

HIV-DISCORDANT COUPLE ROLE PLAY

Simon: 25 years old, construction worker

Kebo: 22 years old, store clerk

Relationship: Engaged

Children: None

Simon and Kebo have been in a relationship for 4 years and are engaged to get married in a few months. They are both really excited about their wedding. While Kebo has had some concerns about how faithful Simon is when he goes away on longer-term construction jobs, they both love and care for each other. They both have had other sex partners in the past. Kebo recently heard a public health message on the radio that encouraged couples to get HIV testing together. Their pastor also encouraged them to get tested before they are married. While Simon did not see the point of getting tested for HIV, he has reluctantly agreed to receive CHTC.

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Chris: 18 years old, student

Elizabeth: 18 years old, student

Relationship: Not married

Children: None

Chris and Elizabeth are both students at a technical school. They have been together for about 4 months and only recently started having sex. They have used condoms every time they have had sex. Chris wants to stop using condoms. They came to the clinic to see about getting Elizabeth on birth control. During the visit, they also agreed to get tested for HIV together based on the nurse's recommendation.

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Mathew: 33 years old, store clerk

Aisha: 18 years old, unemployed

Relationship: Married

Children: None

Mathew and Aisha have been married for 4 months, but they have been together since Aisha was 14. Mathew is anxious to start a family with Aisha but is concerned that Aisha may be having a relationship outside the marriage. Mathew had previous sex partners before he met Aisha, but Aisha did not, and Mathew believes that she may be exploring other opportunities. Mathew has brought Aisha in to get her tested to find out if she has been cheating. The provider suggested that they get tested together. Aisha did not want to get tested initially but eventually agreed to do so.

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John: 30 years old, store owner

Mary: 29 years old, housewife.

Relationship: Married 9 years

Children: 3 children, ages 2, 5, and 7

John and Mary dated as teenagers, and their families were very happy when they married. John went to the university for several years when he left to start a business, a store in the city that sells locally made crafts and jewelry. Mary worked in the store until she became pregnant with their first child. After their first son was born, she stayed at home and subsequently has had 2 more children. Their 2-year-old daughter has recently become ill with a high fever and vomiting. She has been admitted to the pediatric ward for dehydration. She was tested for HIV, and her parents were told that she is HIV-positive. The health care provider in the ward has asked that both parents come to see her to talk about their daughter's health. The provider suggested couples testing and they both agreed.

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Simon: 28 years old, computer technician

Sarah: 25 years old, secretary

Relationship: Married 3 years

Children: 3-year-old twins (one girl and one boy)

Simon and Sarah are dedicated to each other and happy together. They have 3-year-old twins who are healthy and happy. However, Simon has not been feeling well over the past several weeks and has had a fever for a few days. Sarah came with Simon to the clinic to see a doctor. While conducting her initial screening with Simon, the attending nurse recommended that Sarah and Simon receive CHTC, since neither of them has been tested for HIV before. Although Simon and Sarah have never talked specifically about it, they both know that there may have been other partners in their pasts before they were married.