



## NORTHWEST GEORGIA SPECIALTY CLINIC

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### PARTNER NOTIFICATION SERVICES

Partner notification services, PNS, are services offered to patients infected with HIV/AIDS and other STDs. This service helps individuals know about their exposure and risk to HIV, connects those exposed to services such as confidential free testing and counseling, helps those exposed become aware of their HIV/STD status, and helps prevent the spread of illness to others. All of the information provided to public health staff for this service is confidential. Public health staff is trained to provide this service.

This service is voluntary. You have the right to decline this service and will not be denied other services because of your choice. Be aware that you are not exempt from Georgia law regardless of your choice to accept or deny this service at this time. If you decline this service today you can still accept it in the future. This service is always available for you should you want it.

Your signature below acknowledges that you understand the information above and have been provided with information regarding Partner Notification Services that are available now and in the future.

Client Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive Partner Notification Services?    Yes    No

\_\_\_\_\_  
Client Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Case Manager Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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#### **Process**

- Partner notification occur when an infected patient agrees to this service and tells public health staff information about their sex partners, those they share needs with, and any additional person(s) that are at risk of getting HIV.
- The patient has the option to:
  - ◆ Notify their partners with assistance from public health staff or
  - ◆ Provide contact information to public health staff so that they can notify their partners.

Public health staff provides the patient with assistance in either of these options. If the patient chooses to allow public health staff to notify their partners, then public health staff will attempt to notify them about their exposure and assist them with confidential free testing, counseling, and services. Confidential services include public health staff not giving the patient's name or information to partners and not giving a partner's information to patients. This information is protected by law and will only be disclosed according to law. Public health staff will also inform you of the benefits and risks involved in these services.

#### **Choice**

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- If you decline this service now, you can choose to accept it in the future. This service is always available for you should you want it.
- Tell your case manager if you want this service.