



TRAINING COURSE FACT SHEET

HIV-STI PREVENTION: SEXUAL PARTNER SERVICES

Objective: Improve the ability of health care providers and health care support professionals to work with patients with sexually transmitted infections, including HIV, to bring their sexual partners to testing, treatment, and prevention counseling.

Course Overview: Five-hour course. Students learn the referral options and 11-step partner referral process. Military-specific circumstances and issues are explored. Students use role-plays to improve their one-on-one counseling skills of working with patients to bring their partners to testing and treatment. Students also learn to use the STI-reporting module of the Disease Reporting System-internet.

Target Audience: Physicians, Independent Duty Corpsmen, nurses, Preventive Medicine and Public Health Technicians and Officers, PM Representatives, PM Petty Officers and family counselors.

Prerequisites: Recommend completing the self-study version of this course, which may be downloaded from:
<http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nmcphc/Documents/health-promotion-wellness/general-tools-and-programs/sharp-sexual-partner-counseling-referral-self-study-course-manual.pdf>

Continuing Education Credit: For Certified Health Education Specialists (CHES), this course is approved for 5 Category 1 CEUs (NMCPHC CHES # Provider ID#: 99136).

Requests for Training: Requests by your Command to host an iteration of this course may be coordinated with the NMCPHC-HP-SHARP at:
usn.hampton-roads.navmcpubhlthcenpors.list.nmcphc-sharp@mail.mil

Materials/funding to be provided by host command:

Classroom. Desktop/tabletop space for each student is desirable. Moveable tables and chairs (vs. auditorium seating) are preferred.

Equipment and Supplies: Computer with DVD drive; external speakers required; projection equipment and screen, newsprint tablet with easel or whiteboard.

Certificates: SHARP provides the host command with the certificate template. Host command prepares certificates, provides them to the facilitator for signature, and distributes them to students. Host command provides NMCPHC with a student roster that includes CHES member numbers.

"Few physicians engage in partner notification, and most instruct patients to self-report to the health department or notify partners themselves. This reliance on patient notification represents a gap between common practice and our knowledge of its effectiveness".¹

The SHARP PCRS course improves the ability of providers and patients to successfully notify and refer potentially infected partners and strengthens collaboration between primary care and preventive medicine.

1. St Lawrence, et al (2002) Am J of Public Health 90(11);1784-1788