

Assessing Barriers and Facilitators to Participation in a Nurse-Driven, Opt-Out HIV Screening Program in the Emergency Department: Interview Guide

1) Demographics/Background Information

- a. How long have you worked in our ED?
- b. How long have you worked as a nurse in any ED?

2) Knowledge of Screening Program

- a. Are you aware of our HIV screening program? (if no, skip to section 3)
- b. How did you find out about the HIV screening program?
 - Prompts: during orientation, at a huddle, from a colleague on shift
- c. Did you feel that this was an effective way of learning about the program?
- d. Do you feel you have been provided enough education about the screening program?
- e. What would be the best way to deliver education about the screening program?
- f. What do you know about the HIV screening program?
 - Prompts: for example, who should we be screening, who should be excluded, what happens if a test comes back positive?
- g. What does “opt out” screening mean to you?
- h. Are you aware of the requirement that patients must be informed of HIV screening and have an opportunity to opt out prior to sending the test?

3) Screening in Practice

- a. When you are prompted to order HIV screening through a BPA/pop-up, what do you typically do?
 - i. Follow up: If you typically order the screening test, why do you do so?
 - ii. Follow up: if you typically dismiss the BPA, why do you do so?
- b. How do you tell a patient about the screening program?

- c. Do you feel that informing patients about the program is time consuming?
- d. Do you feel that the requirement to inform patients about the screening program is a barrier to offering screening?
 - i. If yes, why?
- e. Do you think there is a better way to inform patients of the screening than what we are currently doing?
 - i. If yes, what would you suggest?

4) Future Directions

- a. What concerns do you have about the HIV screening program?
 - i. Prompts: expense, results notification, time/resource utilization
- b. Do you think HIV screening should be offered as part of the ED visit?
 - i. Why?
- c. What would improve the workflow of the screening program?
 - i. Prompts: timing of blood draws and ordering, such as drawing the tubes in triage; alternative means of increasing awareness/communication with patients about screening
- d. What changes do you think would increase participation among nursing staff?
- e. Do you think that more education about the program would increase staff participation?
- f. Are there any other thoughts that you wish to share about our HIV screening program?

