

CONCORDANT COUPLE ROLE PLAY

Peter: 29 years old, accountant

Margaret: 25 years old, primary school teacher

Relationship: Together 3 years and married 2 years

Children: 2-year-old daughter

In the beginning of their relationship and after the birth of the first daughter, Peter and Margaret used condoms to prevent pregnancy. These days they no longer use condoms because Peter never really liked them and they would like to have another child. Margaret is at the clinic today to get a pregnancy test and her annual health screening. Since she hasn't been tested for HIV in a long time, the attending nurse suggested CHTC to Margaret and encouraged her to bring in Peter, who was waiting outside the clinic. Peter agrees to come the CHTC session. Peter travels occasionally to visit other manufacturing facilities run by his company in neighboring countries. There is also discussion that he may be sent away for a 6-week course in auditing. This is the opportunity of a lifetime. However, he thinks that he must be careful, especially if he goes out to a club and has a few beers with his co-workers.

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Elias: 31 years old, driver for an aid organization

Jane: 28 years old, sells fruits, vegetables, and other staples at a roadside vending stand

Relationship: Married 5 years

Children: 5-year-old son, 2-year-old daughter

Elias and Jane never talked in detail about their past relationships. Jane is aware that before they met, Elias drove a truck for another aid organization and delivered supplies to programs in various neighboring countries. He was away for weeks at a time, and she imagines he may have met girls along the way. Elias knows that for a brief time, Jane had a boyfriend who she was serious about but the relationship ended long before they met. Since they married they have built a nice home for their family.

The youngest child of Elias and Jane has had some minor health problems, and they have brought her in today to see the doctor. During the child's visit, the nurse recommended that Jane and Elias receive CHTC, along with testing their daughter. While they were surprised that the nurses recommend they get tested today, they are willing to go through CHTC.

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George: 38 years old, farmer

Ester: 33 years old, farmer

Relationship: Married 10 years

Children: 4 children, ages 2–10; Ester is 3 months pregnant

Ester and George have been together for almost 15 years. They are poor farmers who often struggle to support their family. Their relationship has been stressed over the years. Ester has known that George has had sex outside of their marriage. He promises that he currently has no other partners, but Ester does not trust him. He has refused to get tested for HIV before, saying he does not see the point since he “feels healthy.” Ester is 3 months pregnant with their fifth child. During her pre-natal screening visit, she tested positive for HIV and was devastated by the results. She fears disclosing the results to George. The nurse suggested that she bring George in for couples testing, where another provider could test them together without letting George know that Ester has been previously tested. After much conversation, George has reluctantly agreed to go through CHTC.

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Sitimola: 37 years old, herder

Mametse: 22 years old

Relationship: Married 1 year. Mametse is Sitimola's second wife. He has one other wife, who he been married to for 5 years.

Children: Mametse is 2 months pregnant. Sitimola has 2 children with his other wife.

Mametse is the Sitimola's second wife, who lives with him and his other wife and children. Mametse is happy with her relationship with her husband and her new family. She is excited that she is pregnant and looks forward to having many children. During her first ANC appointment, the attending nurse recommended that she and her husband, who came with her to the clinic, get tested as a couple. They agreed to get couple's testing during the visit. Neither of them has been tested for HIV before. Sitimola's other wife is at home with her children.