ROUTINE HIV TESTING, IT'S THE LAW!

MYTHS VS. FACTS

Myth: Routine HIV testing in healthcare settings is just a recommendation.

Fact: Under CT Law, routine HIV testing must be offered in both primary care and emergency room settings.

Myth: Routine HIV testing is only for high-risk populations or certain age groups.

Fact: Routine HIV testing is for everyone aged 13 and older, with few exceptions.

Myth: Routine HIV Testing needs to be offered annually to all with no exceptions.

Fact: In primary care settings, HIV testing does not need to be offered when the provider reasonably believes that the patient:

- Received HIV testing previously,
- Was offered HIV testing previously,
- Is being treated for a life-threatening emergency, or
- Lacks the capacity to consent HIV testing.

Fact: In emergency room settings, HIV testing does not need to be offered when the provider documents that the patient:

- Has received HIV testing in the preceding year,
- Is being treated for a life-threatening emergency, or
- Lacks the capacity to consent to HIV testing.

References:
Connecticut General Statutes Sections **19a-7o** and **19a-490cc**

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