

Sample Questions to Ask Patients

- Are you dating, in a relationship, or married?
- Have you had sex with anyone else in the past year?
If “no”, depending on the context, consider:
 - Have you **ever** had sex with anyone else?
 - Do you think you might have sex in the future with anyone else?
- Do we need to talk about ways to prevent pregnancy?
- Have you ever been immunized against HPV? Would you like to be?
- Have you ever been tested for HIV or STIs? Would you like to be?
- Do we need to talk about ways to prevent HIV or STIs?

Questions for All Patients Dating, In Relationships, or Married

- What is/are the gender(s) of your partner(s)?
- How are things going in your marriage/relationship?
- Do you feel unsafe or afraid in your current relationship?

Questions for Patients Who Have Been Sexually Active

- Please tell me more about your sexual activity.
- You may or not be at risk, but in order to learn about your risk for any sexually transmitted infections or pregnancy, it is helpful for you to share more with me about your sexual partners & sexual activity.
- How many sexual partners have you had in the past year?
- What is/are the gender(s) of your sexual partner(s)?
- Is/are your partner(s) sexually active with others?
- Has your partner (current or past) forced you to do something sexually that you did not want to do?
- Have you traded sex for things of value, like money, housing, food, drugs, clothing, etc.?

Closing Statement

I know these are sensitive issues. I appreciate you sharing this information. It helps us to give you the best care.