



Accurate, Complete, Timely HIV Surveillance Data
for Public Health Action

Technical Guidance for HIV Surveillance Programs

Adult HIV Confidential Case Report Form

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Introduction

The goals of HIV surveillance are to describe the burden and epidemiology of HIV, monitor HIV trends, identify HIV clusters and outbreaks, and guide public health action at the federal, state, local, and territorial levels.

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State, local, and territorial HIV surveillance programs at health departments are responsible for their HIV surveillance system, which encompasses surveillance activities, reporting sources, surveillance information systems (including the enhanced HIV/AIDS Reporting System [eHARS]), and other supporting tools (like ATra Blackbox, Secure HIV-TRACE). All HIV surveillance systems together contribute to the National HIV Surveillance System (NHSS).

CDC provides technical assistance and support to HIV surveillance programs to ensure that HIV surveillance systems have complete, accurate, and timely data for public health action. The HIV Surveillance Branch (HSB) of the Division of HIV Prevention (DHP), National Center for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP) is responsible for NHSS.

The Technical Guidance files, periodically, will include examples of how eHARS can be used for collecting and managing HIV surveillance data. Note that the same demonstrated concepts should also apply if another surveillance information system is used by the HIV surveillance program.

Technical Guidance file *Adult HIV Confidential Case Report Form* (ACRF) describes the purpose and indicators for use of the ACRF and instructions for completing the ACRF, which is designed to collect information for persons with diagnosed HIV 13 years of age or older. The ACRF Technical Guidance file supports standard data collection, which is important for ensuring accurate HIV surveillance data that can guide public health action.

HIV surveillance programs should ensure that their policies and procedures include the activities described in this Technical Guidance file and relevant public health actions; policies and procedures should be reviewed at least annually and updated as needed. Ensure that staff are trained on the policies and procedures with a focus on changes to procedures or areas needing improvement. Contact the HIV surveillance program's CDC surveillance project officer with any questions or feedback about this Technical Guidance file. If needed, call the HSB main phone number at 404-639-2050 for assistance with identifying the HIV surveillance program's CDC surveillance project officer.

Instructions for Completion

Purpose of Case Report Form

The ACRF (CDC 50.42A) is designed to collect information that promotes understanding of HIV infection morbidity and mortality among patients **greater than or equal to 13 years of age** at time of diagnosis. This form reflects data that are required to be collected and some that are recommended or optional. This

guidance applies to all HIV infection data collection even if HIV surveillance programs use a different form or medium for HIV case surveillance. The ACRF document in eHARS has been designed to generally align with the information collected on the hardcopy ACRF described in this file.

The Case Report Form in the Context of Document-based Surveillance

Document-based data management allows all documents to be stored and retained electronically with their original contents. Instead of completing one form for a reported case, fill out the applicable part of the form for each data source contributing information to that HIV case to enable traceability and provide a longitudinal view of data reported for a case.

Patients for Whom Form is Indicated

- Each person, aged 13 years or older, who meets the HIV infection case definition (available at <https://ndc.services.cdc.gov/conditions/hiv-infection-aids-has-been-reclassified-as-hiv-stage-iii/>).
- Each person with HIV infection progressing from an earlier or unknown stage to stage 3 (AIDS) diagnosis.
- Each person with HIV infection who has been reported but for whom updated information is available, such as new results from CD4 tests, viral load tests, or drug resistance tests (genotypic) reported from a health care provider, additional risk factor information, updated current address information, or a change in vital status.

If the data are collected electronically and can be imported, recording the information on a hardcopy form is not necessary.

Definition of Variable Designators

- **Required:** Variables that must be collected by all programs. Please note that for some of these variables there must be a known value reported in order to meet the eligibility criteria for data associated with the patient to be transmitted to CDC via eHARS. The *eHARS Technical Reference Guide* details the specific variables required to meet the eligibility criteria at the beginning of Chapter 3. The *eHARS Technical Reference Guide* can be accessed through the HSB SharePoint site: <https://cdcpartners.sharepoint.com/sites/NCHHSTP/HSB/default.aspx>.
- **Recommended:** Variables that programs are strongly encouraged to collect but are not absolutely required.
- **Optional:** Variables that programs may or may not choose to collect.
- **System generated:** Variables where the value is generated by eHARS. *Note.* Some of these values are unique identifiers.

Disposition of Form

- The completed form is for health department use and is not to be sent to CDC. The Pacific Islands are the only jurisdictions that submit forms to CDC for data entry in eHARS, and all patient identifiers must be removed before submission.
- Data obtained from these forms are entered in eHARS, which is provided by DHP, NCHHSTP, CDC, and then transferred without identifiers to CDC by encrypted electronic transfer via a secure access management service.

1. Patient Identification

I. Patient Identification (record all dates as mm/dd/yyyy)

*First Name	*Middle Name	*Last Name	Last Name Soundex
Alternate Name Type (ex: Alias, Married)		*First Name	*Middle Name
Address Type <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Bad address <input type="checkbox"/> Correctional facility <input type="checkbox"/> Foster home <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Postal <input type="checkbox"/> Shelter <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary		*Current Address, Street	Address Date ____/____/____
*Phone ()	City	County	State/Country
*Medical Record Number		*Other ID Type	*Number

- Patient identifier information is for health department use only and is not transmitted to CDC if marked with an asterisk (*) on the form.
- 1.1 FIRST NAME (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
 - Enter patient's first name.
 - 1.2 MIDDLE NAME (**Optional**, applies to health department & health care providers)
 - Enter patient's middle name.
 - 1.3 LAST NAME (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
 - Enter patient's last name.
 - 1.4 LAST NAME SOUNDEX (**System generated**)
 - After patient name is entered in eHARS, the software automatically generates this variable by using the patient's last name. After the code is generated, HIV surveillance program staff should fill this field on the form.
 - This variable is a phonetic, alphanumeric code calculated by converting a surname to an index letter and a 3-digit code. The index letter is the first letter of the surname. The *eHARS Technical Reference Guide* describes exactly how the Last Name Soundex is created. You can access the *eHARS Technical Reference Guide* through the HSB SharePoint site: <https://cdcpartners.sharepoint.com/sites/NCHHSTP/HSB/default.aspx>.
 - 1.5 ALTERNATE NAME TYPE (**Optional**, applies to health department & health care providers)
 - If available, write in the alternate name type (such as Alias, Married).
 - 1.6 ALTERNATE FIRST NAME (**Optional**, applies to health department & health care providers)
 - Enter patient's alternate first name.
 - 1.7 ALTERNATE MIDDLE NAME (**Optional**, applies to health department & health care providers)
 - Enter patient's alternate middle name.
 - 1.8 ALTERNATE LAST NAME (**Optional**, applies to health department & health care providers)
 - Enter patient's alternate last name.
 - 1.9 ADDRESS TYPE (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
 - Select one of the address types for the patient's current address.
 - 1.10 CURRENT ADDRESS, STREET (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
 - Enter the patient's current street address.

- 1.11 ADDRESS DATE (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- Enter the earliest date that the patient was known to be residing at the current address specified in 1.10. If the patient has resided at an address more than once (and has evidence that they resided elsewhere in between), the address date captured should be the earliest date that the patient moved to the address in the most recent instance.
 - You may enter the most recent date the patient was known to be residing at the address in the Comments section. In eHARS, enter the address with the most recent address date on a separate ACRF document on the “Identification” tab.
 - Enter date in *mm/dd/yyyy* format; use “..” for unknown values (e.g., 03../2011).
- 1.12 PHONE (**Required** if patient has a telephone, applies to health department & health care providers)
- Enter patient’s primary area code and telephone number associated with the current address specified in 1.10.
- 1.13 CITY (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- Enter patient’s current city.
- 1.14 COUNTY (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- Enter patient’s current county.
- 1.15 STATE/COUNTRY (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- Enter patient’s current state and country name.
- 1.16 ZIP CODE (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- Enter patient’s current zip code.
- 1.17 MEDICAL RECORD NUMBER (**Optional**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- Enter medical record number of the patient if available.
 - This field may be left blank unless patient was hospitalized as an inpatient or treated as an outpatient in a hospital, community health center, or health department clinic.
 - If the patient has more than one medical record number, enter the number of the primary record that has HIV infection or stage 3 (AIDS) documentation. Additional numbers can be noted in the Comments section annotating which facility is associated with which record number. In eHARS, enter the additional medical record numbers on the “Identification” tab.
- 1.18–1.19 OTHER ID TYPE and NUMBER (**Optional**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- Enter any additional patient identifier type (such as social security number) and the number of the other identifier. For a list of ID types, please reference the *eHARS Technical Reference Guide* (available at <https://cdcpartners.sharepoint.com/sites/NCHHSTP/HSB/default.aspx>).

2. Health Department Use Only

II. Health Department Use Only (record all dates as mm/dd/yyyy)

Date Received at Health Department ____/____/____	eHARS Document UID	State Number
Reporting Health Dept—City/County		City/County Number
Document Source	Surveillance Method <input type="checkbox"/> Active <input type="checkbox"/> Passive <input type="checkbox"/> Follow up <input type="checkbox"/> Reabstraction <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
Did this report initiate a new case investigation? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	Report Medium <input type="checkbox"/> 1-Field visit <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Mailed <input type="checkbox"/> 3-Faxed <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Phone <input type="checkbox"/> 5-Electronic transfer <input type="checkbox"/> 6-CD/disk	

2.1 DATE RECEIVED AT HEALTH DEPARTMENT (**Recommended**, applies to health department)

- Enter date in *mm/dd/yyyy* format; use “..” for unknown values (e.g., 03../2011).

2.2 eHARS DOCUMENT UID (**System generated**)

- Enter UID after eHARS generates this variable.

2.3 STATE NUMBER (**Required**, applies to health department)

- Enter the assigned state number.
- Each patient must have a unique state number throughout the course of HIV infection in each state/jurisdiction where they are reported. If the patient was a pediatric “Seroreverter” and was later infected with HIV, the patient must be given 2 different state numbers: one associated with the “Seroreverter” and another associated with the HIV infection diagnosis. Refer to Appendix 4.1.4 in Technical Guidance file *Pediatric HIV Confidential Case Report Form* for the definition of a pediatric “Seroreverter.” HIV surveillance programs must use the “Same as” field on the “Duplicate Review” tab in eHARS to link the 2 cases. Enter the state number associated with diagnosed HIV infection on the case report form.
- Assigned numbers **must not** be reused, even if the case is later deleted.
- Assigned numbers should not contain information that can be used to identify the person (e.g., name, residence), the reporting health department, or the testing site.
- This variable is used, along with the state of report, to uniquely identify cases reported to CDC and to merge state datasets without duplication.

2.4 REPORTING HEALTH DEPARTMENT -CITY/COUNTY (**Required**, applies to health department)

- Enter name of city and county of the health department that receives the report from providers of surveillance data.

2.5 CITY/COUNTY NUMBER (**Optional**, applies to health department)

- Enter the assigned city/county number.
- When CDC provides technical assistance and support for conducting HIV surveillance to a city or county, each patient must have a unique city/county number assigned by the city/county in which they are reported, an identifier associated with the patient throughout the course of HIV infection. If the city/county number is the primary identifier and the patient was a pediatric “Seroreverter” and was later infected with HIV, the patient must be given 2 different city/county numbers: one associated with the “Seroreverter” and another associated with the HIV infection diagnosis. Refer to Appendix 4.1.4 in Technical Guidance file *Pediatric HIV Confidential Case Report Form* for the definition of a pediatric “Seroreverter.” If the city/county number is the primary identifier, the HIV surveillance program must use the “Same as” field on the “Duplicate Review” tab in eHARS to link the 2 cases. Enter the appropriate city/county number associated with the events being reported on the case report form.

- Assigned numbers **must not** be reused, even if the case is later deleted.
- Assigned numbers should not contain information that can be used to identify the person (e.g., name, residence), the reporting health department, or the testing site.

2.6 DOCUMENT SOURCE (**Required**, applies to health department)

- Enter the code for the document source that provided the information for this report (formerly report source).
- To clearly identify multiple data sources for a given HIV case (all stages), use a separate case report form for each source.
- Refer to the *eHARS Technical Reference Guide* for a list of the document source codes available in eHARS (available at <https://cdcpartners.sharepoint.com/sites/NCHHSTP/HSB/default.aspx>).

