





Mercy Care Services

HIV Screening and Adolescents:

Lessons Learned and Questions Raised while Integrating Routine HIV Screening Natasha Ray, MHA & Jacquel Clemons, MPH

Our Programs

Southside Medical Center

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



Our Programs

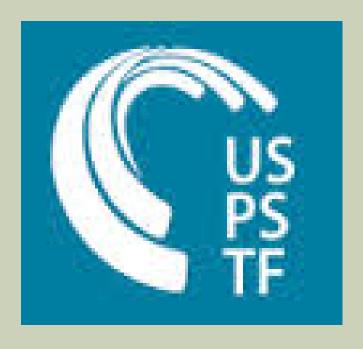
Saint Joseph Mercy Care

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



Routine Screening





Implementation

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







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

Goals of Routine
Screening
Initiative

2013 Outcomes & Findings

SJMCS

Offer rate: 47%

o Test rate: 72%

- × 5433 screened
 - o 38 newly diagnosed
 - 42 previously known diagnosed
- **× 1.47% Total Sero- positivity**
- .7%Sero-positivity for newly infected

SMC

- Offer rate 100%
- Acceptance rate 35- 40%
 - o 9,326 tested
 - 47 newly diagnosed
 - 13 previously known diagnosed

.64% Total Sero-positivity .5% Sero-positivity for newly infected



Challenges

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

Implications of Routine Screening for Adolescents in Georgia

Affordable Care Act

• Increase Access to screening (funding requirement in 2014)

Late Linkage

Missed Opportunities

Cases



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

MSM, black male

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

Heterosexual

Black female

Age 14, pregnant

Established patient

Collaborated with health department to facilitate linkage to care

VL @ diagnosis: 600,000

CD4 @ diagnosis: 313



Lessons Learned & Questions Raised

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

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Opportunity

Thank you.

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