



DCVC HIV NPEP PROGRAM EBLAST!  
( PART I of a two part Special EBLAST!)

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Greetings!

**DCVC has Big News! We are expanding our efforts to establish HIV nPEP (non-Occupational Post-Exposure Prophylaxis) programs statewide and we need your help!**

**In 2012 DCVC started working with a few hospitals in the state to establish HIV nPEP for victims of sexual assault. The first pilot programs were started in 2014. DCVC's own Gail Washington has spearheaded the program since its inception. DCVC is pleased to announce that longtime DCVC employee Genita Snipes will now be managing the HIV nPEP Program as we move this program statewide.**

**Purpose:** To improve services to victims of sexual assault who present to South Carolina hospital emergency departments and are identified as "high risk" for contracting HIV.

- ◆ **The SANE, FNE, Child Abuse Pediatrician or ER Physician will refer eligible victims into the HIV Program based upon the following criteria:**
  - The crime must have occurred within 72 hours of the initial ED visit.
  - The crime must have occurred in South Carolina.
  - The victim was not confined in a correctional facility during date of crime or service
- ◆ **The services provided by DCVC's HIV nPEP Program are at no cost to the victim.**
- ◆ **NEVER SEND A RAPE VICTIM'S ACCOUNT TO COLLECTIONS. Always call or email Ruth Brockman for questions or concerns, regarding any billing at [RBrockman@scag.gov](mailto:RBrockman@scag.gov)**

**If your hospital or facility is interested in establishing a HIV nPEP program, please contact Genita Snipes at (803) 734-1706 or email: [GSnipes@SCAG.gov](mailto:GSnipes@SCAG.gov)**

**Note:** Please forward this email to anyone you believe should be a recipient of the EBLAST! Or send us the email of someone who should receive the EBLAST so we can add them to the list; let us know if you do not want to receive the EBLAST!

Sincerely,

Ruth Brockman,  
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