2.7 SURVEILLANCE METHOD (**Required**, applies to health department)

- Enter the method the case report was ascertained.
- For definitions of active, passive, follow up, and reabstraction, see Technical Guidance file *Reporting*.

2.8 DID THIS REPORT INITIATE A NEW INVESTIGATION? (**Optional**, applies to health department)

- Enter whether this case report initiated a new investigation by the health department.

2.9 REPORT MEDIUM (**Optional**, applies to health department)

- Enter the medium in which the case report was submitted.
- Select “1-Field visit” if HIV surveillance program staff review medical records at provider facilities or access the medical records remotely to elicit information for the HIV case report forms.
- Select “2-Mailed” if the HIV case report form is received by US mail.
- Select “3-Faxed” if the HIV case report form is received by fax.
- Select “4-Phone” if the telephone is used to elicit information to complete the HIV case report form.
- Select “5-Electronic transfer” if electronic transfer of information is used to complete the HIV case report form.
- Select “6-CD/disk” if information for the HIV case report form is received on CD/disk.

3. Facility Providing Information

III. Facility Providing Information (record all dates as mm/dd/yyyy)

Facility Name			*Phone ()
*Street Address			
City	County	State/Country	*ZIP Code
Facility Type <div> <u>Inpatient:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify _____ </div> <div> <u>Outpatient:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Private physician's office <input type="checkbox"/> Adult HIV clinic <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify _____ </div> <div> <u>Screening, Diagnostic, Referral Agency:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> CTS <input type="checkbox"/> STD clinic <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify _____ </div> <div> <u>Other Facility:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency room <input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory <input type="checkbox"/> Corrections <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify _____ </div>			
Date Form Completed _/_/____		*Person Completing Form	*Phone ()

- Facility information is not transmitted to CDC if marked with an * on the form.
- FACILITY NAME (Recommended, applies to health department & health care providers)**
 - Enter name of the facility providing the information.
 - If data was reported from different facilities, enter name of each on separate forms.
 - PHONE (Recommended, applies to health department & health care providers)**
 - Enter facility's current area code and telephone number.
 - STREET ADDRESS (Recommended, applies to health department & health care providers)**
 - Enter facility's street address.
 - CITY (Recommended, applies to health department & health care providers)**
 - Enter city where facility providing information is located.
 - COUNTY (Recommended, applies to health department & health care providers)**
 - Enter county where facility providing information is located.
 - STATE/COUNTRY (Recommended, applies to health department & health care providers)**
 - Enter state and country name where facility providing information is located.
 - ZIP CODE (Recommended, applies to health department & health care providers)**
 - Enter ZIP code where facility providing information is located.
 - FACILITY TYPE (Required, applies to health department & health care providers)**
 - Select the type of facility providing information.
 - Refer to the *eHARS Technical Reference Guide* for additional information regarding facility types available in eHARS (available at <https://cdcpartners.sharepoint.com/sites/NCHHSTP/HSB/default.aspx>).
 - DATE FORM COMPLETED (Required, applies to health department & health care providers)**
 - Enter date in mm/dd/yyyy format; use “..” for unknown values (e.g., 03../2011).
 - PERSON COMPLETING FORM (Optional, applies to health department & health care providers)**
 - Enter the name of the person completing the form who can be contacted to clarify entries and supply additional information.
 - PHONE (Recommended, applies to health department & health care providers)**
 - Enter the telephone number of the person completing the form.

4. Patient Demographics

IV. Patient Demographics (record all dates as mm/dd/yyyy)

Sex Assigned at Birth <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		Country of Birth <input type="checkbox"/> US <input type="checkbox"/> Other/US dependency (specify) _____	
Date of Birth ____/____/____		Alias Date of Birth ____/____/____	
Vital Status <input type="checkbox"/> 1-Alive <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Dead		Date of Death ____/____/____	State of Death _____
Gender Identity <input type="checkbox"/> Man <input type="checkbox"/> Woman <input type="checkbox"/> Transgender man <input type="checkbox"/> Transgender woman <input type="checkbox"/> Additional gender identity (specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Declined to answer <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown			
Date Identified ____/____/____			
Sexual Orientation <input type="checkbox"/> Straight or heterosexual <input type="checkbox"/> Lesbian or gay <input type="checkbox"/> Bisexual <input type="checkbox"/> Additional sexual orientation (specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Declined to answer <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown			
Date Identified ____/____/____			
Ethnicity <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		Expanded Ethnicity _____	
Race (check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		Expanded Race _____	

4.1 SEX ASSIGNED AT BIRTH (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Select patient's sex assigned at birth.
- If search for this datum was completed and sex assigned at birth could not be assigned as "Male" or "Female," select "Unknown." Also, select "Unknown" if the patient's sex assigned at birth is listed as a value other than "Male" or "Female" (e.g., intersex, X [non-binary marker]). You may enter the specific value for sex assigned at birth in the Comments section. In eHARS, enter the specific value for sex assigned at birth in the "Comments" tab. Patients with an "Unknown" value for sex assigned at birth will not be transmitted to CDC and select variables in eHARS will not be calculated.

4.2 COUNTRY OF BIRTH (**Recommended**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Select applicable response.
- For patients born in U.S. minor outlying areas, specify the name of the U.S. dependency from the following table:

U.S. Dependencies		
Baker Island	Johnston Atoll	Navassa Island
Howland Island	Kingman Reef	Palmyra Atoll
Jarvis Island	Midway Islands	Wake Island

- For patients born in any other area outside of the United States and U.S. minor outlying areas, specify the country name.

4.3 DATE OF BIRTH (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Enter patient's date of birth in *mm/dd/yyyy* format; use ".." for unknown values (e.g., 03../2011).

4.4 ALIAS DATE OF BIRTH (**Optional**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- If available, enter the alias date of birth in *mm/dd/yyyy* format; use ".." for unknown values (e.g., 03../2011).

- 4.5 VITAL STATUS (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- Enter vital status at time of this report.
 - For further guidance on death ascertainment, see Technical Guidance file *Death Ascertainment*.
- 4.6 DATE OF DEATH (**Required**, if applicable, applies to health department & health care providers)
- If patient is deceased, enter date of death in *mm/dd/yyyy* format; use “..” for unknown values (e.g., 03/./2011).
 - For further guidance on death ascertainment, see Technical Guidance file *Death Ascertainment*.
- 4.7 STATE OF DEATH (**Required**, if applicable, applies to health department & health care providers)
- If patient is deceased, enter the state name where the death occurred. If the death occurred outside of the US, enter “Foreign Country.”
- 4.8 GENDER IDENTITY and DATE IDENTIFIED (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- Enter the gender identity of the patient. Gender identity refers to a person’s internal understanding of their own gender, or gender with which a person identifies. (See CDC’s HIV and Transgender People: Terminology page, available at <https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/group/gender/transgender/terminology.html> for more information.)
 - If the patient’s stated gender identity differs from the selections provided or the patient’s stated gender identity at a point in time includes more than one of the selections provided, select “Additional gender identity” and specify the gender identity or gender identities.
 - If documented that the patient declined to provide their gender identity, select “Declined to answer.”
 - If search for this datum was completed and gender identity could not be determined or if gender identity was documented to be unknown, select “Unknown.”
 - Refer to the lookup codes in the *eHARS Technical Reference Guide* for gender identity values available in eHARS (available at <https://cdcpartners.sharepoint.com/sites/NCHHSTP/HSB/default.aspx>).
 - For date identified, please enter the date the patient indicated identifying as the selected gender identity, if documented. If this date is unknown or the selected response option for gender identity was “Declined to answer” or “Unknown,” enter the date of service (e.g., medical appointment, partner services interview) for when the information on gender identity was obtained. If that date is unknown, enter the most recent date of service. You may also enter the most recent date associated with the patient’s gender identity in the Comments section. In eHARS, enter the gender identity value associated with the most recent date on a separate ACRF document on the “Demographics” tab. Record the date in *mm/dd/yyyy* format; use “..” for unknown values (e.g., 03/./2011).
 - If the patient’s gender identity has changed over time, record the other gender identities and associated dates identified in the Comments section. In eHARS, enter each additional value on separate ACRF documents on the “Demographics” tab.
- 4.9 SEXUAL ORIENTATION and DATE IDENTIFIED (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- Enter sexual orientation of the patient. Sexual orientation should not be assigned based on review of other recorded information (e.g., responses to questions about gender of sexual partners); use only information where sexual orientation is explicitly indicated.

- If the patient's stated sexual orientation differs from the selections provided or the patient's stated sexual orientation at a point in time includes more than one of the selections provided, select "Additional sexual orientation" and specify the sexual orientation or sexual orientations.
- If documented that the patient declined to provide their sexual orientation, select "Declined to answer."
- If search for this datum was completed and sexual orientation could not be determined or if the sexual orientation was documented to be unknown, select "Unknown."
- Refer to the lookup codes in the *eHARS Technical Reference Guide* for sexual orientation values available in eHARS (available at <https://cdcpartners.sharepoint.com/sites/NCHHSTP/HSB/default.aspx>).
- For date identified, please enter the date the patient indicated identifying as the selected sexual orientation, if documented. If this date is unknown or the selected response option for sexual orientation was "Declined to answer" or "Unknown," enter the date of service for when the information on sexual orientation was obtained. If that date is unknown, enter the most recent date of service. You may also enter the most recent date associated with the patient's sexual orientation in the Comments section. In eHARS, enter the sexual orientation value associated with the most recent date on a separate ACRF document on the "Demographics" tab. Record it in mm/dd/yyyy format; use ".." for unknown values (e.g., 03../2011).
- If the patient's sexual orientation has changed over time, record other sexual orientations and associated dates identified in the Comments section. In eHARS, enter each additional value on separate ACRF documents on the "Demographics" tab.

4.10 **ETHNICITY (Required, applies to health department & health care providers)**

- If search for this datum was completed and ethnicity could not be determined or if ethnicity was documented to be unknown, select "Unknown."
- If no search for this datum was completed, leave this field blank.
- Regardless of the availability of data on race, collect data on ethnicity.
- As of January 2003, the US Office of Management and Budget (OMB) required that race and ethnicity (Hispanic/Latino, Not Hispanic/Latino) for a person be collected as separate variables.
- A wide variety of ethnicities may be selected from values available in eHARS. These ethnicities and codes are documented in the *eHARS Technical Reference Guide* (available at <https://cdcpartners.sharepoint.com/sites/NCHHSTP/HSB/default.aspx>).

4.11 **EXPANDED ETHNICITY (Optional, if applicable, applies to health department & health care providers)**

- Enter more specific ethnicity information for greater detail such as "Hispanic or Latino.Cuban" or "Hispanic or Latino.Puerto Rican."
- Refer to the *eHARS Technical Reference Guide* for listing of expanded ethnicity (available at <https://cdcpartners.sharepoint.com/sites/NCHHSTP/HSB/default.aspx>).

4.12 **RACE (Required, applies to health department & health care providers)**

- Select patient's race even if information was submitted for ethnicity.
- Select more than one race if applicable.
- If no race information is available, select "Unknown."
- As of January 2003, the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) required that systems collect multiple races for a person (OMB Policy Directive 15 updated standards); at a

minimum, collect data on the following 5 categories: American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, and White.

- Refer to the *eHARS Technical Reference Guide* for further details (available at <https://cdcpartners.sharepoint.com/sites/NCHHSTP/HSB/default.aspx>).

4.13 EXPANDED RACE (**Optional**, if applicable, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Enter more specific race information for greater detail such as “American Indian or Alaska Native.Navajo” or “White.Middle Eastern or North African.” Refer to the *eHARS Technical Reference Guide* for listing of expanded race (available at <https://cdcpartners.sharepoint.com/sites/NCHHSTP/HSB/default.aspx>).

