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Issue Paper Topic: STDs/HIV/Pregnancy Testing

Problem Description

Despite advances in STDs/HIV testing technology and treatment, many teens who are at risk for infections do not seek testing allowing infections to persist and spread. Two-thirds of sexually experienced adolescents have never been tested for HIV¹. Furthermore, even teenagers with negative pregnancy tests may be at high risk of future pregnancy and STDs because of their risky sexual behavior and less likely contraceptive use.

Issue Paper Summary

In spite of the existence of long standing STDs/HIV control programs, high rates of these diseases persist and continue to be one of the main health concerns in the United States. Infected people frequently do not seek testing and medical care because of personal, financial and logistical barriers. However, recent technological advances allow conducting STDs/HIV testing in non-clinical places and enhance STD/HIV control efforts by making screening easier, more acceptable and less invasive. Nearly a third of sexually active adolescent girls use home pregnancy tests when they suspect pregnancy. However, because of home pregnancy test availability, some high risk adolescents may not seek pregnancy tests from health care providers for follow-up clinic confirmation. Based on the studies results home pregnancy tests users compared with nonuser peers reported less consistent use of effective birth control methods and not view adolescent pregnancy as having negative consequences. Moreover, the accuracy of early results of home pregnancy tests is an important issue. Based on the study results only 16% of pregnancies would be detected by these tests at the time of missed menses. Even when pregnancy tests take place in medical facilities, teens with a negative pregnancy test are more likely to get pregnant in the 18 months subsequent to the test compared to childbirth and abortion subgroups. Taking into consideration these factors, providing education about correct home pregnancy tests use, their limitations and the importance of clinical test verification should be part of adolescent health education. Adolescents, whose tests are negative, require intensive counseling, including risk assessment and discussion about birth control methods and childbearing expectations.

Background

STD/HIV testing

Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) and HIV continue to represent a major public health concern despite aggressive STDs/HIV control efforts during the last several decades. The recent evidence linking STD infections to an increased risk of HIV infection has made STDs control programs a high priority. The burden of STDs/HIV cases falls on young people, especially adolescents, and compliance to undergo testing remains one of the most important issues. A fear of an uncomfortable examination, mistrust of health care providers, loss of privacy, a sense of invulnerability and denial of being at risk for STDs contribute to the fact that most STDs are undetected and untreated (Wiesenfeld, Lowry, Heine, Krohn, Bittner, Kellinger, etc., 2001). Summary of barriers for STDs/HIV testing is presented in Annex 1 (the annex was developed based on the materials of Spielberg, Kurth, Gorgach & Goldbaum, 2001; Vermund & Wilson, 2002).

Population-based screening for STDs/HIV is an effective means of disease control. Innovations in testing techniques have changed an invasive screening procedure into one that is less invasive, painless and has increased the feasibility of screening. Screening has also expanded from traditional

¹ Source of information is The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy

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clinical sites to non-clinical venues such as schools, streets, nightclubs and so forth to reach at-risk population (Bloomfield, Kent, Campbell, Handbrook, Klausner, 2002). Amplified molecular assays (AMA) such as polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and ligase chain reaction, of specimens such as self-collected distal vaginal swabs or urine, are effective strategies for the detection of chlamydia, gonorrhea and trichomoniasis. Advantages and disadvantages of both tests presented in the table below²:

Table 1 – STDs Tests:

Tests	Advantages	Disadvantages
Vaginal swab tests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More stable at room temperature • More suitable for community-based screening. • Eliminates the fear of drug testing that may preclude widespread use of urine samples among substance abusers, a group at high risk for STDs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More invasive compared to urine tests • Less easy to obtain
Urine tests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy to obtain • Less invasive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirement of a large sample volume • Maintenance of refrigeration during transport • Risk of spillage

HIV tests used for screening detect the presence of antibodies produced by the body to fight HIV infection. The main types of HIV tests presented in the table below³:

Table 2 – HIV tests:

Test	Type of specimen tested	Where the test is done	When results are available
Conventional blood test	Blood sample	Laboratory	A few days to two weeks
Conventional oral fluid test	Oral fluid sample	Laboratory	A few days to two weeks
Rapid tests			
OraQuick Advance Rapid HIV-1/2 Antibody Test	Whole blood finger prick, venipuncture, plasma, oral fluid	Can be done outside laboratories	10-20 minutes
Reveal Rapid HIV-1 Antibody Test	Serum, plasma	Laboratory	10-20 minutes
Uni-Gold Recombigen HIV Test	Whole blood finger, venipuncture, serum, plasma	Can be done outside laboratories	10-20 minutes
Multispo HIV-1/HIV-2 Rapid Test	Serum, plasma	Laboratory	10-20 minutes
HomeAccess	Drop of blood	Home	As little as three days
Capyppte	Urine test	Laboratory	A few days to two weeks

Pregnancy testing

A pregnancy test measures a hormone called human chorionic gonadotropin (HCG) to determine whether a woman is pregnant. The test can be performed on blood (serum) or urine. Home pregnancy

² Source of information is Wiesenfeld, Lowry, Heine, Krohn, Bittner, Kellinger, etc.

