

Open-Ended Questions for Getting Names

As much as possible, avoid asking the question, “Who else?” Find questions that can really get the patients to think about their partners and give them memory prompters. “Who else?” is unhelpful and can get too repetitive. For some, it will feel like nagging.

Here are some examples of open-ended questions that ask for names without saying “who else:”

- “When do you think you got this disease? Who do you think you were having sex with then?”
- “Who is your steady partner?”
- “Who did you have sex with this week?”
- “Who did you have sex with before that?”
- “Who have you had sex with between ___ and ___?”
- “Who have you had oral/anal/vaginal sex with?”
- “Who have you had sex with at the club where you hang out?”
- “Who did you have sex with around your birthday/Christmas/the holidays/Fourth of July/ Valentine’s Day, etc.?”
- “Who are the mothers/fathers of your children? When was the last time you had sex with them?”
- “Who are you most concerned about?”
- “Who have you been with just once?”
- “Who did you have sex with during your vacation?”
- “You mentioned you had sex with men. Who was that?”
- “You mentioned you’ve had five partners this year. Who were they?”
- “You mentioned you met your partners at the club. Who did you meet there?”