5. Residence at Diagnosis

V. Residence at Diagnosis (add additional addresses in Comments) (record all dates as mm/dd/yyyy)

Address Event Type (check all that apply to address below) <input type="checkbox"/> Residence at HIV diagnosis <input type="checkbox"/> Residence at stage 3 (AIDS) diagnosis <input type="checkbox"/> Check if <u>SAME</u> as current address			
Address Type <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Bad address <input type="checkbox"/> Correctional facility <input type="checkbox"/> Foster home <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Postal <input type="checkbox"/> Shelter <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary			
*Street Address			
City	County	State/Country	*ZIP Code

- Residence information is not transmitted to CDC if marked with an * on the form.
 - Refer to [Appendix \(5\)](#) for further guidance.
 - If patient’s residence at HIV diagnosis and stage 3 (AIDS) diagnosis are different, enter the address information associated with the stage 3 (AIDS) diagnosis in the Comments section. In eHARS, enter the address information associated with stage 3 (AIDS) diagnosis on the “Demographics” tab with the applicable address event type.
- 5.1 ADDRESS EVENT TYPE (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- Select the address event type for the patient’s residence at diagnosis.
 - If the patient’s residence at HIV diagnosis and stage 3 (AIDS) diagnosis was the same, you may check both.
- 5.2 ADDRESS TYPE (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- Select one of the address types for the patient’s address of residence at diagnosis.
- 5.3 STREET ADDRESS (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- Enter street address of residence at diagnosis.
- 5.4 CITY (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- Enter city of residence at diagnosis.
- 5.5 COUNTY (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- Enter county of residence at diagnosis.
- 5.6 STATE/COUNTRY (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- Enter the state and country name of residence at diagnosis.
- 5.7 ZIP CODE (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- Enter the ZIP code of residence at diagnosis.

6. Facility of Diagnosis

VI. Facility of Diagnosis (add additional facilities in Comments)

Diagnosis Type (check all that apply to facility below) <input type="checkbox"/> HIV <input type="checkbox"/> Stage 3 (AIDS) <input type="checkbox"/> Check if <u>SAME</u> as facility providing information			
Facility Name			*Phone ()
*Street Address			
City	County	State/Country	*ZIP Code
Facility Type <u>Inpatient:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital <u>Outpatient:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Private physician's office <u>Screening, Diagnostic, Referral Agency:</u> <u>Other Facility:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency room <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Adult HIV clinic <input type="checkbox"/> CTS <input type="checkbox"/> STD clinic <input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory <input type="checkbox"/> Corrections <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify _____			
*Provider Name		*Provider Phone ()	Specialty

- Facility information is not transmitted to CDC if marked with an * on the form.
 - If the patient's HIV diagnosis and stage 3 (AIDS) diagnosis occurred at different facilities, enter the stage 3 (AIDS) facility information in the Comments section. In eHARS, enter the facility information associated with stage 3 (AIDS) diagnosis on the "Facility" tab with the applicable diagnosis type.
 - For details about documenting the information for a telemedicine facility, refer to [Appendix \(6\)](#).
- DIAGNOSIS TYPE (**Recommended**, applies to health department & health care providers)
 - Enter the diagnosis type that corresponds to the facility of diagnosis being reported.
 - FACILITY NAME (**Recommended**, applies to health department & health care providers)
 - Enter name of the facility where patient was first diagnosed which corresponds with the "Diagnosis Type" reported in 6.1.
 - Refer to [Appendix \(6.2\)](#) for further details.
 - PHONE (**Recommended**, applies to health department & health care providers)
 - Enter area code and telephone number of the facility of diagnosis.
 - STREET ADDRESS (**Recommended**, applies to health department & health care providers)
 - Enter street address of the facility of diagnosis.
 - CITY (**Recommended**, applies to health department & health care providers)
 - Enter city of the facility of diagnosis.
 - COUNTY (**Recommended**, applies to health department & health care providers)
 - Enter county of the facility of diagnosis.
 - STATE/COUNTRY (**Recommended**, applies to health department & health care providers)
 - Enter state and country name of the facility of diagnosis.
 - ZIP CODE (**Recommended**, applies to health department & health care providers)
 - Enter ZIP code where the facility of diagnosis is located.
 - FACILITY TYPE (**Required** applies to health department & health care providers)
 - Select the type of facility of diagnosis.
 - Refer to the *eHARS Technical Reference Guide* for listing of facility types (available at <https://cdcpartners.sharepoint.com/sites/NCHHSTP/HSB/default.aspx>).
 - PROVIDER NAME (**Recommended**, applies to health department & health care providers)
 - Enter provider's name where the patient was first diagnosed which corresponds with the "Diagnosis Type" reported in 6.1.

6.11 PROVIDER PHONE (**Recommended**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Enter area code and telephone number for provider selected in 6.10.

6.12 SPECIALTY (**Optional**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Enter provider's specialty for provider selected in 6.10.

7. Patient History

VII. Patient History (respond to all questions) (record all dates as mm/dd/yyyy) ☐ Pediatric Risk (enter in Comments)

After 1977 and before the earliest known diagnosis of HIV infection, this patient had:	
Sex with male	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
Sex with female	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
Injected nonprescription drugs	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
Received clotting factor for hemophilia/coagulation disorder Specify clotting factor: _____ Date received ____/____/____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
HETEROSEXUAL relations with any of the following:	
HETEROSEXUAL contact with person who injected drugs	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
HETEROSEXUAL contact with bisexual male	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
HETEROSEXUAL contact with person with hemophilia/coagulation disorder with documented HIV infection	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
HETEROSEXUAL contact with transfusion recipient with documented HIV infection	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
HETEROSEXUAL contact with transplant recipient with documented HIV infection	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
HETEROSEXUAL contact with person with documented HIV infection, risk not specified	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
Received transfusion of blood/blood components (other than clotting factor) (document reason in Comments)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
First date received ____/____/____ Last date received ____/____/____	
Received transplant of tissue/organs or artificial insemination	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
Worked in a healthcare or clinical laboratory setting	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
If occupational exposure is being investigated or considered as primary mode of exposure, specify occupation and setting: _____	
Other documented risk (include detail in Comments) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown

- These data yield information about how patients may have acquired their infections.
 - Check box at the top of this section if the risk factor was a pediatric risk factor and enter additional information in the Comments section. In eHARS, on the ACRF select the “Show Pediatric Risk Factors” check box on the “History tab to display and record the pediatric risk factor.
 - Respond to each risk factor, selecting “Yes” for all factors that apply; “No” for those that do not apply (only select “No” if medical record specifically states this is not a risk factor); and “Unknown” for those for which investigation failed to yield an answer. If an investigation for a particular item was not performed, then you should leave it blank. Collect data about risk factors that occurred before the earliest known diagnosis of HIV infection. For further guidance, see Technical Guidance file *Risk Factor Ascertainment*.
 - See [Appendix \(7\)](#) for further guidance on risk factor ascertainment.
 - The state, local, or territorial Cases of Public Health Importance (COPHI) coordinator should contact the CDC COPHI coordinator (Scott Grytdal, swg0@cdc.gov) as soon as possible if any unusual transmission circumstances are suspected. For further guidance, see Technical Guidance file *Cases of Public Health Importance (COPHI)*.

7.1 SEX WITH MALE (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Select applicable response based on the partner's sex assigned at birth. If search for this datum was completed and the partner's sex assigned at birth cannot be determined, select “Unknown.”
- Some examples of information from the medical record which would strongly indicate sex with a male are the following:

- For male patient:
 - Married to or divorced from a male
 - Rectal gonorrhea
- For female patient:
 - Married to or divorced from a male
 - Boyfriend referenced in the medical record
 - Living with a male partner
 - History of pregnancy
 - History of another sexually transmitted infection (in addition to HIV)
 - Sex worker (either current or in the past)

7.2 SEX WITH FEMALE (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Select applicable response based on the partner’s sex assigned at birth. If search for this datum was completed and the partner’s sex assigned at birth cannot be determined, select “Unknown.”
- Some examples of information from the medical record which would strongly indicate sex with a female are the following:
 - For male patient:
 - Married to or divorced from a female
 - Has a biological child
 - For female patient:
 - Married to or divorced from a female

7.3 INJECTED NON-PRESCRIPTION DRUGS (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Select applicable response.
- Select “Yes” if the patient injected nonprescription drugs at any time in the past or if a drug prescribed to the patient was injected when there is evidence that injection equipment was shared (e.g., syringes, needles, cookers).

7.4–7.6 RECEIVED CLOTTING FACTOR FOR HEMOPHILIA/COAGULATION DISORDER, SPECIFY CLOTTING FACTOR, and DATE RECEIVED (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Select applicable response.
- “Coagulation disorder” or “hemophilia” refers only to a disorder of a clotting factor; factors are any of the circulating proteins named Factor I through Factor XII. These disorders include Hemophilia A and Von Willebrand’s disease (Factor VIII disorders) and Hemophilia B (a Factor IX disorder).
- This risk factor is generally documented in the history and physical section of the patient’s medical chart.
- They do not include other bleeding disorders, such as thrombocytopenia, treatable by platelet transfusion.
- If only a transfusion of platelets, other blood cells, or plasma was received by the patient, then select “No.”
- See Technical Guidance files *Risk Factor Ascertainment* and *Cases of Public Health Importance (COPHI)* for further guidance on risk factor data collection and COPHI.
- If “Yes,” alert state, local, or territorial COPHI coordinator.
- If “Yes,” specify the clotting factor and enter date received. Enter date in *mm/dd/yyyy* format; use “..” for unknown values (e.g., 03../2011).

7.7 HETEROSEXUAL RELATIONS WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- This section, addressed at 7.7.1–7.7.6, relates to ascertainment of risk factor among persons who had heterosexual contact (had sex with) with the case patient.
- Heterosexual contact is defined as the patient having sexual contact with a partner whose sex assigned at birth is different from the patient’s sex assigned at birth.
- Verification of sex partner’s HIV infection status is not necessary.

7.7.1 PERSON WHO INJECTED DRUGS (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Select applicable response.
- Select “Yes” if the partner injected nonprescription drugs at any time in the past or if a drug prescribed to the partner was injected when there is evidence that injection equipment was shared (e.g., syringes, needles, cookers).

7.7.2 BISEXUAL MALE (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Select applicable response only if patient’s sex assigned at birth is female. “Yes” should be selected only if the partner’s sex assigned at birth is male and there is evidence that the partner also had sex with another person whose sex assigned at birth was male.

7.7.3 PERSON WITH HEMOPHILIA/COAGULATION DISORDER WITH DOCUMENTED HIV INFECTION (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Select applicable response.
- Refer to [7.4–7.6](#) for additional information.

7.7.4 TRANSFUSION RECIPIENT WITH DOCUMENTED HIV INFECTION (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Select applicable response.
- Consider documenting the reason for transfusion in the Comments section. In eHARS, enter on the “Comments” tab.

7.7.5 TRANSPLANT RECIPIENT WITH DOCUMENTED HIV INFECTION (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Select applicable response.
- Consider documenting the reason for transplant in the Comments section. In eHARS, enter on the “Comments” tab.

7.7.6 PERSON WITH DOCUMENTED HIV INFECTION, RISK NOT SPECIFIED (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Select applicable response.
- Select “Yes” only if HETEROSEXUAL sex partner is known to be HIV positive and that partner’s risk factor for HIV is unknown.

7.8–7.10 RECEIVED TRANSFUSION OF BLOOD/BLOOD COMPONENTS (OTHER THAN CLOTTING FACTOR), FIRST DATE RECEIVED, and LAST DATE RECEIVED (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Select applicable response.
- Blood is defined as a circulating tissue composed of a fluid portion (plasma) with suspended formed elements (red blood cells, white blood cells, platelets).
- Blood components that can be transfused include erythrocytes, leukocytes, platelets, and plasma.
- It is often helpful to document the reason for the transfusion in the Comments section. In eHARS, enter on the “Comments” tab.

- See Technical Guidance files *Risk Factor Ascertainment* and *Cases of Public Health Importance (COPHI)* for further guidance on risk factor data collection and COPHI.
- If the last transfusion was after March 1985, then alert state, local, or territorial COPHI coordinator.
- If “Yes,” enter the dates first and last received in *mm/dd/yyyy* format; use “..” for unknown values (e.g., 03../2011).

