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The Department of Health & Mental Hygiene,
Infectious Disease and Environmental Health Administration
University of Maryland, AIDS Education & Training Center
MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society
Center for a Healthy MD

Maryland Perinatal HIV Education and Consultation Team

What is PHECT?

The Perinatal HIV Education and Consultation Team is a collaborative effort between The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Infectious Disease and Environmental Health Administration, University of Maryland, AIDS Education & Training Center and MedChi, Center for a Healthy MD. Our goal is to assist labor and delivery units to reduce the transmission of perinatal HIV through rapid testing in labor and delivery.

Our multi-disciplinary team will work with you to identify the specific training needs of your department as well as identifying the challenges and possible barriers you may face while developing a rapid HIV testing program. We will be there every step of the way offering best practices, providing patient education materials, and training for your faculty and staff!

Services We Offer:

- Labor and Delivery Unit Needs Assessment**
Review process of program development
Identify training needs
Identify challenges/barriers
- Grand Rounds Faculty/Staff Training**
Topics include: Review of Maryland law; CDC protocol for L&D rapid testing; Perinatal ARV guidelines; Maternal ARV guidelines; Confidentiality; Coding; The role of the laboratory; The role of the pharmacy.
- Development of Policy and Procedures**
Provide sample policy and procedures
Provide sample quality assurance policy and procedures
Post delivery considerations
Referrals and Resources
Risk Management
Case Reviews
- Rapid Testing Information & Instruction**
Identify testing device to be used
Rapid test training
- Protocols for Preliminary Positive Patients**
Protocol for maternal-child anti-retroviral therapy
Confirmatory HIV test
Risk assessment/patient counseling
Disclosure of positive results
Referrals/community resources
- Protocol for Negative Patients**
Risk assessment/patient counseling tools
- Provision of Materials**
Posters, pocket guides, brochures, magnets and patient education materials

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