

Information about the *Compendium of State HIV Testing Laws*

The *Compendium of State HIV Testing Laws* began as a student research project of the National HIV/AIDS Clinicians' Consultation Center (NCCC) of the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) at San Francisco General Hospital. Kali Stanger, a medical student at UCSF, had the original idea and did the initial version of the *Compendium* as a summer research project in 2005. The original *Compendium* was revised and expanded during the next three years by summer students Alison Chang, Carryn Christianson, and Sarah Neff, with oversight by Ron Goldschmidt, MD. The *Compendium* is currently maintained by Sarah Neff, MPH and is now funded by a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Currently, the *Compendium* is formatted to permit downloading of individual state profiles. Each state profile is linked to the corresponding state on the map of the United States on the main webpage of the *Compendium*. In addition, the *Compendium* has a Quick Reference Guide for Clinicians (QRG) that can be downloaded with each state profile or as an all-states-inclusive document. The QRG is intended to assist clinicians in understanding and implementing their state's laws for HIV testing of adults in health care settings. As the state profiles are updated, so are the QRGs. The 2009 *Compendium* also includes a Perinatal Quick Reference Guide for Clinicians that summarizes perinatal state testing laws regarding testing, counseling, and linkage to care. Additional Quick Reference Guides (e.g., for occupational exposure/source patient testing and criminal justice system testing) are planned for future versions of the *Compendium*. Also new to the 2009 *Compendium* is a listing of states that have been newly revised for content and a table of states' pending legislation.

Revisions to the *Compendium* occur regularly, approximately every 2 months. With any major revision, minor format changes are made; however major content changes are usually instigated by newly passed legislation or feedback from readers. Because feedback is so instrumental in shaping the *Compendium*, comments, corrections, or updates are very much appreciated.

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