7.11 RECEIVED TRANSPLANT OF TISSUE/ORGANS OR ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Select applicable response.
- See Technical Guidance files *Risk Factor Ascertainment* and *Cases of Public Health Importance (COPHI)* for further guidance on risk factor data collection and COPHI.
- If “Yes,” alert the state, local, or territorial COPHI coordinator.

7.12–7.13 WORKED IN HEALTH CARE OR CLINICAL LABORATORY SETTING and IF OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE IS BEING INVESTIGATED OR CONSIDERED AS PRIMARY MODE OF EXPOSURE, SPECIFY OCCUPATION AND SETTING (**Required** applies to health department & health care providers)

- Select applicable response.
- Investigate apparent occupational exposures to determine if this was the only risk factor present.
- See Technical Guidance files *Risk Factor Ascertainment* and *Cases of Public Health Importance (COPHI)* for further guidance on risk factor data collection and COPHI.
- If “Yes,” alert state, local, or territorial COPHI coordinator.
- If “Yes,” specify occupation and setting.

7.14 OTHER DOCUMENTED RISK (**Required** applies to health department & health care providers)

- See Technical Guidance files *Risk Factor Ascertainment* and *Cases of Public Health Importance (COPHI)* for further guidance on unusual transmission history that could be considered as potential COPHI.
- Select applicable response.
- Document details of the risk factor information in the Comments section. In eHARS, enter on the “Comments” tab.

8. Clinical: Acute HIV Infection and Opportunistic Illnesses

VIII. Clinical: Acute HIV Infection and Opportunistic Illnesses (record all dates as mm/dd/yyyy)

Suspect acute HIV infection? If YES, complete the two items below; enter documented negative HIV test result data in Laboratory Data section, and enter patient or provider report of previous negative HIV test result in HIV Testing History section.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown			
Clinical signs/symptoms consistent with acute retroviral syndrome (e.g., fever, malaise/fatigue, myalgia, pharyngitis, rash, lymphadenopathy)? Date of sign/symptom onset ____/____/____		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown			
Other evidence suggestive of acute HIV infection? If YES, describe: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown			
Date of evidence ____/____/____					
Opportunistic Illnesses					
Diagnosis	Dx Date	Diagnosis	Dx Date	Diagnosis	Dx Date
Candidiasis, bronchi, trachea, or lungs		Herpes simplex: chronic ulcers (>1 mo. duration), bronchitis, pneumonitis, or esophagitis		M. tuberculosis, pulmonary ¹	
Candidiasis, esophageal		Histoplasmosis, disseminated or extrapulmonary		M. tuberculosis, disseminated or extrapulmonary ¹	
Carcinoma, invasive cervical		Isosporiasis, chronic intestinal (>1 mo. duration)		Mycobacterium, of other/unidentified species, disseminated or extrapulmonary	
Coccidioidomycosis, disseminated or extrapulmonary		Kaposi's sarcoma		Pneumocystis pneumonia	
Cryptococcosis, extrapulmonary		Lymphoma, Burkitt's (or equivalent)		Pneumonia, recurrent, in 12 mo. period	
Cryptosporidiosis, chronic intestinal (>1 mo. duration)		Lymphoma, immunoblastic (or equivalent)		Progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy	
Cytomegalovirus disease (other than in liver, spleen, or nodes)		Lymphoma, primary in brain		Salmonella septicemia, recurrent	
Cytomegalovirus retinitis (with loss of vision)		Mycobacterium avium complex or M. kansasii, disseminated or extrapulmonary		Toxoplasmosis of brain, onset at >1 mo. of age	
HIV encephalopathy				Wasting syndrome due to HIV	

¹If a diagnosis date is entered for either tuberculosis diagnosis above, provide RVCT Case Number:

8.1 CLINICAL: ACUTE HIV INFECTION

- Collection of acute HIV infection information is **recommended** for all state, local, and territorial health departments.
- The purpose of this section is to facilitate the identification of persons with acute HIV infection for more urgent follow-up, as applicable according to state, local, and territorial health department policies and practices. Acute HIV infections are more transmissible than other HIV infections. Clinical criteria for acute HIV infection may overlap the surveillance case definition of stage 0 (early HIV infection).
 - Persons more likely to have acute HIV infection may be identified by a shorter interval (relative to the stage-0-defining period of up to 180 days) between a negative or indeterminate HIV test result and the first HIV-positive test result associated with diagnosis. The maximum length of the interval between these 2 tests could range from 30 to 90 days and may be determined locally.
 - This section includes clinical (non-laboratory) data to supplement the laboratory-based criteria for stage 0 to identify persons with probable or possible acute HIV infection for follow-up as applicable.
- These variables indicative of probable or possible acute HIV infection may be used separately or in combination with the eHARS stage 0 variable (*stage_zero_dx*) to inform epidemiologic analyses.
- For further information about acute HIV infection, see Technical Guidance file *Early HIV Infection, HIV-2, and Other Diagnostic Considerations*.

8.1.1 SUSPECT ACUTE HIV INFECTION? (**Recommended**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- This variable is meant to encompass all sources of available information that might indicate acute HIV, and its use could vary with each HIV surveillance program's policies and practices. For further information about the sources of information, see Technical Guidance file *Reporting*. The information about acute HIV status could include laboratory-documented evidence from the laboratory-based HIV testing algorithm, such as having a positive initial immunoassay result followed by a negative or indeterminate type-differentiating supplemental test and a subsequent positive

NAAT; or it could include a laboratory-documented or patient or health care provider reported history of a previous negative HIV test before diagnosis. Additionally, it could include information from a health care provider reporting that the patient had acute HIV, or include provider notes about symptoms of acute HIV, or there may have been clear information about a specific exposure that occurred just before diagnosis and no possibility of exposure prior to that specific occurrence.

- Select “Yes” if there is any evidence to suspect that the patient had acute HIV infection at diagnosis. If “Yes” is selected, then ensure the following:
 - Complete the items below for “Clinical signs/symptoms consistent with acute retroviral syndrome” and “Other evidence suggestive of acute HIV infection.”
 - Documented negative or indeterminate HIV test results that include the type of test and date should be entered in the Laboratory Data section.
 - Patient or health care provider reports of a previous negative HIV test should be entered in the HIV Testing History section.
- “No” indicates sufficient evidence that the patient did not have acute HIV infection at diagnosis.
- “Unknown” indicates there is insufficient evidence to indicate whether the patient had acute HIV infection at diagnosis, after searching for the information, consulting with the health care provider, or asking the patient.

8.1.2 CLINICAL SIGNS/SYMPTOMS CONSISTENT WITH ACUTE RETROVIRAL SYNDROME (**Recommended**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- This field is intended for collecting evidence of the clinical signs/symptoms consistent with acute retroviral syndrome (e.g., fever, malaise/fatigue, myalgia, pharyngitis, rash, and/or lymphadenopathy; generally, 2 or more symptoms such as these are present). For a more complete list of the clinical symptoms associated with acute HIV, refer to [Appendix \(8.1.2\)](#).
- This information would typically be found in the clinical record and could be explicitly stated as acute retroviral syndrome (ARS) or primary HIV infection (PHI), or that the health care provider suspects acute infection, or there could just be a description of the case’s presenting symptoms at the time of HIV testing together with plausible information about a recent HIV exposure. Ideally, ARS or PHI would be determined by a health care provider who has ruled out other illness.
- If it is unclear whether any symptoms are related to acute HIV, consult with medical professionals.
- Select “Yes” if there is clear evidence that the patient had clinical signs/symptoms consistent with acute retroviral syndrome.
- “No” indicates sufficient evidence that the patient did not clinical signs/symptoms consistent with acute retroviral syndrome.
- “Unknown” indicates there is insufficient evidence to indicate whether the patient had clinical signs/symptoms consistent with acute retroviral syndrome, after searching for the information, consulting with the health care provider, or asking the patient.

8.1.3 DATE OF SIGN/SYMPTOM ONSET (**Recommended**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Record the earliest date of sign/symptom onset.
- Enter date in *mm/dd/yyyy* format. If day is unknown, use “..” for the unknown value (e.g., 03/././2017).

8.1.4 OTHER EVIDENCE SUGGESTIVE OF ACUTE HIV INFECTION? (**Recommended**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Select “Yes” if there is any other evidence of acute HIV that is not based on diagnostic HIV-related test information or signs/symptoms of acute HIV. An example would be a patient who had a high viral load (>500,000 copies/mL) at or within 6 weeks after diagnosis, or a clear exposure to HIV that occurred just before diagnosis in the setting where an earlier source of infection is unlikely (e.g., a rape or an occupational exposure).
 - Viral load data should be entered in the Laboratory Data section.
 - Note that an occupational exposure would also be followed up as a COPHI. See Technical Guidance files *Risk Factor Ascertainment and Cases of Public Health Importance (COPHI)* for further guidance on unusual transmission history that could be considered as potential COPHI.
- “No” indicates sufficient information to indicate no other evidence of acute HIV infection.
- “Unknown” indicates there is insufficient evidence to indicate whether there was any other evidence of acute HIV infection, after searching for the information, consulting with the health care provider, or asking the patient.

8.1.5 OTHER EVIDENCE SUGGESTIVE OF ACUTE HIV INFECTION (SPECIFY) (**Recommended**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Enter a brief description of the exposure leading to the determination of a presumptive acute HIV diagnosis, (e.g., “High viral load—980,000 copies/mL,” or “Patient raped in Feb, HIV diagnosis in March”).

8.1.6 DATE OF EVIDENCE (**Recommended**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Record the date associated with the other evidence.
- Enter date in *mm/dd/yyyy* format. If day is unknown, use “..” for the unknown value (e.g., 03/./2017).

8.2 CLINICAL: OPPORTUNISTIC ILLNESSES

8.2.1–8.2.26 (**Optional**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Select all that apply and enter diagnosis dates. Enter date in *mm/dd/yyyy* format; use “..” for unknown values (e.g., 03/./2011).
- For additional information, refer to the most recent case definition for HIV infection (available at <https://ndc.services.cdc.gov/conditions/hiv-infection-aids-has-been-reclassified-as-hiv-stage-iii/>).

8.2.27 RVCT CASE NUMBER (**Optional**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- If this patient has a verified case of tuberculosis (TB), HIV surveillance program staff enter the 9-digit alphanumeric code from the TB case report or TB data management system. Health care providers in the private and public sectors diagnosing tuberculosis in their stage 3 (AIDS) patients may get this number from TB surveillance staff.