³ The table was developed based on the materials of the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation

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tests work by measuring the amount of HCG in a woman's urine (Medical Encyclopedia, n.d.). Nearly a third of sexually active teenager girls are thought to have used a home pregnancy test at least once, and these tests are one of the most widely used medical tests in the United States (Kelly, Sheeder & Steven-Simon, 2004). Advantages and disadvantages of both tests presented in the table below⁴:

Table 3 – Pregnancy Tests:

Tests	Advantages	Disadvantages
Urine tests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be performed at home • Low cost • Rapid result • Private • Easy to use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If not done correctly or taken too early, the result can be inaccurate. • Validity of early tests results
Blood tests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can detect a pregnancy earlier than a urine test at about 7-12 days from possible conception • Can measure the concentration of HCG hormone in blood 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More expensive than a urine test (price depends on cost of doctor's visit and lab fees) • Takes longer to get result • Must be done in a doctor's office

Because of home pregnancy test availability, some high risk adolescents may not seek pregnancy tests from health care providers for follow-up clinic confirmation. The study conducted by Shew, Hellerstedt, Sieving, Smith & Fee (2000) found that almost half of teens who receive a negative home pregnancy test result never followed-up for clinic confirmation and fewer than one third told a parent or another adult about the negative pregnancy results. The study also found that youth home pregnancy tests users, compared with nonuser peers reported less consistent use of effective birth control methods (Shew, Hellerstedt, Sieving, Smith & Fee, 2000). Another study, conducted by Kelly, Sheeder & Steven-Simon (2004) found that home test users were more apt to have had unprotected sexual intercourse in the past, had more than 10 well-established risk factors for teenagers pregnancy and not view adolescent pregnancy as having negative consequences. Another issues connected with home pregnancy tests is accuracy of these tests' early results. Study by Cole, Khanlian, Sutton, Davies & Rayburn (2004), which evaluated the validity of 18 home pregnancy tests found that these tests would detect only about 16 percent of pregnancies at the time of missed period.

However, home test pregnancy users are not the only ones at risk for unintended pregnancies. Teens and young women who request a pregnancy test during their visit to a medical facility and receive negative test results, are also identified as a risk group for future pregnancy and STDs. A study conducted among patients of the Johns Hopkins Comprehensive Child Care Center and Planned Parenthood of Maryland found that adolescents whose pregnancy tests are negative are less likely to practice contraception compared with childbirth and abortion subgroups and 56% of those teens with a negative test had a subsequent pregnancy within 18 months (Zabin, Sedivy & Emerson, 1994). Subsequent studies by Zabin, Emerson, Ringers & Sedivy (1996), Crosby, DiClemente, Wingood, et al. (2002), Sadler, Chen, Daley, Leventhal & Reynolds (2006) confirmed this funding.

The need for a pregnancy test often accompanies the need for comprehensive reproductive care including evaluation for STDs and contraception. Teens whose tests are negative and home pregnancy test users require intensive counseling, risk assessment and specific discussion about

⁴ Source of information is American Pregnancy Association & Cole, Khanlian, Sutton, Davies & Rayburn.

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birth control methods and childbearing expectations. Providing education about home pregnancy tests, their limitations and the importance of clinical test verification should be part of adolescent health education.

There are certain approaches and strategies implemented in other cities, which have important impact on the STDs/HIV control:

- University of Pittsburgh conducted a study to determine feasibility and acceptability of self-collected vaginal swabs for STD testing (chlamydia, gonorrhea and trichomoniasis) among high school students attending a school health clinic. Study results showed that testing using self-collection of a single vaginal swab enhances the detection of the three most common STDs. The availability of self-collected vaginal swab testing more than doubled the number of students who underwent STD testing (Wiesenfeld, Lowry, Heine, Krohn, Bittner, Kellinger, etc., 2001).
- California Department of Health Services initiated the California Get Tested Chlamydia Screening Project. The Project was implemented through local STD control programs and non-clinical venues including alternative high schools, colleges, universities, juvenile detention facilities, California youth authority facilities, jails, drug treatment settings, shelters, and other community organizations. The Project was implemented using nucleic acid amplification tests. The Get Tested Chlamydia Screening Project successfully identified possible venues for provision non-clinic STDs testing for high-risk youth. In general, the success of non-clinic screening was achieved through identifying the greater number of infections detected and through reaching populations that would not otherwise receive STD services (Bauer, Chartier, Kessel, Packel, Brammeier, Little, etc., 2004).
- Using mobile vans, the outreach project in Portland, Oregon offered HIV testing at sites where the target population gathers: parks, community events, a dance club, alternative schools and social service agencies. According to the project's findings, young people who are at risk for acquiring HIV and who undergo testing for the infection are more likely to seek the test results if they have the option of doing so by telephone opposed to having to visit a clinic. Nearly three in five youth who could choose to learn their HIV status by telephone obtained their results, compared with roughly two in five of those who did not have this option. (Hollander, 2002).
- The Community Health Outreach Project (Baton Rouge, Louisiana) offered free voluntary and confidential screening and treatment for chlamydia, gonorrhea, HIV and syphilis, and high blood pressure testing and pregnancy testing was available for the target population. The Project used mobile STD clinic vans, which were designed for the provision of medical services and included an examination room, phlebotomy station and a private counseling room. Persons testing positive were notified of their results by phone or by home visits and referred to the local health department for treatment. Mobile community-based STD screening and treatment approach is feasible to implement, identifies high positivity of STDs and is acceptable to community members. One of the important, unforeseen outcomes of this project was the strengthening of the relationship between communities at risk and the local health department. But the authors also indicated, that implementation of targeted mobile screening programs may present economic and logistical challenges. Obtaining and maintaining a suitable vehicle may be the greatest barriers during implementation of this type initiative (Kahn, Moseley, Thilges, Johnson & Farley, 2003).
- Community-based chlamydia and gonorrhea screening through the United States mail was implemented in San Francisco. Free urine testing kits were available in public places. Self-selected community members obtained them, collected urine specimens at home and mailed kits to the health department for nucleic acid amplification testing. Persons whose test results were

