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[Announcer] So I’m Patty and we’re talking about STDs. Would you be interested. No? So what do you know about STDs?

[Man] Uh…

[Couple] Laughing…

[Announcer] So you know about STDs?

[Announcer] Would you like to talk about sex?

[Man] Sure, why not?


[Announcer] Do you know what an STD is?

[Announcer] Do you all know how you guys can get STDs?

[Announcer] Uh yeah, sex.

[Announcer] What kind of sex?

[Announcer] Unsafe sex!

[Announcer] So, what kind of STDs are out there? Can you name a few?

[Announcer] Not politely! (laughter)

[Two Women] Uh, syphilis, chlamydia.

[Man] AIDS and um, gonorrhea.

[Two Women] Herpes?
[Woman] HPV.

[Patty - Announcer] Do you all know what HPV is?

[Couple] No.

[Man] Sounds like a car.

[Patty - Announcer] Sounds like a car? *(laughter)*
Do you know what some symptoms of chlamydia or gonorrhea would be?

[Woman] Uh, nope. Not off the top of my head.

[Patty - Announcer] Do you know what genital warts look like?

[Man] Uh, no; I don’t think I want to.

[Patty - Announcer] What about genital herpes? Can you prevent it by just using a condom every time?

[Man] Don’t know. I don’t know.

[Patty - Announcer] Can you get STDs from oral sex?

[Man] That, I’m not quite sure of.


[Woman] I believe you can get an STD from oral sex, yes.

[Patty - Announcer] So, do you get tested for STDs?

[Man] I do.

[Patty - Announcer] How often do you think we should get tested?

[Man] Every time you go hook up with a new partner.

[Patty - Announcer] Do you guys get tested for STDs?

[Woman] Um, I don’t. No.

[Patty - Announcer] Even if you’re in a monogamous relationship do you think we still should get tested?
[Couple] Yeah. Yeah. Yeah!

[Patty - Announcer] What is the key to sexual health?

[Man] Being aware and having an open conversation with your partner.

[Patty - Announcer] Do you have candid conversations with your partners about whether they have STDs?

[Couple] It’s actually a taboo discussion. Nobody wants to talk about it.

[Man] It’s just something you have to talk about now a days.

[Woman] Probably something that should be brought up like right away

[Patty - Announcer] Is it awkward to have that conversation with a partner about protection, sexual responsibility?

[Man] It shouldn’t be, really.

[Man] Yeah, it really shouldn't be.

[Man] It’s not a comfortable thing, but something you definitely have to do.

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