HIV/AIDS For Washington Health Professionals

This online independent study module meets the State of Washington’s requirement for mandatory HIV/AIDS training requirement for the licensed and non-licensed healthcare professionals. This online training module has been developed to provide a review of the causes and incidence of HIV/AIDS in Washington and the United States, managing possible co-infections of HIV, tests for HIV, modes of transmission for HIV, clinical management of HIV/AIDS, recognizing HIV/AIDS-associated psycho social issues, and Washington AIDS Omnibus Law.

Upon completion of this course, you will be able to learn:

I. Etiology and Epidemiology of HIV
   - Etiology
   - Reported AIDS cases in the United States and Washington State
   - Risk populations/behaviors

II. Transmission and Infection Control
    - Transmission of HIV
    - Infection Control Precautions
    - Factors affecting risk for transmission
    - Risks for transmission to health care worker

III. Testing and Counseling
    - HIV test information
    - Pre-test counseling
    - Post-test counseling

IV. Clinical Manifestations and Treatment
    - Clinical manifestations of HIV infection
    - Case management
    - Physical care
    - Psychosocial care
    - Home care
    - Resources

V. Legal and Ethical issues
    - Confidentiality as defined in the AIDS omnibus bill (RCW and WAC)
    - Informed consent
    - Legal reporting requirements
    - Ethical issues
    - Civil rights

VI. Psychosocial Issues
    - Personal impact of HIV continuum
    - The human response to death and dying
    - Issues for care providers
    - Family issues
    - Special populations

Contact Hours: 2, 3, 4 and 7 Contact Hours Are Offered.

Resources Used To Develop This Course: The material contained in this course is based on the KNOW Curriculum, 6th ed.; the Washington State Revised Regulations on HIV Testing; current articles in the scientific literature; and updates from the CDC and other government agencies.

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