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positive were notified, and several treatment options, including coming to the municipal STD clinic, having therapy delivered or picking up medication at local pharmacy, were offered to them. This intervention was considered as feasible and it may be a useful addition to STD control efforts (Bloomfield, Kent, Campbell, Handbrook, Klausner, 2002).

- Based on CDC recommendations (2004), offering online test results “might increase testing for HIV and STDs by preserving anonymity and decreasing the lag period from test to result.”

Currently, several program and initiatives are being implemented by the City of Milwaukee Health Department and other agencies to increase youth access to STDs/HIV/Pregnancy testing:

- Urine pregnancy screening is currently available in health clinics of 16 middle and high schools (City of Milwaukee Health Department, 2006).
- 2 high schools have health clinics testing for STDs (City of Milwaukee Health Department, 2006).
- MHD's Central Health Clinic provides free and confidential STDs screening, diagnosis, treatment, counseling and follow up. Free screening, counseling and referral for HIV are also available (City of Milwaukee Health Department, 2004).
- The Syphilis Elimination Project is currently implemented in Milwaukee. It consists of several projects. The Syphilis Elimination Community Partnership Team consists of community partners who assist the project in many ways, including building awareness, promoting testing and providing testing sites. The Jail Project provides STD/HIV screening for inmates at the Milwaukee County Jail. Community outreach and testing also occurs at several sites around the city including W-2 sites and several churches. Syphilis Elimination Project services are integrated into all STD Program activities to ensure that every client seen in the clinic receives syphilis testing, and that every case identified is appropriately managed (A. Doczy, City of Milwaukee Health Department, personal communication, 2006).
- Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin offers STD/HIV/Pregnancy testing services for adolescents. Planned Parenthood also received a grant from CDC on HIV testing services (HIV testing and risk assessment counseling) especially for African American women. This service is available in three Planned Parenthood clinics: 2207 West Wisconsin Avenue, 5380 W. Fond du Lac Avenue and 7630 West Mill Rd (B. J. Bacon, Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin, 2006).
- The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin offers HIV counseling, testing and referral services for individuals at greatest risk for HIV including gay men, injection drug users, youth and women (ARCW, n.d.).
- Pregnancy screening, counseling and referral services are one of the key strategies of MHD Adolescent School Health Program (City of Milwaukee Health Department, 2004).
- MHD's Family Health clinics provide free health service, including pregnancy testing services to uninsured and underinsured teens and adults.
- Youth Peer Education Program is implemented by Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin. Peer educators conduct workshops in community-based, school-based and faith-based settings on different topics, including STDs testing and treatment, HIV testing and counseling. Peer educators refer their friends, peers and workshop participants to utilize Planned Parenthood Health Centers when they have sexual health-related questions or concerns (A. Crymes, Planned Parenthood of

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Wisconsin, personal communication, 2006).

- Youth volunteers of the Counseling Center of Milwaukee (Pathfinders) conduct health education sessions for youth (runaway, homeless and at-risk adolescents). They provide basic information about STDs/HIV and refer participants to health centers in cases dealing with their sexual health-related concerns (J. Bock, Counseling Center of Milwaukee, personal communication, 2006).
- The Milwaukee Adolescent Health Program provides medical services to adolescents, including STD testing, pregnancy testing and reproductive health counseling and referrals (M. Vukovich, Milwaukee Adolescent Health Program, personal communication, 2006).
- See Annex 2 for summary of health clinics, where STD/HIV/pregnancy testing services are available.

