



# EuroTEST

Working together for integrated testing and earlier care

*Addressing Hepatitis, HIV, STIs and TB*

## EuroTest Newsletter

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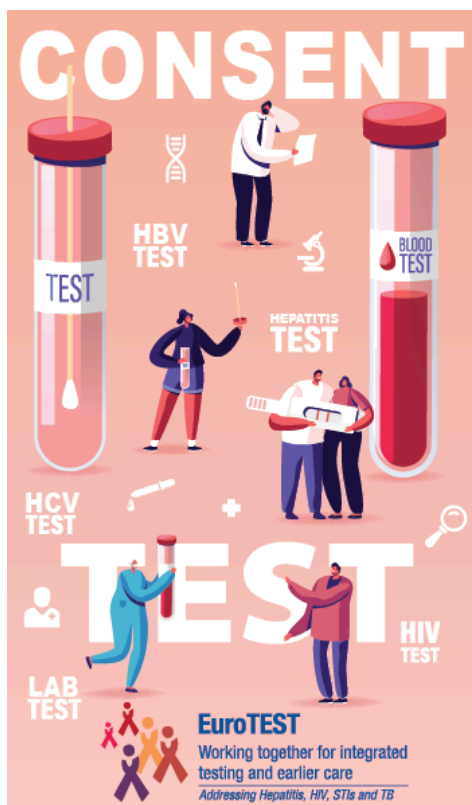
### EuroTEST survey on testing consent requirements for HIV, HBV and HCV testing

If you provide testing for HIV and/or HBV and HCV, or coordinate testing programmes in a public health setting, we invite **you** to take this short EuroTEST survey on testing consent requirements.

The survey will map differences between consent requirements for HIV and viral hepatitis testing in the WHO European Region, covering both policy and practice, and will serve as the basis for developing a recommended testing consent procedure, with possible variation across setting.

[Take the survey](#)

**Deadline:** 1 November 2023



If **you** provide testing for **HIV** and/or **viral hepatitis B and C** in a clinical or community setting OR if you are responsible for these disease areas in a public health setting, then please:

**take this short EuroTEST survey on consent requirements for blood borne virus testing**

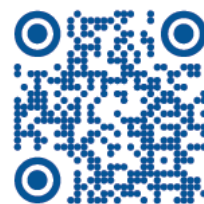
The survey includes questions on both policy and practice and will serve as the basis for developing a recommended testing consent procedure, with possible variation across setting.

Deadline to respond:

**1 November 2023**

Survey link and QRcode ►

<https://redcap.link/ay5vhu9e>



## Just published: Short communication on key findings from a survey on participant-reported impact of the European Testing Week campaign

A short communication entitled 'The use and impact of European Testing Week regional awareness campaigns to increase HIV and viral hepatitis testing coverage' has just been published in HIV Medicine.

Key reported findings include that regional awareness campaigns reach wider audiences, boost local and national efforts to increase testing and sensitize key populations about the critical value of testing compared with local/national campaigns.

Access the publication [here](#)

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## European Testing Week 10 year anniversary

The next European Testing Week is coming up on **20-27 Nov 2023** and marks the **10<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of the campaign.

Since the launch of European Testing Week in 2013, more than 700 organisations and institutions (community organisations, health care institutions, policy institutions, research institutions and educational facilities) across Europe have participated in the campaign.

[Sign up here](#) to help raise awareness of the importance and benefits of early testing for HIV, viral hepatitis and STIs. The theme of this campaign is stigma, which acts as a significant barrier to testing. Download and use our campaign materials such as logos, web banners etc. from the [website](#).

Follow @EuroTestWeek on Facebook, X and Instagram and share pictures and stories from your campaign activities by tagging us.



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## Recordings of two EACS/EACS/CHIP webinars targeting physicians and nurses in general practice are available online

EACS and CHIP/EuroTEST are supporting ECDC in the provision of country support for the prevention and control of HIV, STIs and viral hepatitis in the EU/EEA. The work aims at building EU/EEA countries' scientific/technical capacity to end and eliminate these diseases and to increase technical and scientific exchange among EU/EEA professionals to strengthen evidence-based decisions on public health policies and practice.

Recordings of two recent webinars are available online:

- [Improving testing for HIV and related co-infections in general practice – indicator condition guided HIV testing](#)
- [HIV-related stigma: what you as a healthcare provider can do to address it](#)

For a full list of all past and upcoming country support activities, [please see here](#).

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## Measuring HIV knowledge and attitudes in the healthcare setting

ECDC and EACS have joined forces to conduct a comprehensive survey that seeks to assess the current state of HIV knowledge and attitudes within healthcare settings. The survey is aimed people working in a healthcare setting across Europe and Central Asia, irrespective of position, including clinical and non-clinical staff.

[Take the survey](#) and read more on [EACS' website](#)

**Deadline:** 30 October 2023



**Let's eliminate HIV  
stigma and discrimination  
in healthcare settings**

**Take the survey**

<https://redcap.ecdc.europa.eu/surveys/?s=934LEHMNW33HPTCC>



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