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Survey of Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Provider Practices in the United States

**Attachment 3**

# SURVEY OF STD PROVIDER POLICIES AND PRACTICES

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**Specialty Areas**

We have just a few questions about your areas of specialization.

1. What is your primary specialty?

General/Family Medicine Internal Medicine Obstetrics/Gynecology Pediatrics

Emergency Medicine

Other [Please specify ] Unsure

1. *Do you consider yourself* to be a specialist in infectious diseases? Yes

No Unsure

1. *Do you consider yourself* to be a specialist in adolescent medicine? Yes

No Unsure

1. On average, how many TOTAL hours per week do you spend on direct patient care in all of your clinical settings? Please include on call hours only if you provide direct care, either in person, on the phone, or via email or text.

 Hours Unsure



**Primary Practice Setting**

This section asks about the primary setting where you spend most of your direct patient care time. There is no need to review your records—your best guess is all we need.

1. What best describes your primary practice?

Family planning/Planned Parenthood Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)

Other government clinic (state/local health department clinic) Hospital emergency department/urgent care

Hospital (inpatient) Hospital-affiliated clinic

Private practice (solo, group, HMO)

Other [Please specify: ] Unsure

1. Is your primary practice site in a…?

Public (government funded) setting, or Private setting

Unsure

1. Is your primary practice site affiliated with an academic institution? Yes

No Unsure

1. In what state is your primary practice located? 8A. What is the county where your primary practice is located?
2. Does your primary practice use an electronic health record (EHR) or electronic medical record (EMR)? Please do not include billing record systems.

Yes [Please answer the next question]

No [Please skip to Q11] Unsure [Please skip to Q11]

1. Does your EMR/EHR system provide prompts, flags, or alerts for Chlamydia screening for female patients aged 15-24 years who do not have additional risk factors?

Yes No Unsure

1. In your primary practice, are prescriptions used to treat STDs sent electronically to the pharmacy? Yes, used routinely

Yes, but not used routinely

Capability exists but is turned off or not used No

Unsure

1. Does your primary practice set time aside for same day appointments? Yes [Please answer the next question]

No [Please skip to Q14]

N/A, this is an inpatient or emergency/urgent care setting [Please skip to Q14] Unsure [Please skip to Q14]

1. Roughly what percent of **your** daily visits are same day appointments? Unsure



**Primary Practice Policies**

Thinking still about your primary practice, we have a few questions about general policies as well as what, if any, STD-related policies and practices exist at your primary practice setting. We understand that you may provide care regardless of practice policies; however, we want to know about the **written policies or standard operating procedures (SOPs)**.

1. Does your primary practice setting have any **written policies** or standard operating procedures (SOPs) that recommend routine STD testing for any asymptomatic patients—that is, testing in the absence of additional risk factors?

Yes No Unsure

1. If a patient tests positive for an STD, does your primary practice setting have a **written policy** or standard operating procedures (SOPs) that recommends giving patients medication or prescriptions for their sex partner(s) (i.e., expedited partner therapy)?

Yes No Unsure

1. Which statement best describes your primary practice setting's **policy** about delivering sexual and reproductive health services to patients 15 to 17 years of age?

Parental ***consent*** is not required Parental ***consent*** is required

Do not see patients 15 to 17 years of age Unsure

1. Which statement best describes your primary practice setting's **policy** after delivering sexual and reproductive health services to patients 15 to 17 years of age?

Parental ***notification*** is not required Parental ***notification*** is required

Do not see patients 15 to 17 years of age Unsure

1. Please indicate which of the following diagnostics your primary practice setting uses onsite in the clinic or department for **STD testing** of patients? It’s OK if you are unfamiliar with a test or are unsure which tests are used by your practice.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Use** | **Do not use** | **Unsure** |
| Wet mount microscopy |  |  |  |
| Other point of care trichomonas test |  |  |  |
| Gram stain microscopy |  |  |  |
| Rapid syphilis test, RPR |  |  |  |

1. Does your primary practice have the following vaccinations available onsite to give to patients?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Yes** | **No** | **Unsure** |
| Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine |  |  |  |
| Hepatitis A vaccine |  |  |  |
| Hepatitis B vaccine |  |  |  |

1. Does your primary practice setting have non-occupational post-exposure prophylaxis for HIV (nPEP), starter packets taken for 3-5 days, available onsite to give to patients?