Barriers and Gaps

- Privacy issues, negative feelings connected with STD diagnosis, fear and denial are one of the main reasons that STDs/HIV screenings are not obtained by adolescents (Spielberg, Kurth, Gorgach & Goldbaum, 2001; Vermund & Wilson, 2002, Wiesenfeld, Lowry, Heine, Krohn, Bittner, Kellinger, etc., 2001).
- Cost-effectiveness analyses of nontraditional screening programs have not been performed.
- Economic and logistical challenges like purchasing, equipping and maintaining suitable vehicles, hiring and training necessary staff and so forth during mobile screening programs implementation.
- Although home pregnancy tests are mentioned in the new Comprehensive Sexuality Curriculum for Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS), there is no information about how to correctly use them and their limitations.
- Urine pregnancy screenings are available in only 16 middle and high schools.
- Only 2 high schools in Milwaukee have health clinics testing for STDs.
- The WI Department of Health and Family Services (2005) recommends routine chlamydia infection screening only for sexually active women aged 25 years and younger. However, undetected cases of chlamydia infection in adolescent and young adult male population can contribute to the overall epidemic of this infection and deserve further attention.

Recommendations

- Exploration of reasons of seeking or not seeking STDs/HIV testing and contraceptive services by adolescents. It can be done through participatory research approaches like photovoice methodology, community meetings, community dialogue, focus groups, walking or windshield surveys, individual discussions and interviews, surveys.
- Adolescent health education should include information about how to use home pregnancy tests and their limitations, with emphasis on the importance of clinical verification.
- Follow-up all negative pregnancy test cases with risk assessment counseling, including specific discussion about birth control methods and childbearing expectations. Develop special programs to reduce the risk of conception following a negative pregnancy test visit, since a considerable number of teens can potentially be reached with preventive service at the time of a negative

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pregnancy test. Provide adolescents with contraceptive counseling and evaluation (screening for STDs/HIV) at the same visit, when they receive the result of pregnancy tests.

- Use the Peer Providers of Reproductive Health Services to Teens model (Brindis, Geierstanger, Wilcox, McCarter & Hubbard, 2005) to follow-up adolescents with negative pregnancy test results:
 - ✓ Before clients receive clinical services from a medical provider, peer providers will meet with them for intake session to discuss reasons for the visit and answer any questions.
 - ✓ In case of a negative pregnancy test result, peer provider will discuss with a client such issues as abstinence, birth control options and safer-sex practices.
 - ✓ Peer providers will make follow-up telephone calls to each client shortly after their first visit and then on a quarterly basis to reinforce health education information, answer questions, provide lab results, encourage consistent contraceptive and condom use and make follow up appointments, if necessary.
- Revise current STD screening protocols and reassess the need for screening sexually active male adolescents. This initiation will complement ongoing screening efforts among young women conducted by the City of Milwaukee Health Department and these efforts can be synergistic.
- Increase availability of STD/HIV/Pregnancy tests in health clinics of middle and high schools.
- Explore possible non-clinical venues, where home test kits (urine- or swab-based) for STDs could be available (movie theaters, laundromats, churches, libraries, beauty salons, recreation centers, clubs, music shops?).
- Recommendations for STDs/HIV testing are presented in the Annex 1.

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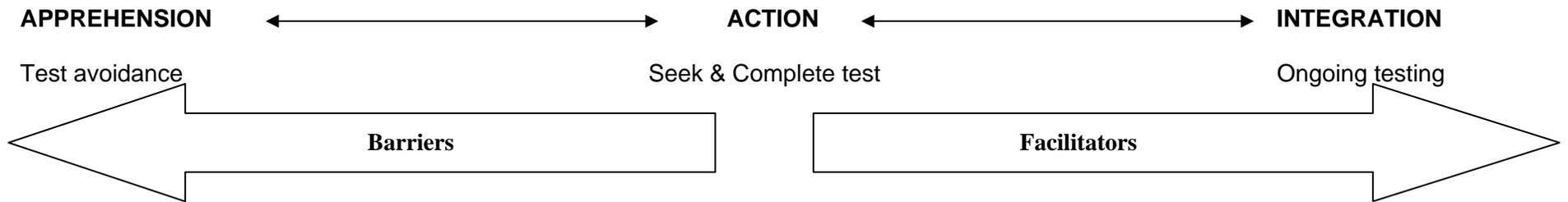
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Annex 1. Barriers to STDs/HIV testing and interventions to increase testing



Individual

- Fear, avoidance, apathy, chaotic lifestyle, denial, not ready, self-disclosure, lack of expectation of benefit, cultural norm is not to test or is hostile to testing
- Distrust of treatment
- Ostracism, stigma of testing
- No risk perception

System

- STDs/HIV name reporting, confidentiality concern, insurance discrimination
- No convenient test site, requiring appointments, wait time to test
- Cost
- Provider discrimination
- Lack of provision for testing couples or social support

Counseling and testing

Pre-test counseling

- Resistance to counseling, too time consuming
- Inappropriate counseling
- Public health message saturation

Testing

- Venipuncture or invasive procedure dislike
- Waiting for results stress

Results disclosure

- Required return

Individual

- Altruism, healthy behavior, life planning, tailoring behavior
- Benefits of early treatment
- Partner/peer support (peer education)
- Risk acknowledgement, risk reduction
- Promote test as socially acceptable and seen favorably by society