9. Laboratory Data

IX. Laboratory Data (record additional tests and tests not specified below in Comments) (record all dates as mm/dd/yyyy)

HIV Immunoassays	
TEST <input type="checkbox"/> HIV-1 IA <input type="checkbox"/> HIV-1/2 IA <input type="checkbox"/> HIV-1/2 Ag/Ab <input type="checkbox"/> HIV-2 IA	
Test Brand Name/Manufacturer _____	Lab Name _____
Facility Name _____	Provider Name _____
Result <input type="checkbox"/> Positive <input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	Collection Date ____/____/____
Testing Option (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Point-of-care test by provider <input type="checkbox"/> Self-test, result directly observed by a provider ² <input type="checkbox"/> Lab test, self-collected sample	

IX. Laboratory Data (record additional tests and tests not specified below in Comments) (record all dates as mm/dd/yyyy) (cont)

TEST <input type="checkbox"/> HIV-1/2 Ag/Ab differentiating immunoassay (differentiates between HIV Ag and HIV Ab)	
Test Brand Name/Manufacturer _____	Lab Name _____
Facility Name _____	Provider Name _____
Result Overall: <input type="checkbox"/> Reactive <input type="checkbox"/> Nonreactive	Collection Date ____/____/____
Analyte results: HIV-1 Ag: <input type="checkbox"/> Reactive <input type="checkbox"/> Nonreactive HIV-1/2 Ab: <input type="checkbox"/> Reactive <input type="checkbox"/> Nonreactive	
Testing Option (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Point-of-care test by provider <input type="checkbox"/> Self-test, result directly observed by a provider ² <input type="checkbox"/> Lab test, self-collected sample	
TEST <input type="checkbox"/> HIV-1/2 Ag/Ab and type-differentiating immunoassay (differentiates among HIV-1 Ag, HIV-1 Ab, and HIV-2 Ab)	
Test Brand Name/Manufacturer _____	Lab Name _____
Facility Name _____	Provider Name _____
Result ³ Overall interpretation: <input type="checkbox"/> Reactive <input type="checkbox"/> Nonreactive <input type="checkbox"/> Index Value _____	Collection Date ____/____/____
Analyte results: HIV-1 Ag: <input type="checkbox"/> Reactive <input type="checkbox"/> Nonreactive <input type="checkbox"/> Not reportable due to high Ab level Index Value _____	
HIV-1 Ab: <input type="checkbox"/> Reactive <input type="checkbox"/> Nonreactive <input type="checkbox"/> Reactive undifferentiated Index Value _____	
HIV-2 Ab: <input type="checkbox"/> Reactive <input type="checkbox"/> Nonreactive <input type="checkbox"/> Reactive undifferentiated Index Value _____	
Testing Option (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Point-of-care test by provider <input type="checkbox"/> Self-test, result directly observed by a provider ² <input type="checkbox"/> Lab test, self-collected sample	
TEST <input type="checkbox"/> HIV-1/2 type-differentiating immunoassay (supplemental) (differentiates between HIV-1 Ab and HIV-2 Ab)	
Test Brand Name/Manufacturer _____	Lab Name _____
Facility Name _____	Provider Name _____
Result ⁴ Overall interpretation: <input type="checkbox"/> HIV positive, untypable <input type="checkbox"/> HIV-1 positive with HIV-2 cross-reactivity <input type="checkbox"/> HIV-2 positive with HIV-1 cross-reactivity	
<input type="checkbox"/> HIV negative <input type="checkbox"/> HIV indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> HIV-1 indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> HIV-2 indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> HIV-1 positive <input type="checkbox"/> HIV-2 positive	
Analyte results: HIV-1 Ab: <input type="checkbox"/> Positive <input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate Collection Date ____/____/____	
HIV-2 Ab: <input type="checkbox"/> Positive <input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	
Testing Option (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Point-of-care test by provider <input type="checkbox"/> Self-test, result directly observed by a provider ² <input type="checkbox"/> Lab test, self-collected sample	
TEST <input type="checkbox"/> HIV-1 WB <input type="checkbox"/> HIV-1 IFA <input type="checkbox"/> HIV-2 WB	
Test Brand Name/Manufacturer _____	Lab Name _____
Facility Name _____	Provider Name _____
Result <input type="checkbox"/> Positive <input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	Collection Date ____/____/____
Testing Option (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Point-of-care test by provider <input type="checkbox"/> Self-test, result directly observed by a provider ² <input type="checkbox"/> Lab test, self-collected sample	
HIV Detection Tests	
TEST <input type="checkbox"/> HIV-1/2 RNA NAAT (Qualitative)	
Test Brand Name/Manufacturer _____	Lab Name _____
Facility Name _____	Provider Name _____
Result <input type="checkbox"/> HIV-1 <input type="checkbox"/> HIV-2 <input type="checkbox"/> Both (HIV-1 and HIV-2) <input type="checkbox"/> HIV, not differentiated (HIV-1 or HIV-2) <input type="checkbox"/> Neither (negative)	Collection Date ____/____/____
Testing Option (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Point-of-care test by provider <input type="checkbox"/> Self-test, result directly observed by a provider ² <input type="checkbox"/> Lab test, self-collected sample	
TEST <input type="checkbox"/> HIV-1 RNA NAAT (Qualitative and Quantitative)	
Test Brand Name/Manufacturer _____	Lab Name _____
Facility Name _____	Provider Name _____
Result Qualitative: <input type="checkbox"/> Reactive <input type="checkbox"/> Nonreactive	Collection Date ____/____/____
Analyte results: HIV-1 Quantitative: <input type="checkbox"/> Detectable above limit <input type="checkbox"/> Detectable within limits <input type="checkbox"/> Detectable below limit	
Copies/mL _____	Log _____
Testing Option (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Point-of-care test by provider <input type="checkbox"/> Self-test, result directly observed by a provider ² <input type="checkbox"/> Lab test, self-collected sample	
TEST <input type="checkbox"/> HIV-1 RNA/DNA NAAT (Qualitative) <input type="checkbox"/> HIV-1 culture <input type="checkbox"/> HIV-2 RNA/DNA NAAT (Qualitative) <input type="checkbox"/> HIV-2 culture	
Test Brand Name/Manufacturer _____	Lab Name _____
Facility Name _____	Provider Name _____
Result <input type="checkbox"/> Positive <input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	Collection Date ____/____/____
Testing Option (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Point-of-care test by provider <input type="checkbox"/> Self-test, result directly observed by a provider ² <input type="checkbox"/> Lab test, self-collected sample	
TEST <input type="checkbox"/> HIV-1 RNA/DNA NAAT (Quantitative) <input type="checkbox"/> HIV-2 RNA/DNA NAAT (Quantitative)	
Test Brand Name/Manufacturer _____	Lab Name _____
Facility Name _____	Provider Name _____
Result <input type="checkbox"/> Detectable above limit <input type="checkbox"/> Detectable within limits <input type="checkbox"/> Detectable below limit <input type="checkbox"/> Not detected	Copies/mL _____
Collection Date ____/____/____	Log _____
Testing Option (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Point-of-care test by provider <input type="checkbox"/> Self-test, result directly observed by a provider ² <input type="checkbox"/> Lab test, self-collected sample	
Drug Resistance Tests (Genotypic)	
TEST <input type="checkbox"/> HIV-1 Genotype (Unspecified)	
Lab Name _____	Test Brand Name/Manufacturer _____
Provider Name _____	Facility Name _____
	Collection Date ____/____/____
Immunologic Tests (CD4 count and percentage)	
CD4 count _____ cells/ μ L	CD4 percentage _____ %
Test Brand Name/Manufacturer _____	Collection Date ____/____/____
Facility Name _____	Lab Name _____
	Provider Name _____
Documentation of Tests	
Did documented laboratory test results meet approved HIV diagnostic algorithm criteria? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
If YES, provide specimen collection date of earliest positive test result for this algorithm ____/____/____	
Complete the above only if none of the following were positive for HIV-1: Western blot, IFA, culture, quantitative NAAT (RNA or DNA), qualitative NAAT (RNA or DNA), HIV-1/2 type-differentiating immunoassay (supplemental test), stand-alone p24 antigen, or nucleotide sequence.	
Is earliest evidence of HIV infection diagnosis documented by a physician rather than by laboratory test results? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
If YES, provide date of diagnosis by physician ____/____/____	
Date of last documented negative HIV test result (before HIV diagnosis date) ____/____/____	
Specify type of test: _____	
Testing Option (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Point-of-care test by provider <input type="checkbox"/> Self-test, result directly observed by a provider ² <input type="checkbox"/> Lab test, self-collected sample	

²Results not directly observed by a provider should be recorded in HIV Testing History.

³Complete the overall interpretation and the analyte results.

⁴Always complete the overall interpretation. Complete the analyte results when available.

- Throughout this section, “Collection Date” refers to the date when the specimen was collected or drawn. Enter collection dates in *mm/dd/yyyy* format; use “.” for unknown values (e.g., 03/./2011).
- Record all laboratory test results. Include results of all diagnostic tests, viral load tests, CD4 tests, and drug resistance tests (genotypic) where possible. Where the number of test results exceeds the number of fields available on the form, record such results in the Comments section. In eHARS, enter the additional test results on the “Lab Data” tab with the applicable test type.
- Include tests with negative or indeterminate results that are part of a diagnostic testing algorithm whose overall interpretation is positive (that the patient is HIV-infected). For information on the current HIV diagnostic testing algorithm, please refer to the 2018 Quick reference guide available at <https://stacks.cdc.gov/view/cdc/50872>.
- In the absence of laboratory tests, record HIV infection or stage 3 (AIDS) diagnostic evidence documented in the chart by a physician.

9.1 HIV IMMUNOASSAYS (IA)

- Assuming active case finding, review patient’s chart and laboratory reports for the earliest date of documented HIV positivity.
- Enter the brand name of the test and/or its manufacturer, laboratory name, facility name and health care provider name. (**Optional**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- Enter results and collection dates for all tests (including negative or indeterminate test results) that are part of a diagnostic testing algorithm whose overall interpretation is positive (that the patient is HIV-infected). (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
 - Enter specimen collection date in *mm/dd/yyyy* format; use “.” for unknown values (e.g., 03/./2011).
- Enter testing option for all tests. (**Optional**, applies to health department & health care providers)
 - Enter “Point-of-care test by provider” if the test was performed by the health care provider either in a health care setting or other testing venue.
 - Enter “Self-test, result directly observed by provider” if the test was performed by the patient but directly observed by a health care provider (including via a telemedicine appointment).
 - Enter “Lab-test, self-collected sample” if the patient collected the sample (blood or oral fluid) and sent it to the laboratory for testing.

9.1.1 HIV-1 IA

- Enter result and collection date of first HIV-1 IA. (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- “Positive IA” means a repeatedly reactive result on a single sample.

9.1.2 HIV-1/2 IA

- Enter result and date of first HIV-1/2 IA. (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- “Positive IA” means a repeatedly reactive result on a single sample.

9.1.3 HIV-1/2 AG/AB

- Enter result and collection date of first HIV-1/2 combination IA test. (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- “Positive IA” means a repeatedly reactive result on a single sample.

9.1.4 HIV-2 IA

- Enter result and collection date of first HIV-2 IA. (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- “Positive IA” means a repeatedly reactive result on a single sample.

9.1.5 HIV-1/2 AG/AB-DIFFERENTIATING IMMUNOASSAY

- Enter collection date of first HIV-1/2 Ag/Ab-Differentiating IA. (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- Enter the Overall interpretation of the test. (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- Record the result for each analyte (HIV-1 Ag and HIV-1/2 Ab). That is, one result should be recorded for HIV-1 Ag, one result for HIV-1/2 Ab result. (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)

9.1.6 HIV-1/2 AG/AB AND TYPE-DIFFERENTIATING IMMUNOASSAY

- Enter collection date of first HIV-1/2 Ag/Ab and Type-Differentiating IA. (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- Enter the Overall interpretation of the test. (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- If provided, enter index value for the overall interpretation. (**Optional**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- Record the result for each analyte (HIV-1 Ag and HIV-1 Ab and HIV-2 Ab). That is, one result should be recorded for HIV-1 Ag, one result for HIV-1 Ab and one result should be recorded for HIV-2 Ab. (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- Enter the index value for each analyte. (**Optional**, applies to health department & health care providers)

9.1.7 HIV-1/2 TYPE-DIFFERENTIATING IMMUNOASSAY (supplemental)

- Enter collection date of first HIV-1/2 Type-Differentiating IA. (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- Enter the overall interpretation of the test. (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- Record the result for each analyte (HIV-1 Ab and HIV-2 Ab). That is, one result should be recorded for HIV-1 Ab and one result should be recorded for HIV-2 Ab. (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)

9.1.8 HIV-1 WESTERN BLOT

- Enter the result and collection date of first HIV-1 western blot. (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- Western blot banding patterns should be interpreted according to the CDC/Association of State and Territorial Public Health Laboratory Directors (ASTPHLD) recommendations in *Interpretation and use of the western blot assay for serodiagnosis of human immunodeficiency virus type 1 infections*. In *MMWR*;38(7):1–7, available at <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/00001431.htm>.