YES NO

Unsure

1. How much do you agree with this statement? Partner services are primarily the responsibility of the health department.

Strongly agree Agree Disagree

Strongly disagree Unsure



**Patient Demographics**

Please provide some information about the patients at your primary practice.

1. On average, how many patient encounters do **you** have in a typical week in your primary practice setting? We are interested only in the number of encounters you, yourself have.

Unsure

1. At your primary care setting, approximately what percent of **your** patients are…?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **0-10%** | **11-25%** | **26-50%** | **51-75%** | **76-100%** | **Unsure** |
| Female |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Black or African American |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hispanic or Latino |  |  |  |  |  |  |

1. Do **you** currently accept Medicaid patients? Yes

No Unsure

1. At your primary practice setting, please indicate if **you** have provided direct patient care to any of the following types of patients in the past month. Direct patient care includes seeing patients, reviewing tests, and providing other related patient care services.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Yes** | **No** | **Unsure** |
| Adolescents ages 15-19 |  |  |  |
| Pregnant Women |  |  |  |
| Men who have sex with men (MSM) |  |  |  |
| People living with HIV/AIDS |  |  |  |
| Transgender patients |  |  |  |

1. When providing care to patients 15 to 17 years of age, do you typically ask a parent, relative or guardian to leave the room to spend any time alone with your patient?

Yes No

Do not see minor patients Unsure



**STD Testing and Diagnosis**

Next, we would like to know how often you diagnose STDs and what STD tests you may provide.

1. Please indicate if you do or do not routinely ask patients 15 years of age or older about each of the following on at least an annual basis. If you work in an inpatient or emergency/urgent care setting, please think about each patient encounter.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Yes** | **No** | **Not applicable to my practice** |
| If a patient has sex with men, women, or both men and women |  |  |  |

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| If a patient has vaginal, anal or oral sex |  |  |  |
| The number of sex partners |  |  |  |
| Prior STD history |  |  |  |

1. When was the last time that **you** diagnosed a new case of…?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Never** | **Within the past month** | **More than 1 month ago, but less than 6 months ago** | **More than 6 months ago, but less than 1 year ago** | **More than 1 year ago, but less than 5 years ago** | **More than 5 years ago** | **Unsure** |
| Chlamydia |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gonorrhea |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

1. When was the last time that **you** diagnosed a new case of…?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Never** | **Within the past 6 months** | **More than 6 months ago, but less than**  **1 year ago** | **More than 1 year, but less than 5**  **years ago** | **More than 5 years, but less than 10**  **years ago** | **10 or more years ago** | **Unsure** |
| Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Syphilis |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

1. Please indicate which asymptomatic patients you routinely (at least annually) test for each of the following STDs, in the absence of additional risk factors. If you work in an emergency/urgent care setting, please

think about each patient encounter. Think about each STD and each type of patients, and bubble in those that you routinely screen in the absence of additional risk factors.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Do not see these patients** | **Chlamydia** | **Gonorrhea** | **HIV** | **Syphilis** |
| Men who have sex with men |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other males (ages 15 to 24) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-pregnant females 15  to 24 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-pregnant females > 25 old |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pregnant females in 1st trimester |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pregnant females in 3rd trimester |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pregnant females at delivery |  |  |  |  |  |



**STD Care and Treatment**

1. Below is a list of actions that you might take after diagnosing an STD. Please indicate how often you take each action for each STD listed below, by writing in 1, 2, or 3 to indicate if you Never, Sometimes, of Always do each action. Write “4” if the action is not applicable to your practice. Each cell should have a number. Please include when others in your practice do these behaviors on your behalf.

