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FOR PROVIDERS

STI Awareness Week

STI Awareness Week is celebrated each April. It's an excellent opportunity to check out resources that can improve patient care at your practice. A great place to start is with a theme from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)—**Talk, Test, Treat**.

talk



Your patients rely on you to start the conversation about sexual health. There are many resources available to help guide you, including [a tool to use when taking a sexual history](#) from the National Coalition for Sexual Health that includes questions to ask. Want to be more mindful about the language you use? Check out ASHA's [webinar and online modules on minimizing STI-related stigma](#) in healthcare settings.

test



Testing is prevention! There are now more ways than ever for your patients to get tested, including new [FDA-approved home testing options](#). During STI Awareness Week, you can talk to all of your patients about recommended tests, explore [opt-out options](#), and [review screening guidelines](#) for [all anatomical sites](#).

treat



[The CDC STI Treatment Guidelines](#) are your go-to resource for evidence-based prevention, diagnostic and treatment recommendations. During STI Awareness Week, you can read up on [Expedited Partner Therapy \(EPT\)](#) as an option when a patient's partner(s) may be unwilling or unable to access care and get up to date on the issue of [drug-resistant gonorrhea](#).

Patient Education Materials

Looking for free, printable resources on STIs for your patients? Visit ASHA's [publications site](#) for [fact sheets on a range of topics](#), including new titles on [common bacterial STIs](#) and [preventing STIs with doxy PEP](#). Well-educated patients are empowered to take charge of their sexual health.



You and your patients can learn more at www.ashasexualhealth.org

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