System

- Convenient test sites and low cost or free testing
- Ensure privacy of testing and confidentiality of results
- Addiction treatment, incentives/entitlement availability
- Walk in, accessibility, choices
- Offer test to couples and with social support
- Caring environment

Counseling and testing

Pre-test counseling

- Written materials
- Counseling options, couples counseling, client centered
- New counseling messages

Testing

- Non-venipuncture tests (urine, oral fluids and so forth)
- Offer test as a standard public health or medical intervention
- Home self-test, rapid result tests
- Home specimen collection

Results disclosure

- Phone or online test results
- Partner notification assistance
- Make test results available faster

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Annex 2. The list of health clinics, where STDs testing is available

	Address Appointment system	Service available	Fees/Insurance	Eligibility requirements
Health Center Point Clinic	611 W National Ave Suite 400 Milwaukee, WI 53204 Phone: (414) 643-0433 Walk-ins and appointments accepted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confidential pregnancy testing and counseling Birth control and counseling STD testing and treatment HIV counseling and testing Information/Education 	Fees charged: None.	All youth a
STD Clinic	1240 E Brady St Milwaukee, WI 53202 Phone: (414) 272-2144 Most services walk-in. HIV testing by appointment or walk-in.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> STD testing and treatment Hepatitis A and B immunizations for gay and bisexual men Hepatitis B vaccinations for straight men and women Free anonymous, confidential and rapid HIV testing and counseling 	Fees charged: Free.	Men only
Central Health Milwaukee Department	3200 N 36th St 2nd Floor Milwaukee, WI 53216 Phone: (414) 286-3631 Walk-in clinic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confidential and rapid HIV testing and counseling STD testing and treatment Partner services Hepatitis B immunizations Free condom distribution Risk reduction counseling Pregnancy testing and counseling 	Fees charged: Free for uninsured and under- insured. HIV test free.	Must be a older, city Milwaukee
Health	2555 N Martin Luther King Jr Dr Milwaukee, WI 53212 Phone: (414) 372-8080 Walk-ins and appointments accepted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> STD testing and treatment Hepatitis A and B immunizations Hepatitis C testing and medical referral Pregnancy testing and counseling HIV case management HIV testing and counseling HIV medical care Dental care 	Fees charged: Copay required at time of service, sliding fee discount program for uninsured. Accepts GAMP, Badger Care, Medicare B, Medicaid T-19, UHC, Comp Care, Humana, I-Care, BCBS, Managed Health Services, Network Health Plan	All ages a
University Health Service	545 N 15 St Milwaukee, WI 53233-2217 Phone: (414) 288-7184 Must call to make an appointment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary care Women's care Hepatitis A and B immunizations STD testing and treatment Confidential HIV testing and counseling Health education Pregnancy testing and non-abortion counseling 	Fees charged: No fees.	Must be M University
Adolescent c	1020 N 12th St Milwaukee, WI 53233 Phone: (414) 277-8900 Call for appointment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well care Immunizations Ill care Confidential birth control and counseling services Reproductive health services STD testing and treatment. Information/Education HIV testing and counseling Pregnancy testing and counseling 	Accepts private insurance, no insurance, T-19 Medicaid, HMO Government	Young me women ag
n Center	3351 N Downer Ave Milwaukee, WI 53211 Phone: (414) 229-4716 Call to make an appointment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birth control and counseling Pregnancy testing and counseling STD testing and treatment Confidential HIV testing and counseling 		Must be re UW-Milwa student
Health Center	7630 W. Mill Rd. Milwaukee, WI 53218 Phone: (414) 760-2916 Call for an appointment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pregnancy testing and counseling Annual Exams Birth control and counseling STI testing and treatment Confidential and rapid HIV testing and counseling Cancer screening 	Fees charged: Sliding fee scale. Accepts private insurance, Badger Care, and Medicaid (T-19), and private pay Title X	Males and

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency contraceptive pills 	Region V Family Planning Program	
enthood	1674 S. 9th Street Milwaukee, WI 53204 Phone: (414) 645-8383 By appointment only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pregnancy testing and counseling Annual Exams Birth control and counseling STI testing and treatment Anonymous and confidential HIV testing and counseling Cancer screening Emergency contraceptive pills 	Fees charged: Sliding scale. Accepts private insurance, Badger Care, Medicaid (T-19); private pay; Title X Region V Family Planning Program	Males and
enthood	5380 W. Fond du Lac Ave Milwaukee, WI 53216 Phone: (414) 536-6690 Call for appointment. Same day appointment scheduling: call 30 minutes before clinic opens to schedule same day appointment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pregnancy testing and counseling Annual Exams Birth control and counseling STI testing and treatment Anonymous, confidential and rapid HIV testing and counseling Cancer screening Emergency contraceptive pills 	Fees charged: Sliding scale. Accepts private insurance, Badger Care, Medicare (T-19) Title X Region V Family Planning Program	Males and
enthood - Fond du n's Clinic	5380 W. Fond du Lac Ave Milwaukee, WI 53216 Phone: (414) 536-6690 Walk-ins accepted from 1:00pm-5:00pm on Thursdays.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> STD testing and treatment Anonymous HIV testing and counseling 	Fees charged: Sliding scale.	Male only
enthood	1748 N. Martin Luther King Drive Milwaukee, WI 53212 Phone: (414) 374-8830 By appointment only. NO walk ins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pregnancy testing and counseling Annual Exams Birth control and counseling STI testing and treatment Confidential HIV testing and counseling Cancer screening Emergency contraceptive pills 	Fees charged: Sliding scale. Accepts certain private insurance, Badger Care, Medicaid (T-19), private pay Title X Region V Family Planning Program	Males and
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et Health	1032 S 16th St Milwaukee, WI 53204 Phone: (414) 672-1353	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anonymous, confidential and rapid HIV testing and counseling STD testing and treatment Pregnancy testing and counseling OB contracts for pregnant uninsured women Birth control and counseling services 	Fees charged: sling fee scale. HIV test free	No require
nt	611 W National Ave Suite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urgent care needs 	Fees charged: No fees	Uninsured