9.1.9 HIV-1 IFA

- Enter the result and collection date of first HIV-1 IFA. (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)

9.1.10 HIV-2 WESTERN BLOT

- Enter the result and collection date of first HIV-2 western blot. (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)

9.2 HIV DETECTION TESTS

- All varieties of such tests establish the presence of the pathogen, HIV. By contrast, HIV tests such as an immunoassay or western blot establish the presence of the immune system's response to the pathogen (i.e., HIV antibodies).
- Assuming active case finding, review patient's chart and laboratory reports for the earliest date of documented HIV positivity.
- Enter the brand name of the test and/or its manufacturer, laboratory name, facility name and health care provider name. (**Optional**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- Enter results and collection dates for all tests (including negative or indeterminate test results) that are part of a diagnostic testing algorithm whose overall interpretation is positive (that the patient is HIV-infected). (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
 - Enter specimen collection date in *mm/dd/yyyy* format; use “.” for unknown values (e.g., 03/./2011).
- Enter testing option for all tests. (**Optional**, applies to health department & health care providers)
 - Enter “Point-of-care test by provider” if the test was performed by the health care provider either in a health care setting or other testing venue.
 - Enter “Self-test, result directly observed by provider” if the test was performed by the patient but directly observed by a health care provider (including via a telemedicine appointment).
 - Enter “Lab-test, self-collected sample” if the patient collected the sample (blood or oral fluid) and sent it to the laboratory for testing.

9.2.1 HIV-1/2 RNA NAAT (QUALITATIVE)

- Enter result and collection date of earliest nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT). (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)

9.2.2 HIV-1 RNA NAAT (QUALITATIVE and QUANTITATIVE)

- Enter the collection date of earliest NAAT. (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- Enter the qualitative result of the test. (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- For all reactive qualitative results, record the result for the analyte (quantitative result). (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
 - Where results are reported as “Detected” above the limit of quantification (LOQ), select “Detectable above limit” and the result value in the copies/mL field. For example, a result of “>10,000,000 cp/mL detected” should be entered in the copies/mL field as “greater than detectable by this assay - 10,000,000 cp/mL.”
 - Where results are reported as “Detected,” select “Detectable within limits” and the result value in the copies/mL field.
 - Where results are reported as “Detected” below the LOQ, select “Detectable below limit” and the result value in the copies/mL field. For example, a result of “<20 cp/mL detected” should be entered in the copies/mL field as “fewer than detectable by this assay - 20 cp/mL.”

9.2.3 HIV-1 RNA/DNA NAAT (QUALITATIVE)

- Enter result and collection date of earliest NAAT. (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)

9.2.4 HIV-1 Culture

- Enter result and collection date of earliest culture result. (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)

9.2.5 HIV-2 RNA/DNA NAAT (QUALITATIVE)

- Enter result and collection date of earliest NAAT. (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)

9.2.6 HIV-2 Culture

- Enter result and collection date of earliest culture result. (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)

9.2.7 HIV-1 RNA/DNA NAAT (QUANTITATIVE)

- Enter date of earliest NAAT. (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- Enter the result of the test. (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
 - Where results are reported as “Detected” above the limit of quantification (LOQ), select “Detectable above limit” and the result value in the copies/mL field. For example, a result of “>10,000,000 cp/mL detected” should be entered in the copies/mL field as “greater than detectable by this assay - 10,000,000 cp/mL.”
 - Where results are reported as “Detected,” select “Detectable within limits” and the result value in the copies/mL field.
 - Where results are reported as “Detected” below the LOQ, select “Detectable below limit” and the result value in the copies/mL field. For example, a result of “<20 cp/mL detected” should be entered in the copies/mL field as “fewer than detectable by this assay - 20 cp/mL.”
 - Where results are reported as “Not detected,” select “Not detected.”

9.2.8 HIV-2 RNA/DNA NAAT (QUANTITATIVE)

- Enter date of earliest NAAT. (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- Enter the result of the test. (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
 - Where results are reported as “Detected” above the limit of quantification (LOQ), select “Detectable above limit” and the result value in the copies/mL field. For example, a result of “>10,000,000 cp/mL detected” should be entered in the copies/mL field as “greater than detectable by this assay - 10,000,000 cp/mL.”
 - Where results are reported as “Detected,” select “Detectable within limits” and the result value in the copies/mL field.
 - Where results are reported as “Detected” below the LOQ, select “Detectable below limit” and the result value in the copies/mL field. For example, a result of “<20 cp/mL detected” should be entered in the copies/mL field as “fewer than detectable by this assay - 20 cp/mL.”
 - Where results are reported as “Not detected,” select “Not detected.”

9.3 DRUG RESISTANCE TESTS (GENOTYPIC)

- This section should be completed if there is evidence of a drug resistance test (genotypic), regardless of the type of drug resistance test, in the patient's medical or other record.
- Enter the brand name of the test and/or its manufacturer, laboratory name, facility name and health care provider name. (**Optional**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- Enter the collection date of the earliest test. (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- When entering this information in eHARS, you should use the "Lab Data" tab and choose "HIV-1 Genotype (Unspecified)" as the test type. You will not be able to enter a genotype sequence since this test type only captures evidence of a drug resistance test (genotypic). If a corresponding genotype sequence is subsequently received, you should import this information as a separate laboratory document by using the test type that reflects the type of drug resistance test that was conducted (e.g., HIV-1 Genotype [PR/RT RNA Nucleotide Sequence-Sanger method]).

9.4 IMMUNOLOGIC TESTS (CD4 COUNT AND PERCENTAGE)

- Enter the results of *all* HIV-related CD4 tests that are available from the source where information is being collected to complete the form. At minimum, the first CD4 results closest to the date of initial HIV infection diagnosis should be reported and the first CD4 results indicative of stage 3 (AIDS) should be reported if available.
- Enter the brand name of the test and/or its manufacturer, laboratory name, facility name and health care provider name. (**Optional**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- Whenever CD4 count and percentage are both available for the same specimen collection date, record both.
- Enter specimen collection date in *mm/dd/yyyy* format; use ".." for unknown values (e.g., 03/./2011). (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)

9.4.1 CD4 COUNT

- Enter result and specimen collection date of all CD4 counts. (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)

9.4.2 CD4 PERCENTAGE

- Record result and specimen collection date of all CD4 percentages. (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)

9.5 DOCUMENTATION OF TESTS

9.5.1 DID DOCUMENTED LABORATORY TEST RESULTS MEET APPROVED HIV DIAGNOSTIC ALGORITHM CRITERIA? (**Required** if applicable, applies to health department & health care providers)

- This section captures diagnoses through novel algorithms and should only be completed if none of the following were positive for **HIV-1**: western blot, IFA, culture, quantitative NAAT (RNA or DNA), qualitative NAAT (RNA or DNA), HIV-1/2 type-differentiating immunoassay (supplemental test), stand-alone p24 antigen test, or nucleotide sequence.
- HIV-1 antigen analyte results from combination antigen/antibody tests in which the antigen result can be differentiated from the antibody result, such as an "HIV-1/2 Ag/Ab differentiating immunoassay" or an "HIV-1/2 Ag/Ab and type-differentiating

immunoassay,” are *not* considered stand-alone p24 antigen tests. Refer to sections [9.1.5](#) and [9.1.6](#) for more information regarding combination Ag/Ab IA.

- “Yes” indicates that the test results were determined to be part of a diagnostic testing algorithm that satisfies the HIV surveillance case definition for HIV-1 or HIV-2 (refer to the most recent case definition for HIV infection available at <https://ndc.services.cdc.gov/conditions/hiv-infection-aids-has-been-reclassified-as-hiv-stage-iii/>), regardless of whether the tests were approved for other purposes such as laboratory-based HIV testing or point-of-care HIV screening.
 - If “Yes,” enter date of earliest positive test result for this algorithm in *mm/dd/yyyy* format; use “.” for unknown values (e.g., 03/./2011). (**Required** if applicable, applies to health department & health care providers).
- “No” indicates that the test results were determined to *not* be a part of a diagnostic testing algorithm that satisfies the HIV surveillance case definition for HIV-1 or HIV-2.
- “Unknown” indicates that you are unable to determine whether the test results were part of a diagnostic testing algorithm that satisfies the HIV surveillance case definition for HIV-1 or HIV-2.
- Values of “No” and “Unknown” should generally not be selected. This form is intended to be used to ascertain that 2 tests *are* part of an algorithm that meet the HIV surveillance case definition. Carefully review all “No” and “Unknown” responses before entering in eHARS.

9.5.2 IS EARLIEST EVIDENCE OF HIV INFECTION DIAGNOSIS DOCUMENTED BY A PHYSICIAN RATHER THAN BY LABORATORY TEST RESULTS? (Required** if applicable, applies to health department & health care providers)**

- If laboratory evidence of an HIV test is unavailable or was insufficient to meet surveillance case definition in the patient’s medical or other record and written documentation of laboratory evidence of HIV infection consistent with the HIV case definition is noted by the physician, enter “Yes”; otherwise enter “No” or “Unknown.”
- IF “YES” TO 9.5.2, PROVIDE DATE OF DIAGNOSIS BY PHYSICIAN (**Required** in the absence of laboratory results, applies to health department & health care providers)
- Date of diagnosis is defined as the date (at least the year) of diagnosis reported in the content of the medical record. If the diagnosis date was not reported in the note, the date when the note was written can be used as a proxy. For example, if a health care provider writes a note in a medical chart on 4/10/2010 stating the patient had received a diagnosis of HIV infection on 2/11/2010, then 2/11/2010 should be recorded as the date of diagnosis by the physician.

9.5.3 DATE OF LAST DOCUMENTED NEGATIVE HIV TEST RESULT (SPECIFY TYPE) (Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)**

- This represents the last documented date when the patient was considered not to be HIV infected, as documented by laboratory or medical record evidence accompanied by test type information.
- Patient self-report of last negative test result is not considered “documented” and thus should not be entered in this field but rather in the HIV Testing History section (see sections [12.6](#) and [12.7](#) below).

- Enter the specimen collection date for the date of the last negative HIV test result in *mm/dd/yyyy* format; use “.” for unknown values (e.g., 03/./2011). (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- Enter the type of test that yielded the last negative HIV test result. (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- Include the last negative HIV laboratory test result before the patient was known to be infected. Do not include in this field a negative test result as part of a sequence of tests in an algorithm that has a final interpretation indicating that the patient was infected with HIV. Negative test results that are part of a sequence of HIV tests in an algorithm should be recorded in the appropriate laboratory test fields above.
- If it is unclear how to interpret a negative test result that is part of a testing algorithm, it may be necessary to contact the health care provider ordering the tests.
- Do not include an undetectable viral load result, unless there is evidence that the patient was **not** receiving antiretroviral therapy at the time the viral load specimen was obtained. A viral load result alone is not considered sufficient evidence of the absence of HIV infection (e.g., the patient may have been receiving antiretroviral therapy when the specimen was obtained or may naturally have a suppressed viral load without antiretroviral therapy).
- Do not include tests with indeterminate, inconclusive, or unknown results in this field. Any indeterminate HIV test results that are part of a diagnostic testing algorithm should be recorded in the appropriate laboratory test fields above.

10. Treatment/Services Referrals

X. Treatment/Services Referrals (record all dates as mm/dd/yyyy)

Has this patient been informed of his/her HIV infection? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		This patient's partners will be notified about their HIV exposure and counseled by <input type="checkbox"/> 1-Health dept <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Physician/Provider <input type="checkbox"/> 3-Patient <input type="checkbox"/> 9-Unknown	
Evidence of receipt of HIV medical care other than laboratory test result (select one; record additional evidence in Comments) <input type="checkbox"/> 1-Yes, documented <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Yes, client self-report, only Date of medical visit or prescription ____/____/____			
For Female Patient			
This patient is receiving or has been referred for gynecological or obstetrical services <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		Is this patient currently pregnant? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
		Has this patient delivered live-born infants? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
For Children of Patient (record most recent birth in these boxes; record additional or multiple births in Comments)			
*Child's Name		Child's Date of Birth ____/____/____	
Child's Last Name Soundex		Child's State Number	
Facility Name of Birth (if child was born at home, enter "home birth")		*Phone ()	
Facility Type <u>Inpatient:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify _____		<u>Outpatient:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify _____	
		<u>Other Facility:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency room <input type="checkbox"/> Corrections <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify _____	
*Street Address		*ZIP Code	
City		State/Country	

- Treatment/services referrals information is not transmitted to CDC if marked with an * on the form.

10.1 HAS THIS PATIENT BEEN INFORMED OF HIS/HER HIV INFECTION (**Optional**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Select applicable response.
- If notification is not documented, select “Unknown” unless the person completing the form knows with certainty that the patient is aware of the infection.

