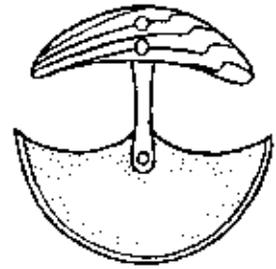


Information for Inuit Community Members

Fact Sheet HIV Testing



How accurate are the tests?

Antibody test results for HIV are accurate more than 99.5% of the time. As said earlier, if you receive a positive test result, you will be given a second test to confirm that you truly are HIV positive.

Can I keep my test results confidential?

In the South, you can receive anonymous testing which means that no identifying information is recorded with your test. When you receive an anonymous test, your name is not recorded. A random number or code will be attached to your test but this number will not be linked in any way to who you are.

This anonymous testing service is often not available at Northern Health clinics and your name may be reported to Health Canada. However, the tests are supposed to be confidential – neither the government nor your doctor is allowed to tell anyone about your test results. Regardless of whether your test result is positive or negative, you must receive your results in person and not over the phone.

