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Action Required - MRRS Security Officers: Update User Profiles for HIV Test Orders Data Sync

MRRS Security Officers (SO) must correct user profiles via the Account Maintenance menu to ensure each MRRS user has the correct Admin Unit Identification Code (UIC) assigned.

MRRS Security Officers, please follow the steps below:

- Navigate to the “Account Maintenance” menu option
- Click “Edit link”
- Verify that each user profile reflects the correct Admin UIC where the member is currently assigned or attached.

Verification of member’s Admin UIC enables upcoming data syncs to process correctly and efficiently, minimizing any future, potential test order errors.

Routing of HIV Test Results – U.S. Embassies

For DoD active-duty personnel assigned to U.S. embassies, ALL HIV test results must be securely routed through the Department of State MED email system.

NBIMC has received several unencrypted HIV test result documents by email. PLEASE do not send these results directly to NBIMC. Instead, route all results for active-duty personnel assigned to U.S. embassies through the Department of State (MED) email to ensure information is protected and properly transmitted.

Requesting HIV Test Results

To improve efficiency when requesting HIV test results, please note that while NBIMC can help pull negative results from HMS, requestors should provide the following information for the member (s):

- Full Name
- Date of Birth
- DoD ID OR SSN (if using encryption)
- **Barcode of HIV Test (most helpful information)**

Providing this information will help streamline the process of retrieving results.

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D4 Rejection Code Info

D4 deficiencies/D4 reject codes labeled “(other problems)” are designed to encompass several different potential issues. However, D4 rejections with reasonings of “specimen not spun” and “specimen is past 7 days from draw date” are the most prominent D4 reject codes for all sites.

To provide more clarity for sites receiving these D4 rejects, CDD explains that “specimen not spun” can have more than one meaning. First, this error can mean that the specimen was not spun at all. Secondly, this error can also mean that the sample was not spun long enough (or for the correct amount of time). This means that the gel barrier has not settled/compacted properly, and the red blood cells are seeping through the gel into the serum.

Any other issues that are not specifically covered under the remaining eight rejection codes also fall under D4. The other eight rejection codes are more specific, while D4 includes multiple explanations for specimen issues in one generalized deficiency code. **To prevent D4 reject codes, sites need to redraw the specimen(s).** Please see the [NBIMC Deficiency Code Review](#) doc for more information.

Discussing Strategies to End HIV

The Journal of the International AIDS Society posted an article discussing the implementation of health strategies as the world has failed to stay on track to meet the 2025 and 2030 targets for ending AIDS as a threat to public health. Sudden funding changes in 2025 have compromised HIV prevention, treatment and surveillance. To control the epidemic as we approach 2030 and beyond, funding and action/time must be invested into increasing access to long-acting antiretroviral therapy (ART) and pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), consistent HIV vaccine and treatment research, and new, biomedical tools for

monitorization and evaluation. To read more on this topic and the research surrounding it, click [here](#).

Citation - Beyrer C, Ratevosian J, Carpino T, Rosenberg NE, Gelderblom HC, Sullivan PS, Deeks SG, Gray G. *The HIV/AIDS response as we knew it is over: Where do we go from here?* J Int AIDS Soc. 2026 Feb;29(2):e70077. doi: 10.1002/jia2.70077. PMID: 41719110; PMCID: PMC12922781.

ICE (Interactive Customer Evaluation)

To provide feedback or suggestions on NBIMC's service, please use this link: <https://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=card&sp=151849>

Can you clarify HIV test ordering for the following scenarios?

a. Standard Duty Screening: Is the correct order "HIV-1/2 AG/AB 4G CDD"?

Yes, the HIV-1/2 AG/AB 4G CDD test is sufficient for all military branches.

b. PrEP 3-Month Checkup: Which order should be used for service members on PrEP?

For members on PrEP, they should receive the usual force testing HIV test (acceptable test names below), however, on the order, under Source of Test (SOT), the provider should choose G. SOT G is the source of test used for all members on PrEP to ensure the sample is additionally tested for PCR.

c. Other Scenarios: Are there other situations requiring a different HIV test order?

There are no circumstances in which the test names provided in the image below should not be used. All tests below meet force testing requirements, other test names do not and therefore will not be accepted.

Orderable Item Description	Synonym Primary
• HIV-1/O/2 (AF FT EPI)	HIV-1/O/2
• HIV-1/O/2 CDD (Army/Navy FT)	HIV-1/O/2 CDD
• HIV-1/2 AG/AB 4G CDD	HIV-1/2 AG/AB 4G CDD