



Guidance on taking a Sexual History

Depending on setting may need to start with unoffensive question : Are you sexually active?

Ask why they came to hosp/gum clinic? – symptoms (discharge pain) partners symptoms?

Have they ever been to gum clinic before/ been treated or tested for STI before?

When was the last time you had sex?

Man or Woman?

Casual or Partner? If partner how long?

Nationality? Where they live?

Type of Sex? Oral Vaginal Anal?

Protection Used? If condom did it ever break?

Female – LMP ?

Repeat these questions for around two years or since 4 months before last GUM visit.

HIV Screening questions

Do they think they have HIV

Ever used needled drugs? Needle stick injury from high risk patient?

Sex worker?

Ever dated one of above?

Unprotected Anal Sex

Partner Bi sexual?

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