**MODULE 1  Behavioral Risk Assessment and STD Screening**

The HIV epidemic is changing. As care providers, our responses to it must evolve as well. “Prevention fatigue,” increased longevity related to antiretroviral therapy, and the role of drug use in communities at risk have affected changes in HIV transmission patterns. Yet many providers do not routinely ask HIV-positive patients about behaviors related to transmission of HIV to others.

The first Module of the Ask-Screen-Intervene curriculum addresses:

- **Emerging trends in the HIV epidemic**
- **The increasingly recognized role of other STDs in the transmission and acquisition of HIV**
- **Recommendations for enhancing STD/HIV risk screening and assessment techniques**
- **Overcoming barriers to the use of tailored prevention strategies with individual patients**

By providing you the most up-to-date information on the what, when, and how of periodic STD screening and treatment, this session will facilitate your implementation of this effective biomedical approach to HIV prevention.

**MODULE 2  Prevention Interventions**

Clinician-delivered prevention messages have been shown time and again to be feasible and effective in reducing patients’ risk of transmitting HIV to partners. In Module Two of Ask-Screen-Intervene, you will learn:

- Strategies for addressing prevalent misconceptions about HIV transmission risk
- The most up-to-date knowledge of how viral load, strategic positioning, and post-exposure chemoprophylaxis can affect transmission risk
- Information your patients need to help them keep their partners safe
- Relevant prevention messages that can be delivered to all of your HIV-positive patients

Through interactive exercises, you will practice delivering messages that can motivate patients to both assess and reduce their risk for HIV transmission. Limited time and resources mean many patients require referrals for additional services. As a health care provider, you are afforded a great opportunity to give your patients the necessary tools to help them remain healthy and safe. This session will reinforce use of those tools.

**MODULE 3  Partner Services**

In the United States, persons living with HIV have access to a service few know about or understand. Partner Services is a voluntary, no-fee public health program that helps HIV-positive individuals disclose their status to their sex or needle-sharing partners. Partner Services has been shown to be effective in identifying previously undiagnosed cases of HIV. In Module Three of the Ask-Screen-Intervene curriculum, you will learn about:

- Various Partner Services program options available to patients; for those who wish to remain anonymous, the service will inform partners of their exposure to HIV without revealing the initiating patient’s identity
- Information about your referral options and legal responsibilities with respect to Partner Services
- A presentation by a liaison from the health department, who will be available to discuss locally relevant laws, regulations, and practices.

By increasing your awareness of the policies and protocols of Partner Services, you can provide a benefit to your patients, your practice, and your community.

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The National Network of STD/HIV Prevention Training Centers (NNPTC) is a CDC-funded group of regional centers created in partnership with health departments and universities. The PTCs are dedicated to increasing the knowledge and skills of health professionals in the areas of sexual and reproductive health. The NNPTC provides health professionals with a spectrum of state-of-the-art educational opportunities including experiential learning with an emphasis on prevention. For more information, please visit www.nnptc.org.

The AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETCs) are a network of 11 regional centers with more than 130 local performance site and 5 national centers whose mission is to improve the quality of life of patients living with HIV/AIDS through the provision of high-quality professional education and training. The AETCs reach out to healthcare providers in hospitals, clinics, and community health organizations to provide them with education, technical assistance, and tools to enhance patient care. For more information about resources for HIV providers or to learn about AETC programs in your area, visit: www.aidsetc.org.

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