



## Adolescent HIV Infection

**WHEREAS**, youth ages 13-24 are the second highest risk group for acquiring HIV through unsafe behaviors in the United States today; and

**WHEREAS**, an average of 20 new HIV infections among adolescents occurs each day nationally, resulting in over 7,800 new cases of HIV infection among youth in 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, over 40% of youth with HIV are not aware of their HIV status, which contributes to unintentional sexual transmission of HIV each year; and,

**WHEREAS**, early treatment of HIV infection is of substantial benefit in reducing the risk of AIDS-related events or death; and

**WHEREAS**, antiretroviral treatment (anti-HIV medications) of individuals with HIV is highly effective in reducing or eliminating the risk of transmission to an uninfected sex partner; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has recommended that HIV testing be a routine component of health care for all adults and adolescents aged 15-65 to identify, treat and prevent HIV infection.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago supports program and policy initiatives to reduce newly-acquired HIV infection among adolescents; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago pursues proactive clinical and community-based efforts to identify, treat and prevent HIV among adolescents to reverse the epidemic of HIV infection among adolescent youth.

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