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SORT Initiative Timeline

September 2006	CDC released <i>Revised Recommendations for HIV Testing of Adults, Adolescents, and Pregnant Women in Health Care Settings</i> .
June 2007	RI legislation passed for routine testing of pregnant women.
November 2009	RI legislation passed for routine HIV testing in all health care settings with verbal patient consent.
July 2010	November 2009 legislation-related RI Department of Health regulations promulgated
October 2010	RI ANAC, Brown University AIDS Program collaborated to develop and publish a brochure <i>HIV testing: It's for all of us</i> to provide education about and outreach for routine testing in RI.
November 2010	RI ANAC leaders and The Miriam Hospital Chief of Infectious Disease met to discuss inpatient nurse-initiated routine testing.
December 2010	RI ANAC leaders and The Miriam Hospital Chief of Infectious Disease and Chief Nursing Officer met to discuss the possibility of a nurse-initiated standing order for HIV testing pilot program on one unit of the hospital.
February 2011	RI ANAC leaders, The Miriam Hospital Chief of Infectious Disease, Chief Nursing Officer, Chief of Medicine, Directors of Inpatient Services, Outpatient Services, and Nursing Education planned for the logistics of implementation of nurse-initiated standing orders for HIV testing on an inpatient unit of the hospital.
March-April 2011	The Miriam Hospital nurse manager and assistant manager for 3 East, RI ANAC leaders, and Chief of Infectious Disease planned for logistics of implementation on 3 East.
May-June 2011	RI ANAC developed HIV routine testing education workshop for unit nurses; CEUs awarded.
August-October 2011	HIV routine testing education provided by RI ANAC nurses to 34 of 35 unit nurses.
November 2011	Standing Order HIV Testing Protocol approved by The Miriam Hospital Patient Care Committee.
December 2011	Nurse-initiated standing order initiative began on 3 East.

Note. SORT = Standing Orders for Routine Testing; CDC = Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; RI = Rhode Island; RI ANAC = Rhode Island Association of Nurses in AIDS Care