**BC HIV Point of Care Test
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HIV Test Location Approval Process

Test kit resources are allocated per geographic Health Authority, based on expected clinical need. Health Authority partners with clinical and operation responsibilities related to HIV test expansion decide where and how these resources are allocated based on their HIV Testing Implementation Plans and local clinical need.

Each Health Authority has a process for formal assessment of each applicant for these resources.
The current Health Authority Partner list can be found on the Program webpage.

Once applicants are approved per Health Authority process, the BC HIV POCT Program contacts the location lead to arrange for shipment of supplies and discussion of the Program requirements.

Not all applicants may be approved for a given fiscal year, and the level of support may change over time, based on the test location's level of testing activity and clinical need.

Health Authority partners collaborate with Indigenous community representatives and the First Nations Health Authority to discuss HIV testing needs in these communities falling within their geographic area.

Resources may be available for single testing events such as Health/Wellness Fairs.
Sharing of resources must be discussed and approved **IN ADVANCE** with Health Authority partners.
Please discuss with your appropriate Health Authority partner.

HIV POC Test within the existing organizational structure

The HIV POC test will be done within the current work of an existing facility. The support for the work done at the facility is known as the quality system. A formal assessment of clinical need and facility ability to add this test to the existing workload is critical.

The following are some of the elements that will be considered during the application for support process:
- What is the status of HIV testing currently in this community?
- The POC test on average adds 10 minutes to a client visit.
- Quality checks are necessary to prove that test results are correct. These checks are done by testers, and will take some time to do.
- Training is needed and ongoing competence must be defined.
- Acceptable testers are defined by the organization and by the Health Authority.