



CHAIRMAN'S MEMORANDUM

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TO: SHERIFFS, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS, COMMISSIONERS OF CORRECTION, MEDICAL COORDINATORS, TRAINING COORDINATORS

RE: EXPEDITED HIV TESTING FOR PREGNANT WOMEN IN THE LABOR/DELIVERY/NEWBORN SETTING: STRATEGIES FOR PREVENTING PERINATAL HIV TRANSMISSION

As we all know the number of women entering correctional facilities is increasing and the number of pregnant women is also increasing. In this pregnant population the risk for HIV infection is significant. It is the jail medical care provider who must be able to answer many questions regarding problems during pregnancy, prenatal care, hospitalization for delivery and after care for the baby, including issues associated with HIV.

The New York State Department of Health's AIDS Institute has recently announced another education program dealing with pregnant women.

The title of the program is *Expedited HIV Testing for Pregnant Women in the Labor/Delivery/Newborn Setting: Strategies for Preventing Perinatal HIV Transmission*.

The program is scheduled for April 14, 1999 at 1:00 p.m. at various statewide video conference satellite sites. Please find attached a copy of the program objectives and information regarding if registration is required at various sites. If there is need for further information you can call Robert Blake at the AIDS Institute at (518) 473-8815.

The Commission will continue to inform you of all education programs that we feel would be of interest to jail administrators, trainers or your medical department.

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