10.2 THIS PATIENT’S PARTNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED ABOUT THEIR HIV EXPOSURE AND COUNSELED BY (**Optional**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Select applicable response.

10.3 EVIDENCE OF RECEIPT OF HIV MEDICAL CARE OTHER THAN LABORATORY TEST RESULT (**Optional**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Select applicable response.
- Additional evidence may be recorded in the Comments section. In eHARS, enter on the “Comments” tab.

10.4 DATE OF MEDICAL VISIT OR PRESCRIPTION

- Enter date in *mm/dd/yyyy* format. If day is unknown, use “.” for the unknown value (e.g., 03/./2017).

10.5 FOR FEMALE PATIENT

- Complete if the patient’s sex assigned at birth is female.

10.5.1 THIS PATIENT IS RECEIVING OR HAS BEEN REFERRED FOR GYNECOLOGICAL OR OBSTETRICAL SERVICES (**Optional**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Select applicable response.

10.5.2 IS THIS PATIENT CURRENTLY PREGNANT (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Response is dependent on which date was selected for populating the field 3.9 (DATE FORM COMPLETED). If patient was pregnant on that date, select “Yes.”

10.5.3 HAS THIS PATIENT DELIVERED LIVE-BORN INFANTS (**Optional**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Select applicable response.
- If “Yes,” provide birth information for the most recent birth as described at 10.6 below.

10.6 FOR CHILDREN OF PATIENT

- Record information related to the most recent birth in this section. Record additional or multiple births in the Comments section. In eHARS, enter the additional births on the “Treatment” tab.

10.6.1 CHILD’S NAME (**Recommended**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Enter child’s first name, middle name, and last name.

10.6.2 CHILD’S DATE OF BIRTH (**Recommended**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Enter child’s date of birth in *mm/dd/yyyy* format; use “.” for unknown values (e.g., 03/./2011).

10.6.3 CHILD’S LAST NAME SOUNDEX (**System generated**)

- After the child’s name is entered in eHARS, the software automatically generates this variable by using the child’s last name. After the code is generated, HIV surveillance program staff should fill this field on the form.
- This variable is a phonetic, alphanumeric code calculated by converting a surname to an index letter and a 3-digit code. The index letter is the first letter of the surname. The *eHARS Technical Reference Guide* describes exactly how the Last Name Soundex is

created (available at <https://cdcpartners.sharepoint.com/sites/NCHHSTP/HSB/default.aspx>).

10.6.4 CHILD’S STATE NUMBER (**Recommended**, applies to health department)

- Enter the assigned state number, if applicable. This number is typically assigned by the HIV surveillance program if the child is known to have received a diagnosis of HIV infection. Some HIV surveillance programs also assign numbers for children classified as “Perinatally HIV Exposed” or “Seroreverter.”
- If a child was a pediatric “Seroreverter” and was later infected with HIV, the child must be given 2 different state numbers: one associated with the “Seroreverter” and another associated with the HIV infection diagnosis. Refer to Appendix 4.1.4 in Technical Guidance file *Pediatric HIV Confidential Case Report Form* for the definition of a pediatric “Seroreverter.” Enter the child’s state number associated with the “Seroreverter” on the case report form.
- Assigned numbers **must not** be reused, even if the case is later deleted.
- This variable is used, along with the state of report, to uniquely identify cases reported to CDC and to merge the state datasets without duplication.

10.6.5 FACILITY NAME OF BIRTH (**Optional**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Enter the name of the facility where the child was born.
- If the child was born at home, enter “home birth.”

10.6.6 PHONE (**Optional**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Enter area code and telephone number of the facility of birth.

10.6.7 FACILITY TYPE (**Optional**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Select the type of facility of birth.
- Refer to the *eHARS Technical Reference Guide* for listing of facility types (available at <https://cdcpartners.sharepoint.com/sites/NCHHSTP/HSB/default.aspx>).

10.6.8 STREET ADDRESS (**Optional**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Enter street address of the facility of birth.

10.6.9 ZIP CODE (**Optional**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Enter ZIP code where the facility of birth is located.

10.6.10 CITY (**Optional**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Enter city of the facility of birth.

10.6.11 COUNTY (**Optional**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Enter county of the facility of birth.

10.6.12 STATE/COUNTRY (**Optional**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Enter state and country name of the facility of birth.

11. Antiretroviral Use History

XI. Antiretroviral Use History (record all dates as mm/dd/yyyy)

Main source of antiretroviral (ARV) use information (select one)		Date patient reported information
<input type="checkbox"/> Patient interview <input type="checkbox"/> Medical record review <input type="checkbox"/> Provider report <input type="checkbox"/> NHM&E <input type="checkbox"/> Other		___/___/___
Ever taken any ARVs? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		
If yes, reason for ARV use (select all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> HIV Tx	ARV medications _____	Date began ___/___/___ Date of last use ___/___/___
<input type="checkbox"/> PrEP	ARV medications _____	Date began ___/___/___ Date of last use ___/___/___
<input type="checkbox"/> PEP	ARV medications _____	Date began ___/___/___ Date of last use ___/___/___
<input type="checkbox"/> PMTCT	ARV medications _____	Date began ___/___/___ Date of last use ___/___/___
<input type="checkbox"/> HBV Tx	ARV medications _____	Date began ___/___/___ Date of last use ___/___/___
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify reason) _____		
	ARV medications _____	Date began ___/___/___ Date of last use ___/___/___

- ARV use history data are used to assess the prevalence of acquired and transmitted HIV drug resistance.
- Unlike other sections on the ACRF, patient self-reported information is accepted for all answers.

11.1 Main SOURCE OF ANTIRETROVIRAL (ARV) USE INFORMATION (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Check only one source (the main source from which the information in this section was obtained).
 - “*Patient Interview*” should be selected only if the patient was directly asked a series of questions from this or another structured form. Interviewer should have been trained on the proper collection of ARV use history data.
 - “*Medical Record Review*” indicates that this information was obtained through abstraction of medical charts, electronic medical records, or databases.
 - “*Provider Report*” indicates this form was filled out by a health care provider.
 - “*NHM&E*” indicates that data were abstracted from the National HIV Monitoring and Evaluation (NHM&E) project forms or databases.
 - “*Other*” indicates that information came from a source other than those listed above.

11.2 DATE PATIENT REPORTED INFORMATION (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- The appropriate date to enter depends on the MAIN SOURCE OF ARV USE INFORMATION. Enter date in *mm/dd/yyyy* format; use “..” for unknown values (e.g., 03../2011).
- If there was a structured patient interview, enter the date of interview.
- For a medical record review, enter the date of the most recent patient encounter that contributed to the ARV use information collected. If there was no patient encounter, then enter the date the medical record was reviewed. If the ACRF was completed by a health care provider, enter the date of the most recent patient encounter during which the ARV use information was obtained from the patient. If the health care provider information was obtained from another data source, enter the date of receipt of the information. If these dates are not available, enter the date the ACRF was completed.
- For information obtained through NHM&E, use the date entered on the HIV testing form.
- If there are no data available from the above sources, enter the date the ACRF was completed.

- 11.3 EVER TAKEN ANY ARVS (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- This variable indicates whether the patient has ever taken any antiretroviral medication. “Yes” indicates there is evidence that the patient has taken ARV drugs, including self-report.
 - If “Yes,” it is important to enter the dates when use began and, if appropriate, ended. Enter date in *mm/dd/yyyy* format; use “.” for unknown values (e.g., 03../2011).
 - “No” indicates there is evidence that the patient has never taken ARV drugs.
 - “Unknown” should be used when the person completing the form does not know whether the patient has ever taken ARV drugs, after searching for the information or asking the patient.
 - Leave the field blank if there was no attempt to find the information.
- 11.4 IF YES, REASON FOR ARV USE (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- Select all that apply.
 - “HIV Tx” indicates that the patient used ARV drugs to treat HIV infection.
 - “PrEP” indicates that the patient used ARV drugs prior to HIV diagnosis for HIV preexposure prophylaxis (PrEP). If “PrEP” is selected, please refer to the updated clinical practice guideline for PrEP at <https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/risk/prep/cdc-hiv-prep-guidelines-2021.pdf>. For surveillance activities, additional follow up with health care providers may be required for certain test results for final determination of HIV status.
 - “PEP” indicates that the patient used ARV drugs as postexposure prophylaxis (PEP).
 - “PMTCT” indicates that the patient used ARV drugs to prevent HIV birthing person-to-child-transmission during pregnancy.
 - “HBV Tx” indicates that the patient used ARV drugs to treat hepatitis B virus infection.
 - “Other” indicates that the patients used ARV drugs for a reason other than those indicated above.
- 11.5 ARV MEDICATIONS (**Recommended**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- For each ARV use reason indicated in 11.4, list the medications taken.
 - This variable is used to verify that the medication taken was actually an antiretroviral drug.
 - It is not necessary to list every drug combination that may have been used; record at least one ARV drug. Enter “unspecified” if an ARV drug was taken but the name is not known.
- 11.6 DATE BEGAN (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- For each ARV use reason indicated in 11.4, enter the earliest date that the patient took the ARV drugs, even if ARV use was sporadic.
 - If the first time ARV drugs were taken occurred after HIV diagnosis, it is very important to enter a date, even an estimated date, later than the date of HIV diagnosis.
 - Enter date in *mm/dd/yyyy* format; use “.” for unknown values (e.g., 03../2011).
- 11.7 DATE OF LAST USE (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)
- For each ARV use reason indicated in 11.4, enter the most recent date of ARV use.
 - For patients currently on ARV drugs, record the date of the most recent prescription or known usage. If the information was collected during a patient interview, the date would be the interview date. If the information was collected as part of a medical record review, record the date of the most recent prescription or date of the most recent physician’s note.
 - Enter date in *mm/dd/yyyy* format; use “.” for unknown values (e.g., 03../2011).

12. HIV Testing History

XII. HIV Testing History (record all dates as mm/dd/yyyy)

Main source of testing history information (select one)		Date patient reported information
<input type="checkbox"/> Patient interview <input type="checkbox"/> Medical record review <input type="checkbox"/> Provider report <input type="checkbox"/> NHM&E <input type="checkbox"/> Other		___/___/___
Ever had previous positive HIV test result? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		Date of first positive HIV test result ___/___/___
Was the first positive test result from a self-test performed by the patient? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		
Ever had a negative HIV test result? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		Date of last negative HIV test result (if date is from a lab test with test type, enter in Lab Data section) ___/___/___
Was the last negative test result from a self-test performed by the patient? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		
Number of negative HIV test results within the 24 months before the first positive test result ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		
How many of these negative test results were from self-tests performed by the patient? ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		

- Unlike other sections on the ACRF, patient self-reported information is accepted for all answers.

12.1 MAIN SOURCE OF TESTING HISTORY INFORMATION (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Check only one source (the main source from which the information in this section was obtained).
 - “*Patient Interview*” should be selected only if the patient was directly asked a series of questions from this or another structured form. Interviewer should have been trained on the proper collection of testing history data.
 - “*Medical Record Review*” indicates that this information was obtained through abstraction of medical charts, electronic medical records, or databases. Information may also have come from a database of HIV test results or pharmacy records.
 - “*Provider Report*” indicates this form was filled out by a health care provider.
 - “*NHM&E*” indicates that data were abstracted from the National HIV Monitoring and Evaluation (NHM&E) project forms or databases.
 - “*Other*” indicates that information came from a source other than those listed above.

12.2 DATE PATIENT REPORTED INFORMATION (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- The appropriate date to enter depends on the MAIN SOURCE OF TESTING HISTORY INFORMATION. Enter date in *mm/dd/yyyy* format; use “..” for unknown values (e.g., 03../2011).
- For a medical record review, enter the date of the last patient encounter that contributed to the testing history information collected. If only a laboratory report was accessed, enter the date of receipt of the laboratory results. If there was no patient encounter or laboratory test receipt date, then enter the date the medical record review was performed.
- If there was a structured patient interview, enter the date of the interview.
- If the ACRF was completed by a health care provider, enter the date of the last patient encounter when the most recent testing history information was obtained from the patient. If health care provider’s information only came from another data source, such as a laboratory report, enter the date of receipt of the information. If there are no such dates, enter the date the ACRF was completed.
- For information obtained through NHM&E, use the date entered on the HIV Test Form.
- If there are no data available from the above sources, enter the date the ACRF was completed.

