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# Sexual Health Screening in HIV-positive patients: Why not D.I.Y?



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## Background

- National Strategy for HIV and Sexual Health 2001
- BASHH Guidelines 2006 Sexual health of people with HIV
- Health Protection Agency [HPA] 2009

## What were we doing?





- Dedicated HIV/STI clinic
- Full sexual health screen [SHS] offered annually
- High DNA rates



## Meeting the need.....

- Home Sampling study in MSM's recommended +
- Nucleic Acid Amplification Testing introduced into GUM =
- Self taken NAATS testing in HIV clinic

Self-sampling for oropharyngeal and rectal specimens to screen for sexually transmitted infections: acceptability among men who have sex with men *Sex Transm Infect* 2009;85:60-64

# Implementation



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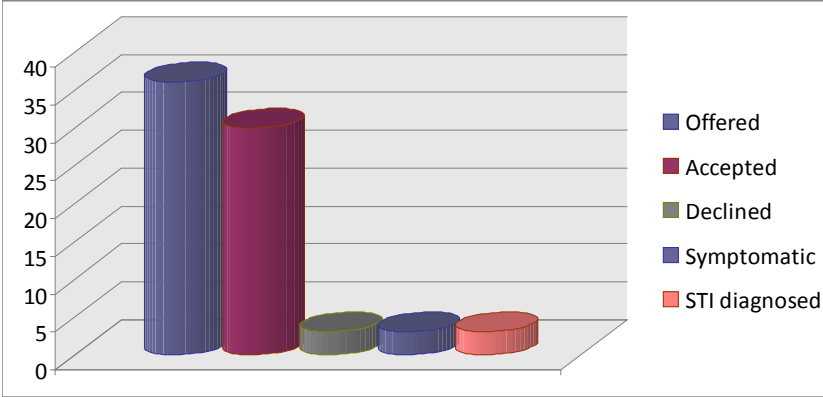


# Training and Feedback

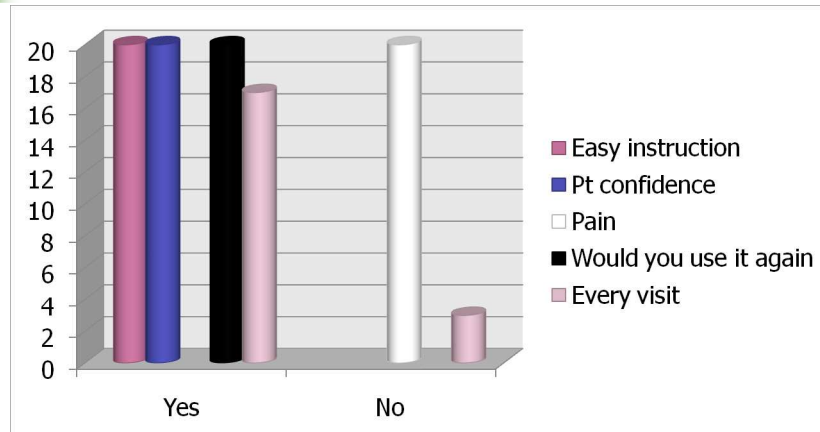
- Ensuring confidence
- Knowledge
- Feedback is encouraging



# Results



## Patient Satisfaction



## Conclusions



- HIV services have to be flexible
- Respond to changing local needs
- Self taken NAATs are simple and effective

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