

National HIV Behavioral Surveillance System (NHBS) Round 3 (2008-2010)
Summary of Changes to Data Collection Instruments

New question numbers (for added items) and old question numbers (for deleted items) are indicated in parentheses.

1. Eligibility Screener, Attachment 2a (4 questions added, 4 questions removed)

- Added questions regarding lifetime history of vaginal or anal sex with a woman and lifetime history of oral or anal sex with a man, MSM cycle only (ES 9a-b)
- Added questions regarding history of vaginal sex and anal sex with opposite-sex partner, HET cycle only (ES17a-b)
- Removed question regarding whether a non-seed lives in a high-risk area, HET cycle (old ES-7b)
- Removed questions regarding non-injection drug use, last time used non-injection drugs, and drugs frequently used, IDU cycle (old ES-17, 17a, 17b)

2. Behavioral Assessment, Attachment 2b-d (75 questions added, 80 questions removed)

Networks, p.17 (4 questions removed)

- Removed questions about race/ethnicity of network members (old N2d-N2g [IDU], N3c-N3f [HET])

Demographics, p.23 (12 questions added)

- Added question regarding language preferred for use with family and friends (DM-3b)
- Added questions regarding access to and utilization of health care (normal source of health care, kind of place, how long since last doctor visit, ability to afford medical care) (DM-8b-9c)
- Added questions regarding perceived stigma and harassment and community tolerance of gays/bisexuals, MSM cycle only (DM-11a-e, DM-12)

Sexual Behavior, p.31 (25 questions added, 40 questions removed)

- Removed question about whether ever had oral or anal sex with a man, MSM cycle (now in eligibility screener) (old 39)
- Removed section with a large number of questions about male and female exchange partners (old 14a.3, 16, 19a-h, 22; 44, 42a.3, 47a-f, 50; 73, 71a.3, 76a-h, 79)
- Added few questions regarding whether exchanged sex for something with main or casual partners (SX-6f/g, SX-7f/g, SX-11, SX-31e/f, SX-32e/f, SX-35)
- Removed questions about discussing HIV status with partners (old 17f, 18f, 45d, 46d, 74f, 75f)
- Added questions about HIV status of partners (SX-8-8b, SX-31.b.2-4, SX-32.b.2-4, SX-61-6ab)
- Added questions about race/ethnicity of last sex partner (SX-19b, SX-42b) and methamphetamine use by last sex partner (SX-44a)
- Removed questions about use of other birth control methods besides condoms (old 26, 27)

Alcohol Use History, p. 73 (1 question removed)

- Removed question regarding frequency of consumption of 5 or more alcoholic drinks (old 98 d)

Drug Use History, p. 75 (1 question added, 3 questions removed)

- Added a question about frequency of injection drug use (IDU-2)
- Removed questions about use of GHB, ketamine, poppers, IDU and HET cycles (old 122i, 122h, 122L)

Alcohol and Drug Treatment, p. 86 (3 questions added)

- Separated questions on “alcohol and drug treatment” into separate questions on alcohol treatment and drug treatment (TX-2-2b)

HIV Testing, p. 88 (14 questions added, 10 questions removed)

- Added questions about use of antiretroviral medicines for pre-exposure prophylaxis (HT-8b-13)
- Added questions about discrimination experienced and community tolerance of people with HIV (HT-14-17)
- Removed questions about receiving HIV test results (old 128, 128a)
- Removed questions about reason for getting most recent HIV test (old 129b)
- Removed question about whether most recent HIV test was an anonymous test (old 129c)
- Removed question about whether most recent HIV test used a swab from mouth or blood (old 129e)
- Removed question about location where tested positive, reason for testing, and reasons for not giving names when asked (HIV-positive participants only, old 133b, 133c, 133f.1)
- Removed questions about opinions about whether HIV testing should be routine practice (old 135, 136a/b)

Health Conditions, p.100 (18 questions added, 10 questions removed)

- Added questions about treatment for hepatitis B and C, among those who have hepatitis B/C infection (HC-2b, HC-4, HC-5b, HC-5c)
- Changed questions about testing and diagnosis for sexually transmitted diseases so that chronic infections use a “lifetime” time frame and acute infections use a “past 12 months” time frame (added HC-7-15, deleted old 144a-f, 144aa)
- Added questions about vaccination for human papillomavirus (HC-16-17)
- Removed questions about timing of circumcision (old 137a, 137b)

HIV Testing in Jail, p. 106 (2 questions added)

- Added questions about how often tested for HIV and Hepatitis C in jail/prison (JT-2a, JT-3b), only among those who had been arrested

Assessment of Prevention Activities, p. 108 (1 questions removed)

- Removed questions about how participants obtained free condoms (old 148a)

Assessment of Local Prevention Activities (4 questions removed)

- Removed this section (old MP1, MP1a, MP1b, MP1c)

Recruiter Debriefing (7 questions removed)

- Removed this section from behavioral assessment, now a separate instrument (old R1, R2, R3a-d, R4)

3. Recruiter Debriefing, Attachment 2e (7 questions added)

- Created a separate instrument from these questions, which were originally in the behavioral assessment. No change to actual questions.