

UAB 1917 Clinic At-A-Glance

The 1917 Clinic at University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) is the largest health care provider for people living with HIV in Alabama. As part of UAB's Heersink School of Medicine, the clinic provides HIV care, primary health care, and other services to adults diagnosed with HIV who are typically low-income, uninsured, or under-insured.

The provision of Rapid Start services, called the "Fast Track" program at the 1917 Clinic, aims to connect newly diagnosed clients to care and a 30-day prescription of ART within five days of referral to the clinic.

Key Rapid Start Service Characteristics

Urban-Rural Classification Urban

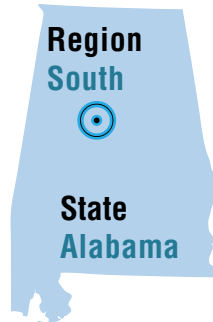
Care Setting Academic Medical Center

RHWAP Funding Parts B, C, and D

Population Size 3,600 clients

Clients Served Newly diagnosed clients

Priority Population Low-income, uninsured, or under-insured adults



Medicaid Expansion State (Yes/No) No

ART Starter Packs Available (Yes/No) No

Onsite Pharmacy (Yes/No) Yes

Onsite Lab Draws (Yes/No) Yes

Onsite HIV Testing (Yes/No) Yes, but most clients who are newly diagnosed are referred

Unique Features of UAB 1917 Clinic's Rapid Start Program

Linkage and Retention Coordinators (LRCs) serve as initial point of contact

when a client is first referred to the UAB 1917 Clinic for Fast Track, introducing the client to the clinic and coordinating the Rapid Start visit

A **New Patient Orientation (NPO)** is part of the Rapid Start visit, which is between the client and social worker and includes a psychosocial assessment, review of services to be provided, and supports relationship building with the client and occurs prior to the clinician exam.

Opportunities to participate in relevant **clinical trials** are offered to clients

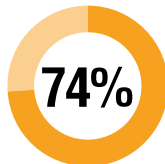
An **onsite pharmacy** plays an integral role in providing ART and ongoing medication counseling to clients.

Support groups for newly diagnosed clients are offered to provide a way for clients to connect and relate to one another as they navigate living with and managing HIV

Client Outcomes (January 2021 – December 2021)

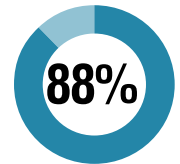


diagnosed clients received Rapid Start services



of newly diagnosed Rapid Start clients were virally suppressed in **3 months**

On average, newly diagnosed Rapid Start clients achieved viral suppression in



of newly diagnosed Rapid Start clients were retained in care 6 months after their first Rapid Start visit

\$ Cost Estimate per Client
Additional \$616 per client during sustained implementation