

# EXPECT THE TEST

This health care facility follows good medical practice and public health law by offering HIV testing to all patients aged 13 and older.

## Routine Lab Tests

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| ✓ | Glucose              |
| ✓ | Cholesterol          |
| ✓ | HIV Test             |
| ✓ | Complete Blood Count |
| ✓ | Lipid Profile        |

## HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT HIV TESTING

- HIV testing is voluntary and all HIV test results are confidential (private).
- HIV can be spread through unprotected sex, sharing needles, childbirth, or breastfeeding.
- Treatment for HIV is effective, has few or no side effects, and may involve taking just one pill a day.
- Partners can keep each other safe by knowing their HIV status and getting HIV treatment or taking HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP). Not sharing needles and practicing safer sex will help protect against HIV, hepatitis C and other STDs.
- It is illegal to discriminate against a person because of their HIV status.
- Anonymous HIV testing (without giving your name) is available at certain public testing sites.
- HIV testing is a routine part of health care but you have the right to object or decline an HIV test.
- If you wish to decline HIV testing, inform the health care provider.

**Talk to your health care provider about how and when you will learn your HIV results.  
Worst HIV status: unknown. Testing puts you in control. [HIVtestNY.org](http://HIVtestNY.org)**



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