1 = Never 2 = Sometimes 3 = Always 4 = N/A

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Chlamydia** | **Gonorrhea** | **Syphilis** | **HIV** |
| Write a prescription for the patient |  |  |  |  |
| Follow-up to see if the patient picked up their prescription |  |  |  |  |
| Give medication to the patient during the office visit. |  |  |  |  |
| Give (or write a prescription for) medication for the patient to give to sex partner(s) (i.e., expedited partner therapy) |  |  |  |  |
| Talk to the patient about the importance of partner treatment |  |  |  |  |
| Follow-up with the patient to inquire whether they referred their sex partner(s) for treatment |  |  |  |  |

Please answer Question 32 if the cell above with a bold black border is “1” indicating you “Never” give or write a prescription for medication for the patient to give to sex partner(s) (i.e., expedited partner therapy) when a patient has chlamydia.

1. When the patient has chlamydia, what is the **MAIN** reason that you do not give medications or prescriptions for their sex partner(s)? We realize that you can have more than one reason, but please select the most important one.

Please check here if you do offer expedited partner therapy -- medications or prescriptions for sex partners of patients that are diagnosed with chlamydia.

Unable to obtain medical or allergy history for partners May result in incomplete care for partners

Concern for malpractice or liability

Practice is illegal or not supported by state medical board Expedited partner therapy not reimbursed by insurance programs Patient refuses to name partner(s)

Patient refused to give medication to partner

Other [Please specify ] Unsure

1. Does your primary practice provide the following injectable antibiotics onsite for same-day treatment?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Yes** | **No** | **Unsure** |
| Ceftriaxone 250 mg. |  |  |  |
| Benzathine penicillin G (Bicillin-LA) 2.4 million units |  |  |  |
| Other injectable cephalosporin |  |  |  |

1. Which of the following best describes **your** experience with Pre-exposure Prophylaxis for HIV (PrEP)? PrEP is a way for people who do not have HIV but who are at substantial risk of getting it to prevent HIV infection by taking a pill every day.

I have prescribed PrEP to one or more of my patients

I have discussed PrEP with one or more of my patients, but I have not prescribed it I have not discussed or prescribed PrEP with any of my patients

I had not heard of PrEP

1. If you wanted to look up information on STD treatments for a patient you saw today, please indicate which of the following sources you would use.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Yes** | **No** | **Unsure** |
| CDC STD treatment guidelines |  |  |  |
| UpToDate |  |  |  |
| Red Book |  |  |  |
| Sanford Guide |  |  |  |
| Medscape/Emedicine |  |  |  |
| Search engines like Google or Bing |  |  |  |
| Other |  |  |  |

1. Have you used the CDC STD Treatment Guidelines App to treat patients for STDs? Yes

No

Have not heard of it prior to this survey Unsure



**Demographics**

We have just a few questions regarding your background.

1. What is your age?

Years

1. Are you…?

Male Female

1. Are you Hispanic, Latino/a, or of Spanish origin? No, not Hispanic/Latino/Spanish origin

Yes, Hispanic/Latino/Spanish origin

1. What is your race or racial background? You can select more than one race.
   * White
   * Black or African American
   * American Indian or Alaska Native
   * Asian
   * Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
   * Something else [Please specify ]
2. Since graduating from medical school, how many years have you been providing direct care to patients? Please round up or down to the nearest whole year.
3. Since completing medical education and training, please indicate if you have received any of the following types of training in treating STDs? Please select all that apply.
   * CDC Sponsored training
   * Training at a conference or seminar
   * State or local health department
   * Continuing Education (CE) course
   * None of these
   * Unsure

You have completed the survey. Thank you very much for your time and cooperation.