INFORMATION FOR CONSENT INFORMED WHEN PERFORMING THE HIV TEST

HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) is the virus that causes AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome), an infectious disease that attacks and severely compromises our body's defenses, putting life at risk if left untreated. A person who contracts HIV becomes HIV-positive and can transmit the infection to other people. We can all contract HIV. HIV is transmitted mainly through unprotected sexual intercourse with HIV-positive people, through blood (for example through needles used by HIV-positive people), or from a HIV-positive mother to a child during pregnancy, at the time of birth or through breastfeeding.

WHAT IS THE TEST. The only way to know if HIV has been contracted is to take a test that consists of a normal blood sample that, analyzed, diagnoses the presence or absence of HIV infection. It is divided into two levels: a first level test, followed, in the event of a positive or doubtful outcome, by a level II or confirmation test, the only one capable of giving the total certainty of the result. The test serves to detect the presence of anti-HIV antibodies in the blood, which develop only if the test person has come into contact with the virus. The test result is positive if antibodies against the virus are found (HIV seropositivity), it is negative when there is no trace of antibodies in the blood (HIV seronegativity). The period of formation of anti-HIV antibodies can vary from a minimum of a few weeks up to 6 months after contact with the virus. The HIV test only verifies the presence or not of antibodies to the virus, but does not give any information on the state of health and the immune system.

Performing an HIV test is particularly important for pregnant women as there are specific therapies to strongly reduce HIV transmission from mother to child. It is therefore necessary that the couple who thinks they have a child undergoes HIV testing before pregnancy or at the beginning to protect their health and that of the child.

THE TEST IS VOLUNTARY. No one may be subjected, without his consent, to tests aimed at ascertaining HIV infection except for reasons of clinical necessity and in his interest.

It is important to know that an early diagnosis could allow for a wider choice of care.

THE PROTECTION OF ANONYMITY AND CONFIDENTIALITY
The HIV test is free of charge, and it can be requested to be performed anonymously, in any case the maximum protection of privacy and professional secrecy is guaranteed, even for foreign people without a residence permit. The communication of the result of the HIV test can only be given to the person who underwent the withdrawal (Law 135 of 5 June 1990).

The law in force protects against discrimination deriving from being positive to HIV and ensures all necessary treatment for all Italian and foreign persons.

EXPRESSION AND ACQUISITION OF INFORMED CONSENT
to carry out the diagnostic analysis aimed at ascertaining HIV infection
According to the purposes of European Regulation 679/2016, subject to information, data is collected only for the purposes of informed consent. They are subject to professional secrecy and will not be communicated to anyone, but kept exclusively within the structure where the test was performed.

The undersigned (surname and name)_____ born in _____
date of birth _____ or Tutor, curator, support administrator or parenting authority of _____ (including attached documentation)

after having received a comprehensible and exhaustive information on the proposed health act, freely, spontaneously and knowingly, I express my consent to carry out the diagnostic analysis aimed at ascertaining HIV infection.

☐ **I AGREE** to blood sampling ☐ **I DO NOT AGREE**

Date _____ Signature_____

AREA RESERVED FOR THE OPERATOR
The operator _____ (surname and first name of the operator), declares that the user has decided NOT to provide their data for the compilation of the informed consent after having read the Information Note on extended.

The user will be identificated with the code: _____

Date ___ / ___ / _____ Operator signature _____