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National Survey of Women's Health Care Providers on Reproductive Health:

STD Counseling and Testing

Methodology

The Kaiser Family Foundation's third *National Survey of Women's Health Care Providers on Reproductive Health: STD Counseling and Testing* is a national random-sample survey of 767 physicians, including 566 obstetrician/gynecologists (OBGYNs) and 201 family practice physicians (FPPs). The questionnaire was designed by staff at the Kaiser Family Foundation and Princeton Survey Research Associates (PSRA) and analysis was conducted by staff at the Foundation. Fieldwork was conducted by telephone by PSRA between January 19 and April 27, 2000. The sample was drawn from the American Medical Association's Masterfile. The data have been weighted by age, gender, and region to be representative of national samples of OBGYNs and FPPs and to account in part for nonresponse. The margin of error is plus or minus 4 percent for OBGYNs and plus or minus 10 percent for FPPs and may be larger for certain subsets presented in this analysis.

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Q1 To begin, I'd like you to think about the sexually active patients you see for routine gynecological care, not including your prenatal care patients. Would you say you discuss (INSERT) with all, most, less than half or only a few of your routine gynecological patients?

a HIV/AIDS

OBGYN (%)	FPP (%)	
43	53	All or most (subtotal)
15	17	All
28	36	Most
55	45	Less than half or a few (subtotal)
30	17	Less than half
25	28	Only a few
1	2	Don't know
1	1	Refused
566	201	n

b Other sexually transmitted diseases

OBGYN (%)	FPP (%)	
54	57	All or most (subtotal)
16	14	All
38	43	Most
43	38	Less than half or a few (subtotal)
29	22	Less than half
14	16	Only a few
2	4	Don't know
2	*	Refused
566	201	n

Q2 As part of routine gynecological care for your sexually active patients, (excluding prenatal care) do you regularly test or advise testing for any STDs, or not?

OBGYN (%)	FPP (%)	
49	50	Yes
49	47	No
2	3	Don't know
1	*	Refused
566	201	n

Q3 Which STDs do you regularly test or advise testing for? (Open-ended)

Based on those who regularly test or advise testing for STDs.

OBGYN (%)	FPP (%)	
95	91	Chlamydia
81	61	Gonorrhea
37	51	HIV/AIDS
28	38	Syphilis
16	15	HBV or Hepatitis-B virus
9	10	HPV or Genital warts or warts or human papilloma viruses
7	11	Trichomoniasis
5	4	HSV or Genital herpes or herpes or herpes simplex virus
4	1	BV or bacterial vaginosis
1	1	Crabs
1	1	PID or Pelvic inflammatory disease
*	1	Chancroid
-	1	CMV or cytomegalovirus
1	-	Scabies
*	-	Pubic lice
3	4	Other
-	-	Don't know
-	-	Refused
270	95	n

Q4 As you may know, a DNA test for HPV called the Digene HPV test is FDA-approved for use in patients whose Pap smears indicate atypical, low-grade or high-grade squamous cells. Are you very familiar, somewhat familiar, not too familiar or not at all familiar with this DNA HPV test?

OBGYN (%)	FPP (%)	
74	38	Familiar (subtotal)
29	9	Very familiar
45	29	Somewhat familiar
25	62	Not familiar (subtotal)
17	32	Not too familiar
8	30	Not familiar at all
*	-	Don't know
*	-	Refused
566	201	n

Q5 Do you offer this test, or not?

OBGYN (%)	FPP (%)	
29	19	Yes
71	80	No
*	1	Don't know
-	-	Refused
566	201	n

Q6 If the DNA HPV test were to be approved by the FDA as a primary cervical screening test, how likely would you be to offer it instead of the traditional Pap smear—very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely or not likely at all?

