

HIV and adolescents: guidance for HIV testing and counselling and care for adolescents living with HIV

ANNEX 2: PICO questions and references

PICO 1

Should HTC be offered to adolescents?

- a) living in countries with generalized epidemics
- b) living in countries with a concentrated epidemic
- c) among key affected populations of adolescents at high risk of HIV

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PICO 2

Disclosure

- a) Should adolescents disclose their HIV status to parents, family members, sexual partners and others?
- b) What is the best way to support adolescents to disclose their HIV status safely and effectively?

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PICO 3

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