

# HIV PREVENTION LEARNING COMMUNITY



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## STI AWARENESS WEEK

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APRIL 9 - 15, 2023

## April Newsletter

### STI AWARENESS WEEK

It's April so that means...[STI Awareness Week!](#)  
This year STI Awareness Week is April 9-15th.

This week is an opportunity to raise awareness of STIs and the impact they have on our and our patients' lives, and to reduce STI-related stigma. We can make sure our patients and communities have the tools and knowledge for prevention, testing, and treatment, and do so in a sex-positive way.

The CDC has different [campaign toolkits](#) and [general resources](#) which you can find on their [website](#).

There are lots of ways your clinic can get involved in STI Awareness Week. **We would love to hear about your clinic's activities!**

### MARCH LC RECAP

March's LC focused on **Sexual Health Metrics: Data to Practice**. Clinics shared sexual health projects with a focus on data. We discussed SMART goals and how to incorporate inclusion and equity to turn them into SMARTIE goals.

NYC PTC's data team walked the group through an example from Columbus Public Health about the role data can play in project development and execution.

Rooting our projects in data ensures there is a basis for the projects, and that we will be able to set goals and measure change. **NYC PTC would love to work with your clinic on data-driven projects!** Interested? Let us know!



## RESOURCES

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- [March LC Slides](#)
- [SMARTIE Goals](#)
- [STI Awareness Week:](#)
  - April 9-15th
- [CDC STI Statistics 2021](#)

*What's next?*

## NEXT MONTH'S LC

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### Details:

- **May 30th at 12-1pm EST**
- **Topic: PrEP for Adolescents**
- **Considerations:**
  - **Discuss who from your site should attend this data-focused LC - 2-4 individuals**
  - **There will be a short activity to complete ahead of the LC**



## ASK A CLINICIAN

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**Question:** 26 year-old, 5 weeks pregnant, with recent history of m. genitalium (Jan. '23), treated at that time with full course of doxycycline and moxifloxacin. Presented to ER with pelvic cramping (April '23) after positive home pregnancy test; STI screen positive for m. Genitalium. What are next steps?

**Answer:** Treatment of M. gen in pregnancy is tricky as neither doxycycline nor moxifloxacin can be used. It is possible that the testing picked up non-viable organisms as it is a molecular based test. If she is pregnant, you can re-treat with azithromycin 1 gram followed by 500mg daily x 3 days. A test of cure, 21 days after completing treatment, can be done as this regimen may have a higher failure rate due to azithromycin resistance. However, if the patient has no symptoms, one might consider watching and monitoring as there is no other regimen available for M. gen in pregnant women and data on the risk of M. gen to the fetus is limited.

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Have a clinical question? Check out the clinical consultation line: [www.stdccn.org](http://www.stdccn.org)