12.3 EVER HAD PREVIOUS POSITIVE HIV TEST RESULT (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- The purpose of this variable is to ascertain whether a positive HIV test result occurred earlier than the current HIV diagnosis date but was not reported to the HIV surveillance program. For example, a patient could have received a diagnosis of HIV infection in another state/country or tested anonymously.
- Self-reported information is acceptable.
- “Yes” indicates sufficient evidence that there was a previous positive HIV test result.
- “No” indicates sufficient evidence that there was no previous positive HIV test result.
- “Unknown” indicates that there is lack of evidence about previous HIV test results. Select “Unknown” if the patient refused to answer the question, if the facility refused to permit medical record review, or if the patient, chart reviewer, or health care provider had no knowledge of whether there was a previous positive HIV test result after searching for the information or asking the patient.
- The field should be left blank if the medical record was not searched or the question was not asked.
- Do not include indeterminate HIV test results, false positive test results, and tests with inconclusive or unknown results.

12.4 DATE OF FIRST POSITIVE HIV TEST RESULT (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- “Yes” indicates that there was a known previous positive HIV test result. Record the date of the earliest known positive HIV test result, including patient self-reported dates and anonymous tests. It is acceptable to enter an estimated or incomplete date, as long as it contains a year. Enter date in *mm/dd/yyyy* format; use “.” for unknown values (e.g., 03../2011).
- “No” indicates there were no known previous positive HIV test results. Enter the date of the current positive HIV test result (i.e., the collection date of the current diagnostic HIV test).
- If you do not know the date of HIV diagnosis, enter the earliest known positive HIV test result.
- Do not include indeterminate HIV test results, false positive test results, and tests with inconclusive or unknown results.

12.5 WAS THE FIRST POSITIVE TEST RESULT FROM A SELF-TEST PERFORMED BY THE PATIENT (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- “Yes” indicates the first positive test result was from a self-test performed by the patient.
- “No” indicates the first positive test result was not from a self-test performed by the patient.
- “Unknown” indicates that there is a lack of evidence about the test result. Select “Unknown” if the patient refused to answer the question, if the facility refused to permit medical record review, or if the patient, chart reviewer, or health care provider had no knowledge of whether the first positive HIV test result was from a self-test after searching for the information or asking the patient. Leave the field blank if there was no attempt to find the information.

12.6 EVER HAD A NEGATIVE HIV TEST RESULT (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- This variable ascertains whether the patient ever had a negative HIV test result at any time in the past that indicated the patient was not HIV infected. The mere absence of information

about previous tests in a medical record should not be recorded as “No,” since tests can occur in other venues. Do not include a negative test result as part of a sequence of tests in an algorithm that has a final interpretation indicating that the patient was infected with HIV.

- Self-reported information is acceptable for this data field.
- “Yes” indicates there is knowledge of a previous negative HIV test result, either self-reported or confirmed by a laboratory report.
- “No” indicates there is evidence that the patient never had a negative HIV test result (e.g., patient states they have never been tested before). Do not enter “No” if there is simply no evidence either way about a previous HIV test result.
- “Unknown” indicates there is insufficient evidence supporting or denying the occurrence of a negative HIV test result, after searching for the information or asking the patient. Leave the field blank if there was no attempt to find the information.
- Do not include an undetectable viral load result, as this result alone is not considered sufficient evidence of the absence of HIV infection (e.g., the patient may have been receiving antiretroviral therapy when the specimen was obtained or may naturally have a suppressed viral load without antiretroviral therapy).
- Do not include tests with indeterminate, inconclusive, or unknown results.

12.7 DATE OF LAST NEGATIVE HIV TEST RESULT (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- This variable represents the last date when the patient was considered not to be HIV infected, based on self-reported information, or by physician or testing site reports that do not have documented laboratory test result and type information.
- Negative HIV test result dates documented by a laboratory report or medical record accompanied by test type information should be entered in the Laboratory Data section (9.6.3) and not here. Incomplete dates are acceptable if the year is included. Enter date in *mm/dd/yyyy* format; use “..” for unknown values (e.g., 03../2011).
- Do not include a negative test result as part of a sequence of tests in an algorithm that has a final interpretation indicating that the patient was infected with HIV.
- Do not include an undetectable viral load result, as this result alone is not considered sufficient evidence of the absence of HIV infection (e.g., the patient may have been receiving antiretroviral therapy when the specimen was obtained or may naturally have a suppressed viral load without antiretroviral therapy).
- Do not include tests with indeterminate, inconclusive, or unknown results.

12.8 WAS THE LAST NEGATIVE TEST RESULT FROM A SELF-TEST PERFORMED BY THE PATIENT (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- “Yes” indicates the last negative test result was from a self-test performed by the patient.
- “No” indicates the last negative test result was not from a self-test performed by the patient.
- “Unknown” indicates that there is a lack of evidence about the test result. Select “Unknown” if the patient refused to answer the question, if the facility refused to permit medical record review, or if the patient, chart reviewer, or health care provider had no knowledge of whether the last negative test result was from a self-test after searching for the information or asking the patient. Leave the field blank if there was no attempt to find the information.

12.9 NUMBER OF NEGATIVE HIV TEST RESULTS WITHIN 24 MONTHS BEFORE FIRST POSITIVE TEST RESULT (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Count the number of negative HIV test results in the 24 months before the first positive HIV test.
- Enter “0” if it is known that the patient has never been tested for HIV before or never had a negative test result. Do not enter “0” if there is simply no evidence about a previous HIV test result.
- “Unknown” indicates there is evidence that the patient refused to answer the question, the facility refused to permit medical record review, the patient does not remember whether they had a negative test result, or the health care provider or abstractor has no evidence about whether there was a previous test result. Leave the field blank if there was no attempt to find the information.
- Do not include a negative test result as part of a sequence of tests in an algorithm that has a final interpretation indicating that the patient was infected with HIV.
- Do not include an undetectable viral load result, as this result alone is not considered sufficient evidence of the absence of HIV infection (e.g., the patient may have been receiving antiretroviral therapy when the specimen was obtained or may naturally have a suppressed viral load without antiretroviral therapy).
- Do not include tests with indeterminate, inconclusive, or unknown results.

12.10 HOW MANY OF THESE NEGATIVE TEST RESULTS WERE FROM SELF-TESTS PERFORMED BY THE PATIENT? (**Required**, applies to health department & health care providers)

- Of the total number of negative HIV test results within 24 months before first positive test result from 12.9, enter the number of tests that were self-tests performed by the patient.
- Enter “0” if it is known that the patient has never had a self-test with a negative test result. Do not enter “0” if there is simply no evidence about a previous self-test with a negative test result.
- “Unknown” indicates there is evidence that the patient refused to answer the question, the facility refused to permit medical record review, the patient does not remember whether they had a negative test result, or the health care provider or abstractor has no evidence about whether there was a previous test result. Leave the field blank if there was no attempt to find the information.

13. Comments (Optional, applies to health department & health care providers)

XIII. Comments

- This section can be used for information not requested on the form or for information requested but where there might not be room in the space provided.
- As appropriate, information collected in this section can be entered in existing fields on the ACRF of eHARS.
- Information entered in the “Comments” tab on the ACRF of eHARS will not be transmitted to CDC.

14. Local/Optional Fields (Optional, applies to health department)

XIV. *Local/Optional Fields

- This section is for collection of data that are not on the form at the state, local, and territorial level.
- This information is not sent to CDC.

Appendix

Adult HIV Confidential Case Report (CDC 50.42A)

Instructions for Completion

5. Residence at Diagnosis

- Residence may be identical to that listed above in Patient Identification, unless otherwise noted in the chart.
- For HIV, stage 0, 1, 2, and unknown case reports, enter residence at the date of HIV infection diagnosis. The date of diagnosis of HIV infection is the earliest date on which the surveillance case definition for HIV infection, any stage, was satisfied in accordance with laboratory and clinical criteria (see the revised surveillance case definition for HIV infection, available at <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/rr/rr6303.pdf>).
- If a test result is not available, enter patient's residence at the date of *physician diagnosis* of HIV infection.
- For HIV, stage 3 (AIDS) case reports, enter patient's residence at the date of the first stage 3 (AIDS) diagnosis based on the applicable case definition.

Residence assignment can be problematic for patients who:

- Have multiple residences
 - Are on vacation
 - Reside at a school
 - Are foster children
 - Are members of the armed forces
 - Are institutionalized in correctional or other types of facilities
 - Are foreign to the United States
 - Are US citizens diagnosed abroad
- For further guidance about residency assignment, see Technical Guidance file *Date and Place of Residence*.

6. Facility of Diagnosis

- For a facility offering only telemedicine services, the address for the facility should reflect the address where the facility providing telemedicine services is located. The facility type should be Outpatient/Other, specify with "telemedicine" being the value specified. For information about assigning facility types in eHARS, including for facilities offering only telemedicine services, see Technical Guidance file *Data Management Appendix B*.

6.2 FACILITY NAME

- For HIV, stage 0, 1, 2, and unknown case reports, enter the name of the facility associated with the date of HIV infection diagnosis. The date of diagnosis of HIV infection is the earliest date on which the surveillance case definition for HIV infection, any stage, was satisfied in

accordance with laboratory and clinical criteria (see the revised surveillance case definition for HIV infection, available at <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/rr/rr6303.pdf>).

- If test results are not in the medical record, enter the name of the facility where the patient's HIV infection was diagnosed and documented by the health care provider.
- For HIV, stage 3 (AIDS) case reports, enter the name of the facility associated with the date of the first stage 3 (AIDS) diagnosis based on the applicable case definition.
- Enter facility uniformly to prevent the occurrence of multiple names for a given facility.

7. Patient History

- This information is often found in a discharge summary, history and physical, social service notes, HIV testing notes, and STD diagnosis notes.
- Where not explicitly annotated, contact patient's health care provider about risk factor information.
- See Technical Guidance file *Risk Factor Ascertainment* for further guidance on risk factor data collection.
- This information can be difficult to find, particularly if the patient has not been interviewed. States should have risk factor ascertainment procedures tailored to their jurisdictions.

8. Clinical: Acute HIV Infection and Opportunistic Illnesses

8.1 CLINICAL: ACUTE HIV INFECTION

8.1.2 CLINICAL SIGNS/SYMPTOMS CONSISTENT WITH ACUTE RETROVIRAL SYNDROME

- Acute HIV infection may be suspected in persons with signs and symptoms of acute retroviral syndrome (ARS) at or just before diagnosis and within 6 weeks after a possible exposure to HIV. Signs and symptoms of acute HIV infection may include but are not limited to 1 or more of the following from the list below; typically, ARS may be suspected if fever and 1 or more signs/symptoms are present, or in the absence of fever, 2 or more signs/symptoms, and differential diagnosis rules out other illness such as Epstein-Barr virus (EBV) and non-EBV infectious mononucleosis syndromes, influenza, viral hepatitis, streptococcal infection, or syphilis (refer to *Guidelines for the Use of Antiretroviral Agents in Adults and Adolescents with HIV*, available at <https://clinicalinfo.hiv.gov/en/guidelines/hiv-clinical-guidelines-adult-and-adolescent-arv/early-acute-and-recent-hiv-infection>). However, ARS may also be clinically determined in atypical circumstances by a single sign or symptom, and include other signs or symptoms not listed below, such as opportunistic illness or unusual clinical manifestations (see "Frequency and spectrum of unexpected clinical manifestations of primary HIV-1 infection," available at <https://www.zora.uzh.ch/id/eprint/116183/>).
- Signs/symptoms:
 - Clinical manifestation
 - Fever
 - Malaise/fatigue
 - Pharyngitis
 - Rash
 - Lymphadenopathy
 - Weight loss
 - Headache

- Diarrhea
- Night sweats
- Myalgia
- Nausea
- Arthralgia
- Cough
- Vomiting
- Oral ulcers
- Neurological symptoms
- Genital ulcers
- Elevated liver enzymes
- Thrombocytopenia