

Mission Statement

The Positive Care Center is staffed by a multi-disciplinary team committed to providing quality, comprehensive health and psychosocial services to those infected with HIV. The program provides education, serves as a community and family resource, and contributes to the advancement of HIV-related knowledge.

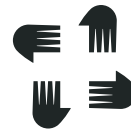
Nutritional Assessments

A nutritionist assists our patients in creating a diet that helps the body to maintain good health, while also setting realistic nutritional goals.

Interpreters

Hennepin provides interpreters for patients who wish to communicate in another language. There are a wide variety of languages interpreted including Spanish, Oromo, Russian and Somali.

To schedule an appointment, call **612-873-2700**.



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Primary Health Care

Our health care providers are extensively trained in providing quality care to our many diverse patients. Patients who receive primary care here will receive routine lab tests including viral load and CD4 counts, treatment for opportunistic infections, antiretroviral therapy, and routine immunizations. We also provide other specialty services as needed, either in the clinic or by referral.

HIV Care to Uninsured/Underinsured Patients

The Positive Care Center receives Ryan White funding that enables us to provide high-quality care to HIV-infected patients regardless of their financial status or ability to pay.

Social Service Support

Social workers are on-site to provide short-term assistance for numerous issues that may arise within the course of a patient's care. Our social workers can assist with housing needs, transportation assistance, applying for financial assistance, and clarifying insurance questions.

Testing

The Positive Care Center is able to provide pre-test counseling and rapid-testing to partners of our patients at no charge. This testing is made possible through a grant from the Minnesota Department of Health.

Case Management Services

Case management is intended to support the client by identifying needs and addressing them through an individualized plan of care. Case management services are available on-site to respond to the broad range of physical, emotional, and social needs that individuals living with HIV and AIDS may experience.

Research Opportunities

The Positive Care Center Research Program's extensive experience and cutting-edge style in research provides patients with opportunities to enroll in clinical trials. These trials often allow the participants access to the newest therapies that are available only in a research setting.

Health Education & Risk Reduction Counseling

The Positive Care Center has a Health Education/Risk Reduction Counselor available to meet with patients and their partners, families and/or caregivers to provide more information on living healthy with HIV and reducing the risk of transmission of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases.

Medication Adherence Supplies and Education

One of our goals at Hennepin is to help make taking medications as easy as possible. Pharmacists are on staff to help patients feel more comfortable taking medications. In addition, we can offer tools to help the patient remember to take their medications.

Psychotherapy Services

People living with HIV and AIDS often experience a variety of emotions such as sadness, depression, anxiety, and fear. Many people also struggle to cope with new problems such as sexuality issues, the ways drug and alcohol use impact health, and acceptance by friends and family. The Positive Care Center has psychotherapists who can meet with patients to talk about how to decrease stress and improve their mental health.

Transportation Services

We provide transportation assistance such as bus passes to eligible patients.

On-Site Chemical Health Assessments

We have chemical dependency counselors on-site to assess and refer patients. To make an appointment, call 612-873-6118.