

1 Jackson

25 year-old male who identifies as gay and reports that he loves sex. He goes to public sex environments and hooks up with as many men as he can in a given night. He claims he never uses condoms because he hates the way they feel and worries what others would think of him if he did. He also tells you that he doesn't care if he gets HIV and is surprised he hasn't gotten it yet. Friends have told him that some of the people he hooks up with are positive, but he continues to hook up. He feels that his life would be better if he just finally got infected.

2 Maxine

32 year-old woman who exchanges sex for money. She uses condoms unless her "date" is willing to pay more, in which case she won't use them. She needs the money to support her family. She only "dates" men from the suburbs because she feels they are clean and have more money. She gets tested regularly and is HIV and STI negative, though she did have chlamydia last year and got it treated. She reports using alcohol and marijuana to cope with the stress.

3 Rosa

is a 37 year-old woman who comes to the program with her husband, who recently got out of jail and has a history of injection drug use, though is currently not using drugs. During the session Rosa tells you that she doesn't know why she's here because she is not at risk. Though she and her husband don't use condoms, she doesn't see the need to because they've been married for 7 years and she knows he doesn't cheat. The other reason they don't use them is because they are trying to have a baby. You know from your sessions with Mario that he recently tested positive for HIV.

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Kevin

25-year old male, who is worried that his boyfriend may be cheating on him. His boyfriend Alex is 32 years old and they have been dating for 3 months. He wants to use condoms because he knows about his reputation but is afraid to bring it up with him because he may get angry toward him. He has gotten violent before, "but only when I deserved it," he says. He is thinking about getting tested but is afraid to know the results because if he's positive, Alex will leave for sure. Kevin drinks and occasionally smokes marijuana.

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Shannon

26-year old female, active IV drug user who recently found out she is pregnant. She has a 4 bag a day habit, which she doesn't feel she can stop. Since finding out she was pregnant, she has cut her smoking down from 2 packs a day to 1 pack a day. She never share needles or works, and is HIV and HCV negative; however, she does have an abscess. She feels strongly that having this baby will be what she needs to straighten out her life. It will also get her the benefits she needs to get a better apartment.