❑ Reduce the number of undiagnosed individuals, decrease the number of those who are diagnosed late and ensure strong linkage to care and treatment
- ❑ Expand dialogue on increasing HIV diagnosis and access to care
- ❑ Change public perceptions about the benefits of knowing one's status and overcome HIV-related stigma

2013 Outcomes & Findings

• SJMCS

- Offer rate: 47%
- Test rate: 72%
 - ✦ 5433 screened
 - 38 newly diagnosed
 - 42 previously known diagnosed
 - ✦ **1.47% Total Sero-positivity**
 - ✦ **.7% Sero-positivity for newly infected**

• SMC

- Offer rate 100%
- Acceptance rate 35- 40%
 - 9,326 tested
 - 47 newly diagnosed
 - 13 previously known diagnosed
 - ✦ **.64% Total Sero-positivity**
 - ✦ **.5% Sero-positivity for newly infected**



outreach
site
selection
staff
primary
laboratory
software
resources
clinician
new
electronic
referral
partnerships
home
protocol
health
existing
support
training
partnerships
commitments
record
medical

Challenges



- Consenting minors
- Provider attitudes and beliefs
- Cultural competency
- Confidentiality-Right to consent
- Adolescents' own fear, denial and cultural perspectives
- Linkage to care
 - Emancipated –Versus-Unemanacipated

Implications of Routine Screening for Adolescents in Georgia



- Affordable Care Act
- Increase Access to screening (funding requirement in 2014)
- Late Linkage
- Missed Opportunities

Cases



Heterosexual, black female

- Age 24
- Annual exam, +Chlamydia
- Established patient
- Placed in HIV care with SMC physician

MSM, black male

- Age 17
- Annual exam
- Established patient
- Placed in HIV care with Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness



Heterosexual

Black female

Age 14, pregnant

Established patient

Collaborated with health
department to facilitate
linkage to care

VL @ diagnosis: 600,000

CD4 @ diagnosis: 313



Lessons Learned & Questions Raised



- How can the recommendations fuel changes of policies?
- What can be done so that the current health care/policy infrastructure provides support of screening? And treatment of youth?
- Where are the providers? How do we expand our current workforce to address the need?
- Funding?

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Opportunity

Thank you.



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