OBGYN (%)	FPP (%)	
36	58	Likely (subtotal)
10	28	Very likely
26	30	Somewhat likely
58	37	Not likely (subtotal)
29	19	Not too likely
29	18	Not likely at all
6	3	Don't know
1	1	Refused
566	201	n

Q7 Now thinking specifically about your prenatal patients, how many of your prenatal patients get tested for HIV/AIDs—all, most, less than half or only a few?

Based on those who care for prenatal patients.

OBGYN (%)	FPP (%)	
85	70	All or most (subtotal)
62	49	All
23	21	Most
15	28	Less than half or a few (subtotal)
8	8	Less than half
7	20	Only a few
*	1	Don't know
*	1	Refused
522	83	n

Q8 Now thinking about your sexually active teenage patients, that is 13-19 year olds, do you routinely test for chlamydia, or not?

Based on those who see teen patients.

OBGYN (%)	FPP (%)	
63	51	Yes
37	48	No
*	*	Don't know
*	*	Refused
560	193	n

Q9 In general, do you think teens who want contraceptive and STD care should be able to receive that care confidentially (that is, without their parent's knowledge, excluding situations of abuse or reportable events), or not?

OBGYN (%)	FPP (%)	
96	85	Yes
3	14	No
*	*	Don't know
*	-	Refused
566	201	n

Q10 During the past few years, do you think HMOs or other managed care plans have increased, decreased or had no affect on the (INSERT)?

a Likelihood that patients get routine screening for asymptomatic STDs

OBGYN (%)	FPP (%)	
12	13	Increased
35	30	Decreased
43	39	No effect
10	17	Don't know
*	1	Refused
566	201	n

Q10 (Continued.) During the past few years, do you think HMOs or other managed care plans have increased, decreased or had no affect on the (INSERT)?

b Ability of patients to get specific contraceptive methods

OBGYN (%)	FPP (%)	
13	13	Increased
41	32	Decreased
39	41	No effect
7	13	Don't know
-	1	Refused
566	201	n

c Ability of patients to get specific brands of birth control pills

OBGYN (%)	FPP (%)	
10	10	Increased
74	63	Decreased
11	17	No effect
5	9	Don't know
-	*	Refused
566	201	n

Physician Demographics

D1 Are you in solo practice, a single-specialty group or a multi-specialty group?

OBGYN (%)	FPP (%)	
33	48	Solo practice
41	22	Single-specialty group
25	28	Multi-specialty group
2	2	Refused
566	201	n

D2 Is your office in an urban, suburban or rural area?

OBGYN (%)	FPP (%)	
47	43	Urban
39	25	Suburban
14	31	Rural
-	*	Refused
566	201	n

D3 About what percentage of your patients are teenagers, that is 13-19 years old?

OBGYN (%)	FPP (%)	
*	3	None
72	69	Less than 25%
26	21	25% - 50%
2	3	More than half
1	4	Don't know
-	1	Refused
566	201	n

D4 And about what percentage of your patients are prenatal care patients?

OBGYN (%)	FPP (%)	
11	62	None
23	31	Less than 25%
50	5	25% - 50%
15	1	More than half
1	1	Don't know
-	-	Refused
566	201	n

D5 What percentage are gynecological care patients?

OBGYN (%)	FPP (%)	
3	4	None
6	55	Less than 25%
33	31	25% - 50%
59	6	More than half
*	3	Don't know
-	1	Refused
566	201	n

D6 What is your age?

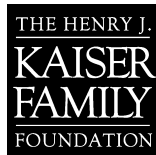
OBGYN (%)	FPP (%)	
19	12	24-39
33	32	40-49
27	26	50-59
16	15	60-69
4	12	70 or older
1	2	Undesignated
566	201	n

D7 Respondent's sex

OBGYN (%)	FPP (%)	
69	78	Male
31	22	Female
566	201	n

D8 In what year did you graduate from medical school?

OBGYN (%)	FPP (%)	
27	37	1920 –1969
29	27	1970 –1979
32	27	1980 –1989
12	9	1990 –1999
-	-	Undesignated
566	201	n



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