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Clinic	400 Milwaukee, WI 53204 Phone: (414) 384-1400 Lottery for appointments at 8:00am By appointment; walk-in immunization hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diabetic and anemic screening • Child immunizations • Well-child exams • STD testing and treatment • HIV testing and counseling 		those with such as late immigration, mental or illness
Women's Clinic	530 N Water St Milwaukee, WI 53203 Phone: (414) 278-0424 Must make appointment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pregnancy testing and counseling • Reproductive health care services • Birth control and counseling • Emergency contraception • STD testing and treatment • General gynecological exams 	Fees charged: Low-cost gynecological care and reduced cost birth control. Payment due in full at time of service. Accepts private insurance, HMO, Medicaid, cash, credit card	Women only

The list of health clinics, where HIV testing is available

Health Center Point Clinic	611 W National Ave Suite 400 Milwaukee, WI 53204 Phone: (414) 643-0433 Walk-ins and appointments accepted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confidential pregnancy testing and counseling • Birth control and counseling • STD testing and treatment • HIV counseling and testing • Information/Education 	Fees charged: None.	All youth and young adults
Milwaukee-Testing & Counseling (MTC)	820 N Plankinton Ave Milwaukee, WI 53203 Phone: (414) 225-1571	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anonymous and confidential HIV testing and counseling • Information/Education • Medical referrals • Rapid HIV testing and counseling 	Fees charged: None	Wisconsin residents
Milwaukee-HIV Gay Programs	820 N Plankinton Ave Milwaukee, WI 53203 Phone: (414) 273-1991	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIV prevention outreach in venues where gay men and men who have sex with men congregate • HIV prevention education and risk-reduction counseling • Condom distribution • Anonymous, confidential and rapid HIV counseling and testing 	Fees charges: None	Service provided to the gay community
Home Clinic	209 W Orchard St Milwaukee, WI 53204 Phone: (414) 385-5394 Appointments accepted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic health, mental health and dental • Anonymous HIV oral and rapid testing and counseling • Case management services for people living with HIV • Outreach 	Fees charged: No fees; can bill Medicaid, Medicare, GAMP, private insurance.	Homeless and formerly homeless
Coalition	2801 W Wisconsin Ave 2nd Floor Milwaukee, WI 53204 Phone: 414- 933-0064	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anonymous and confidential HIV counseling and testing • Information/Education 	Fees charges: None	No requirements
STD Clinic	1240 E Brady St Milwaukee, WI 53202 Phone: (414) 272-2144 Most services walk-in. HIV testing by appointment or walk-in.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STD testing and treatment • Hepatitis A and B immunizations for gay and bisexual men • Hepatitis B vaccinations for straight men and women • Free anonymous, confidential and rapid HIV testing & counseling 	Fees charged: Free.	Men only
Productions	1817 N Martin Luther King Dr Ste 3 Milwaukee, WI 53212 Phone:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anonymous and confidential HIV testing and counseling • Rapid HIV antibody testing 	Fees charged: None.	None

