**Attachment 10**

**Explanation for Sensitive Questions**

**Enhanced STD Surveillance Network (SSuN)**

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| Source | Variable Name | Potentially Sensitive Questions | Justification |
| Attachment #5 & Attachment #8 | P3\_PTX\_sex | What gender or sex do you consider yourself to be? (Check the ONE that best applies to you)1=Male2=Female3=Male-to-Female TG4=Female-to-Male TG5=TG Unknown or Unspecified6=Queer, Gender Non-Binary7=Other8=Refused | Self-perceived gender identity is behaviorally relevant and critical to understanding the epidemiology of STD risk-behaviors. |
| Attachment #5 & Attachment #8 | P3\_PTXNativity | Where were you born? 1=In the US 2=Outside the US | Patient nativity is relevant to perceptions of and access to STD care. |
| Attachment #5 & Attachment #8 | P3\_PTX\_genderSP | During the past 12 months, have you had sex withonly males, only females, or both? 1=Males only2=Females only3=Both Males and Females4=Not Documented | Gender of sex partners is relevant to STD risk and critical to understanding the epidemiology of STD risk-behaviors. |
| Attachment #5 & Attachment #8 | P3\_PTX\_TGSP | During the past 12 months, have you had sex with a transgender man or transgender woman?1=Yes2=No3=Don't Know /Don't Remember/ Not Sure4=Refused | Gender of sex partners is relevant to STD risk and critical to understanding the epidemiology of STD risk-behaviors. |
| Attachment #5 & Attachment #8 | P3\_PTX\_Sxorient | Do you consider yourself to be heterosexual,homosexual, bisexual, or other?1=Heterosexual/Straight (not Gay or Lesbian)2=Gay/Lesbian/Homosexual3=Bisexual4=Other9=Refused | Sexual orientation is behaviorally relevant and critical to understanding the epidemiology of STD risk-behaviors. |
| Attachment #5 & Attachment #8 | P3\_PTX\_GenderMRSP | Thinking back to the last time you had sex, was theperson you had sex with…(male/female)?1=Male2=Female3=Male-to-Female TG4=Female-to-Male TG5=TG Unknown or Unspecified9=Unknown | Gender of most recent sex partner is relevant to STD risk and critical to understanding the epidemiology of STD risk-behaviors. |
| Attachment #5  | F1\_sex\_BC | What is the patient’s sex documented by the birthcertificate?1= Male2= Female3=Intersex4=Unknown | Establishes sex at birth to compare with self-perceived gender identity |
| Attachment #5 | F1\_gender | What is the patient’s gender?1= Male2= Female3=Transgender M to F4=Transgender F to M5=Transgender unspecified6= Other9= Not captured | Self-perceived gender identity is behaviorally relevant and critical to understanding the epidemiology of STD risk-behaviors. |
| Attachment #5 | F1\_MENSEX | How many male sex partners has the patient had inthe last 3 months? | Establishes sexual activity profile and is relevant to STD risk and understanding the epidemiology of STD risk-behaviors |
| Attachment #5 | F1\_FEMSEX | How many female sex partners has the patient hadin the last 3 months? | Establishes sexual activity profile and is relevant to STD risk and understanding the epidemiology of STD risk-behaviors |
| Attachment #5 | F1\_TRANSEX | How many transgender sex partners has the patienthad in the last 3 months? | Establishes sexual activity profile and is relevant to STD risk and understanding the epidemiology of STD risk-behaviors |
| Attachment #5 | F1\_MSM\_12 | Does the male patient have a history of having malesex partners in the previous 12 months? | Establishes sexual activity profile and is relevant to STD risk and understanding the epidemiology of STD risk-behaviors |
| Attachment #5 | F1\_Sexor3 | Has the patient had sex with men, women, or bothover the past 3 months? | Sites must either collect both F1\_MENSEX, F1\_FEMSEX, F1\_TRANSEX or both F1\_SEXOR3 and NUMSEX. It is NOT necessary to collect all 5 variables. |
| Attachment #5 | F1\_Sexuality | Does the patient consider him/herself gay(homosexual), straight, or bisexual?1 = gay/homosexual2= straight/heterosexual 3= bisexual4= Other9 = Not captured | Constructs a self-identified sexual activity profile of the patient |
| Attachment #5 | F1\_HIV\_partner | Does the patient report having sex with a knownHIV positive partner in the last 12 months?1= Yes2= No3= Unsure/ doesn’t know9= Not captured | Knowledge and behaviors of STD/HIV prevention among patients provide critical insight into ongoing risk |