

Why Risk It?

Hey guys! My name is Andre. I'm, 21 and I've been out since I was 16. I moved to Denver about seven months ago. I love the party scene here. Lots of cool clubs and hot guys! You can usually find me at the Compound or the Wave.

I seem to meet a lot of guys and it's pretty easy for me to get laid. Sometimes if I meet a guy at a club and we've been partying, it's harder for me to use condoms. Especially if I'm on top. I always have trouble keeping it hard. But I recently met this guy from the Health Project and we started talking. I told him about this and he gave me some suggestions like using lube on the inside of the condom. He also gave me some condoms that have more room at the top. He said this helped increase the feeling. You know what? He was right. I got the chance to try them a couple months ago and I kept it hard the whole time. I also kept the condom on the whole time. It felt so good to have great sex and still feel protected! These condoms are it! I guess it's just a matter of finding the right one!

I still have a couple of these condoms. In fact I'm going to get some more of them. I know that they will prevent me from getting infected with HIV so why risk it?

1. **Characterization:** Andre moved to Denver about seven months ago and loves the party scene.
2. **Membership:** Young MSM.
3. **Risk behavior:** Having unprotected anal sex with his sex partners.
4. **Goal:** Consistent condom use for anal sex with his partners.
5. **Stage of Change:** Preparation to Action
6. **Influencing Factor:** Self efficacy
7. **Barrier to Overcome:** Can't stay hard with a condom on.
Strategy: Found a condom that was comfortable and used lube inside.
8. **Positive Outcome:** He stayed hard while having pleasurable sex and he felt that he was protected from getting HIV.
9. **Source:** Community PROMISE Implementation Manual. Developed in 2000.