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	(414) 263-9999 Walk in or by appointment			
Central Health Milwaukee Department	3200 N 36th St 2nd Floor Milwaukee, WI 53216 Phone: (414) 286-3631 Walk-in clinic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confidential and rapid HIV testing and counseling STD testing and treatment Partner services Hepatitis B immunizations Free condoms distribution Risk reduction counseling 	Fees charged: Free for uninsured and under-insured. HIV test free.	Must be a older; City Milwaukee
Health	2555 N Martin Luther King Jr Dr Milwaukee, WI 53212 Phone: (414) 372-8080 Walk-ins and appointments accepted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> STD testing and treatment Hepatitis A and B immunizations Hepatitis C testing and medical referral Pregnancy testing and counseling HIV case management HIV testing and counseling HIV medical care Dental care 	Fees charged: Copay required at time of service, sliding fee discount program for uninsured. Accepts GAMP, Badger Care, Medicare B, Medicaid T-19, UHC, Comp Care, Humana, I-Care, BCBS, Managed Health Services, Network Health Plan	All ages a
Street Clinic	931 W Madison St Milwaukee, WI 53204 Phone: (414) 374-2400 Open to public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General medical service HIV (rapid) testing and counseling Case management services for people living with HIV Outreach 	Fees charged: No fees; can bill Medicare, Medicaid, GAMP, private insurance.	Homeless homeless
University Health Service	545 N 15 St Milwaukee, WI 53233-2217 Phone: (414) 288-7184 Must call to make an appointment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary care Women's care Hepatitis A and B immunizations STD testing and treatment Confidential HIV testing and counseling Health education 	Fees charged: No fees.	Must be M University
Key Clinic	1452 N 7th St Milwaukee, WI 53205 Phone: (414) 374-2400 Open to the public.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General medical service Anonymous and rapid HIV testing and counseling Case management services for people living with HIV Outreach 	Fees charged: No fees; can bill Medicaid, Medicare, GAMP, private insurance.	Homeless homeless
Adolescent c	1020 N 12th St Milwaukee, WI 53233 Phone: (414) 277-8900 Call for appointment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well care Immunizations Ill care Confidential birth control services Reproductive health services STD testing and treatment. Information/Education HIV testing and counseling 	Accepts private insurance, no insurance, T-19 Medicaid, HMO Government	Young me women ag
n Center	3351 N Downer Ave Milwaukee, WI 53211 Phone: (414) 229-4716 Call to make an appointment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birth control and counseling Pregnancy testing and counseling STD testing and treatment Confidential HIV testing and counseling 		Must be re UW-Milwa student
Health	7630 W. Mill Rd. Milwaukee, WI 53218 Phone: (414) 760-2916 Call for an appointment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pregnancy testing and counseling Annual Exams Birth control and counseling STI testing and treatment Confidential and rapid HIV testing and counseling Cancer screening Emergency contraceptive pills 	Fees charged: Sliding fee scale. Accepts private insurance, Badger Care, and Medicaid (T-19), and private pay Title X Region V Family Planning Program	Male and
Health	1674 S. 9th Street Milwaukee, WI 53204 Phone: (414) 645-8383 By appointment only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pregnancy testing and counseling Annual Exams Birth control and counseling STI testing and treatment Anonymous and confidential HIV testing and 	Fees charged: Sliding scale. Accepts private insurance, Badger Care, Medicaid (T-19); private pay; Title X	Male and

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Neighborhood	5380 W. Fond du Lac Ave Milwaukee, WI 53216 Phone: (414) 536-6690 Call for appointment. Same day appointment scheduling: call 30 minutes before clinic opens to schedule same day appointment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pregnancy testing and counseling • Annual Exams • Birth control and counseling • STI testing and treatment • Anonymous, confidential and rapid HIV testing and counseling • Cancer screening • Emergency contraceptive pills 	Fees charged: Sliding scale. Accepts private insurance, Badger Care, Medicare (T-19) Title X Region V Family Planning Program	No requirements
Neighborhood - Fond du Lac Men's Clinic	5380 W. Fond du Lac Ave Milwaukee, WI 53216 Phone: (414) 536-6690 Walk-ins accepted from 1:00pm-5:00pm on Thursdays.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STD testing and treatment • Anonymous HIV testing and counseling 	Fees charged: Sliding scale.	Male only
Neighborhood	1748 N. Martin Luther King Drive Milwaukee, WI 53212 Phone: (414) 374-8830 By appointment only. NO walk ins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pregnancy testing and counseling • Annual Exams • Birth control and counseling • STI testing and treatment • Confidential HIV testing and counseling • Cancer screening • Emergency contraceptive pills 	Fees charged: Sliding scale. Accepts certain private insurance, Badger Care, Medicaid (T-19), private pay Title X Region V Family Planning Program	Female only
Neighborhood	2207 W. Wisconsin Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53233 Phone: (414) 931-8181 Call for an appointment. Next day scheduling for exams, must call day before right when they open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pregnancy testing and counseling • Annual Exams • Birth control and counseling • STI testing and treatment • Anonymous, confidential and rapid HIV testing and counseling • Cancer screening • Emergency contraceptive pills 	Fees charged: Sliding scale. Accepts private insurance, Badger Care, Medicaid (T-19), private pay	Female only
Neighborhood Men's Clinic	3251 N Holton St Milwaukee, WI 53212 Phone: (414) 264-8800 Mon-Thu: appointment required; Saturday walk-in clinic exclusively for gay men.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STD testing and treatment • Anonymous, confidential and rapid HIV testing and counseling • Hepatitis A, B and C immunizations. • Rapid oral HIV testing and counseling 	Fees charged: \$40 flat fee for STD services; HIV testing free.	Saturday only men only
Neighborhood Men's Lodge	1730 N 7th St Milwaukee, WI 53208 Phone: (414) 374-2400 Open to the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General medical service • HIV (rapid) testing and counseling • Case management services for people living with HIV • Outreach 	Fees charged: No fees; can bill Medicaid, Medicare, GAMP, and private insurance.	Must be high risk at-risk of homelessness
Neighborhood Men's Health	1032 S 16th St Milwaukee, WI 53204 Phone: (414) 672-1353	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anonymous, confidential and rapid HIV testing and counseling • STD testing and treatment • Pregnancy testing and counseling • OB contracts for pregnant uninsured women • Birth control and counseling services 	Fees charged: Based on ability to pay. HIV test free	No requirements
Neighborhood Men's Health Testing	437 E. Lincoln Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53204 Phone: (414) 744-9301 Walk-in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anonymous, confidential and rapid HIV testing and counseling • Info/Education 	Fees charges: none	None

