

## **Protocol Review: Evidence Used and Rationale**

**Protocol name:** Delivering a positive HIV result in the Kimberley

**Rationale:** The aim of this protocol is to support staff deliver a positive HIV result in a culturally appropriate way and for clients to feel supported in living with HIV

**Initial Working Group:** Last reviewed in March 2016

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### **Changes in this review**

New section added: Do not give a positive HIV positive result on a Friday

Updated contact details for the Aboriginal Interpreting Services

New section added: Provide appropriate resources for literacy levels

New section added: Use destigmatising language when discussing HIV. Appendix 1 has preferred language suggestions.

New section added: Investigate the counselling services WA AIDS Council (WAAC) can provide the client.

New section added: The rapport between the clinician and client is key to HIV management

New section added: Contact tracing is an ongoing process, particularly when there is poor HIV control.

### **Discussion points**

Aboriginal clients may require cultural support and currently there are limited appropriate resources.

### **Resources and references**

ASHM Clinician Resources [www.ashm.org.au](http://www.ashm.org.au).

Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations (AFAO)  
<https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/partners/afao-australian-federation-of-aids-organisations>.

HIV/AIDS Legal Centre Inc. <https://halc.org.au/>.

National Association of People with HIV/AIDS <https://napwha.org.au/>.

WA AIDS Council (WAAC) <https://wa aids.com/>.

Watson, S., Namiba, A., and Lynn, V. Language of HIV: a guide for nurses *HIV Nursing*, 2019, **19(2)**: BP1-BP4.

Evidence and Rationale for Delivering a positive HIV Result Protocol endorsed by KAHPF 18/6/2021