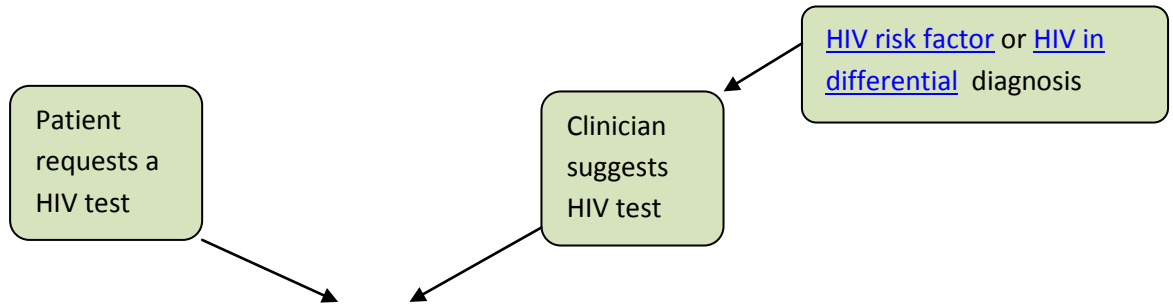
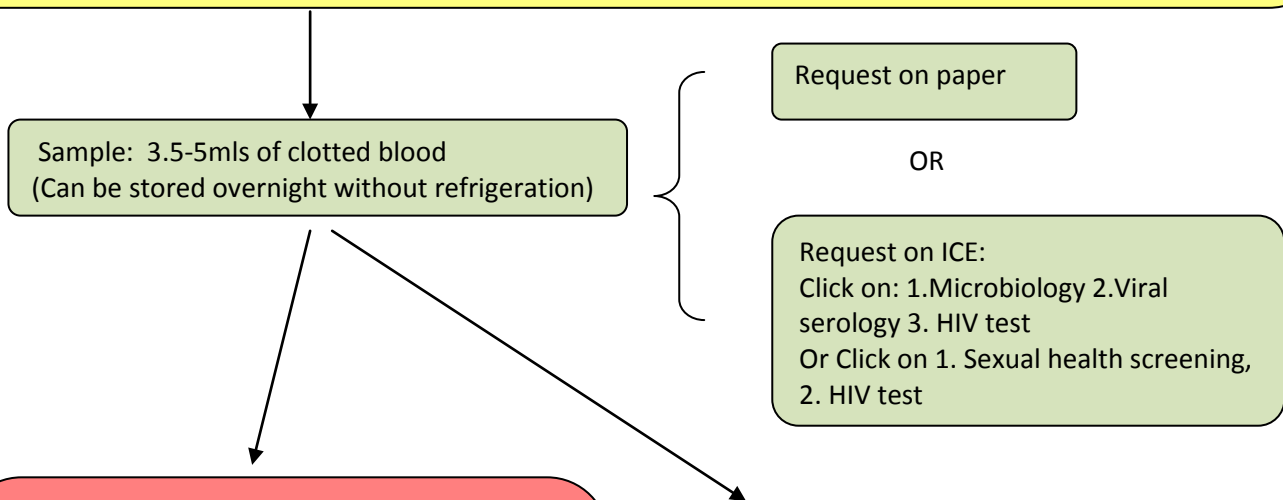


## HIV TESTING PATHWAY IN PRIMARY CARE



### Pre-test discussion:

1. Explain why you are recommending an HIV test e.g. *"We routinely test patients with {presenting condition} for HIV because very occasionally this can be associated with HIV and we want to make sure we don't miss anything."*
2. Ensure the patient knows the benefits of knowing HIV status
  - a. If negative: exclusion of HIV from differential & reassurance.
  - b. If positive: effective treatment, earlier treatment = better outcome
3. Clarify how results will be communicated (turn around ~ 2 weeks, if urgent contact HPA lab)
4. Inform of 3 month incubation period.
5. Only verbal notification that test is being done is required.
6. If advice needed, contact Sexual Health and HIV medicine dept, RUH (SHRUH): **01225824558**.  
[frequently asked questions about HIV testing](#)



### HIV **POSITIVE** result:

Contact Sexual Health and HIV medicine dept, RUH (SHRUH) for advice: **01225824558**.

Give result in arranged way.

Appointment can be booked at SHRUH and patient may be seen within 1 week for confirmatory HIV test, in depth discussion and baseline HIV assessment.

[frequently asked questions about a positive HIV](#)

### HIV **NEGATIVE** result:

Give result in arranged way.

If there has been risk in preceding 3 months, repeat at appropriate time.

If ongoing risk: Consider need to discuss risk reduction/ refer to SHRUH.