Pursue and Cover: Cluster Interview Questions

No traditional cluster interview questions are listed on the template. However, the following detailed listing of common cluster interview questions can be used as individual case management warrants. **Please review each section and determine which questions should be pursued and covered during Clusters interviews in relation to a specific case.** Questions may not be limited to the following and should be discussed with the DIS Supervisor as needed.

Pursue – Information or question that needs follow up with a person who is to be cluster interviewed.
Cover(ed) – Information gathered from a person that was cluster interviewed.

Cluster Instructions – Social History
Confirm Address: Information to be pursued or covered pertaining to physical location of patient's domicile.
Time in Area/At Address – Information to be pursued or covered pertaining to the length of time the patient has lived in a particular area/address.
Ix Period Travel: Information to be pursued or covered pertaining to travel completed during the interview period.
Marital Status/Living with: Information to be pursued or covered pertaining to who a person may be cohabitating with or marital status.
Life styles (Hangouts/Social activities): Information to be pursued or covered pertaining to how the patient spends their free time.
E-mail Address: Information to be pursued or covered pertaining to e-mail addresses.
Internet Activity: Information to be pursued or covered pertaining to internet screen names, chat rooms visited, and websites, especially social networks.

Cluster Instructions – Medical History
Lesion History/Ghosted Lesion: Information to be pursued or covered pertaining to when lesion symptomology possibly occurred. Include beginning and ending date of duration or ghosted duration of symptoms.
Reason for Exam: Information to be pursued or covered pertaining to why a patient was originally examined.
STD History (GC, CT, Labs, Rx): Information to be pursued or covered pertaining to STD history.
Self Rx: Information to be pursued or covered pertaining to medications the patient may have taken incidentally.
General Medical (Medication, Illness, Hospitalizations): Information to be pursued or covered pertaining to general medical history.
Patient's Understanding of Medical Aspects of infection: Information to be pursued or covered pertaining to how much the patient understands the current infection.
Illogical Aspects (Lesion Hx, Lab Results): Information to be pursued or covered pertaining to patient's medical aspects that don't logically make sense.
Drug use (Concealed, Unclear, Downplayed): Information to be pursued or covered pertaining to recreational drug use.

Cluster Instructions – Partners
Exposure Gap: Information to be pursued or covered pertaining to gaps in sexual or needle sharing history. Include beginning and ending dates of the exposure gap. **Exposure inconsistencies (Doesn't match what partners say):** Information to be pursued or covered pertaining to who could be the potential source of the current infection. **No partner named during lesion:** Information to be pursued or covered pertaining to why no partner was named while the patient had a lesion. **Unexplained change in sexual activity or pattern:** Information to be pursued or covered pertaining to why there was a change in behavioral patterns concerning sexual activities. **No "steady" partner named:** Information to be pursued or covered pertaining to why patient has no steady partner(s). **Challenge claims of anonymous partners (Pick-ups, pros, OOJ, Internet, etc):** Information to be pursued or covered pertaining to casual sex. **Partners met on the internet:** Information to be pursued or covered pertaining to sexual or needle-sharing partners met through the internet. **No Source/ No Candidate named:** Information to be pursued or covered pertaining to why there are no partners named that could be a potential source of the patient's infection. **Locating on open partners/social contacts:** Information to be pursued or covered pertaining to identifying open contacts or clusters. **Locating on marginal partners:** Information to be pursued or covered pertaining to locating marginal contacts or clusters. **Partners of the same sex:** Information to be pursued or covered pertaining to potential same-sex partner relationships.

Cluster Instructions – Clusters
IP not being named by partners: Information to be pursued or covered pertaining to why IP is not being named by partners. **A2s/S2s to IP identified:** Information to be pursued or covered pertaining to A2s, person who is named as a sex partner of a known infected person, or S2s, person who is named as a sex partner of a known infected person. **IP named by previously unnamed partners:** Information to be pursued or covered pertaining to why the IP is being named by sexual or needle-sharing partners that the IP did not name as being partners. **S2s to other cases:** Information to be pursued or covered pertaining to S2s, person who is a sex partner of a known infected person, of another suspected case not the IP's.