



**Position Statement
on
HIV Testing
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The American Academy of Dermatology will make available to each of our members through an AAD publication or on the AAD website information on how to counsel patients regarding an HIV test and how to order a confidential HIV test in the dermatologist's office.

The American Academy of Dermatology encourages dermatologists to counsel their patients on the prevention of HIV and to consider incorporating HIV testing into the annual examination for those patients most at risk.

This Position Statement is provided for educational and informational purposes only. It is intended to offer physicians guiding principles and policies regarding the practice of dermatology. This Position Statement is not intended to establish a legal or medical standard of care. Physicians should use their personal and professional judgment in interpreting these guidelines and applying them to the particular circumstances of their individual practice arrangements.