

1 Signs and Symptoms

Fever within a week of ER or clinic visit

AND

One or more of the following:

SIGNS

- rash
- lymphadenopathy
- oral/genital/rectal ulcerations
- exudative pharyngitis
- aseptic meningitis (headache, photophobia, stiff neck)

SYMPTOMS

- myalgia/ar thralgia
- fatigue
- weight loss
- night sweats
- anorexia

Learn to recognize

Acute HIV Syndrome



2 Diagnosing it..

- Identify individuals at risk
- Obtain HIV ELISA test and HIV-PCR test*
- If ELISA is negative and PCR is positive, diagnostic criteria have been met
** diagnostic HIV-PCR is preferred, but if unavailable, a "viral load" HIV PCR(bDNA or RNA) may be obtained.*

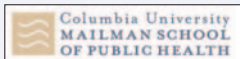
3 Positive Diagnosis?

- **COUNSEL THE PATIENT**
 - 1) This is a very early HIV infection
 - 2) He/she may be extremely infectious
 - 3) Transmission of HIV is very possible
 - 4) Sex or drug partners should be notified
- **ADVISE THE PATIENT**
 - 1) Significant benefit can result from *Early Expert Evaluation*
 - 2) **Immediately** go to your regional **Acute HIV Study Center**
 - 3) If there is no Acute HIV Study Center in your area, contact your local AETC listed below for a prompt referral.



National
HIV/AIDS Clinicians'
Consultation Center
which includes the
Warmline
(800-933-3413)
and PELine
(888-HIV-4911)
with staffed clinical guidance
services 24 hours a day

www.nynjaetc.org
212-305-8291



TIMING IS CRITICAL!

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