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Health of Health	1639 S 23rd St Milwaukee, WI 53204 Phone: (414) 286-8620 HIV test and family health by appointment only.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public health nurses' consultation and referral Pregnancy testing and counseling Family health clinic (nursing exams) Anonymous HIV testing and counseling Free condom distribution Immunization 	Fees charged: Most services are free to Milwaukee City residents.	City of Milwaukee resident
Milwaukee-Clinic	802 W Mitchell St Milwaukee, WI 53204 Phone: (414) 389-6511	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anonymous, confidential and rapid HIV testing and counseling Case management services for people living with HIV Prevention case management Info/Education Risk reduction outreach 	Fees charged: No fees for services	None
Lesbian Gay Transgender Center	315 W Court St Ste 101, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53212-3842 Phone: 414-271-2656	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anonymous and confidential HIV testing and counseling 	No fees for test	The service for lesbian, gay, and transgender community

The list of health clinics, where pregnancy testing is available

Health Center Point Clinic	611 W National Ave Suite 400 Milwaukee, WI 53204 Phone: (414) 643-0433 Walk-ins and appointments accepted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confidential pregnancy testing and counseling Birth control and counseling STD testing and treatment HIV counseling and testing Information/Education 	Fees charged: None.	All youth ages 13-19
Health of Health	7630 W Mill Rd Milwaukee, WI 53218 Phone: (414) 286-8830	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immunizations Health education Pregnancy testing and referrals 	Fees charged: None.	City of Milwaukee resident
Central Health of Milwaukee Department	3200 N 36th St 2nd Floor Milwaukee, WI 53216 Phone: (414) 286-3631 Walk-in clinic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confidential and rapid HIV testing and counseling STD testing and treatment Partner services Hepatitis B immunizations Free condom distribution Risk reduction counseling Pregnancy testing and counseling 	Fees charged: Free for uninsured and under-insured. HIV test free.	Must be a Milwaukee resident older than 18
University Health Service	545 N 15 St Milwaukee, WI 53233-2217 Phone: (414) 288-7184 Must call to make an appointment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary care Women's care Hepatitis A and B immunizations STD testing and treatment Confidential HIV testing and counseling Health education Pregnancy testing and non-abortion counseling 	Fees charged: No fees.	Must be a University of Wisconsin student
Family Health	2555 N Martin Luther King Jr Dr Milwaukee, WI 53212 Phone: (414) 372-8080 Walk-ins and appointments accepted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> STD testing and treatment Hepatitis A and B immunizations Hepatitis C testing and medical referral Pregnancy testing and counseling HIV case management HIV testing and counseling HIV medical care Dental care 	Fees charged: Copay required at time of service, sliding fee discount program for uninsured. Accepts GAMP, Badger Care, Medicare B, Medicaid T-19, UHC, Comp Care, Humana, I-Care, BCBS, Managed Health Services, Network Health Plan	All ages ages 13-19
Adolescent Health	1020 N 12th St Milwaukee, WI 53233 Phone: (414) 277-8900 Call for appointment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well care Immunizations Ill care Confidential birth control services Reproductive health services STD testing and treatment. 	Accepts private insurance, no insurance, T-19 Medicaid, HMO Government	Young men and women ages 13-19

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et Health	1032 S 16th St Milwaukee, WI 53204 Phone: (414) 672-1353	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anonymous, confidential and rapid HIV testing and counseling • STD testing and treatment • Pregnancy testing and counseling • OB contracts for pregnant uninsured women • Birth control and counseling services 	Fees charged: Based on ability to pay. HIV test free	No require
Health of	1639 S 23rd St Milwaukee, WI 53204	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public health nurses' consultation and referral • Pregnancy testing and counseling 	Fees charged: Most services are free to	City of Mil resident

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Women's Clinic	530 N Water St Milwaukee, WI 53203 Phone: (414) 278-0424 Must make appointment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pregnancy testing and counseling • Reproductive health care services • Birth control and counseling • Emergency contraception • STD testing and treatment • General gynecological exams 	Fees charged: Low-cost gynecological care and reduced cost birth control. Payment due in full at time of service. Accepts private insurance, HMO, Medicaid, cash, credit card	Women of color
Health	7120 W National Ave Milwaukee, WI 53214 Phone: (414) 302-8600	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health education (STD, HIV/AIDS, Nutrition) • Hepatitis A and B immunizations • Risk reduction counseling • Free pregnancy testing • Referral 		Must reside in West Allis