

Sample Script to Guide Patient-Partner Discussions

Listen, I have something very important to talk about with you about. I had some routine tests done when I went to the ____ (doctor/clinic) and one of the tests showed that I have Chlamydia.

If I hadn't gone to the _____ (doctor/clinic), I might not have known because I felt perfectly fine.

They told me that the only way to get Chlamydia is from having sex and that it is important to get my partner treated because you might not know you have anything either.

They said it would be hard to tell how long the germ was in my body, but the important thing is that this thing is curable.

I took my pills and they gave me a prescription _____. Medicaid or insurance should take pay for it, but if you don't have coverage, the meds cost between \$11-15 bucks. If you don't have the money right now, maybe that's another reason to go to the STD clinic so you can get it for free.

[Alternate option}the doctor in the clinic gave me a free sample of the medication for you so you can be cured too.

The pills are safe, but sometimes it can cause an upset stomach for a little while. I was ok after I took mine.

I know this is a lot to take in, it took me awhile. They gave me some stuff to read, so I brought it for you, and we can check out these websites too.

But it might be a good idea if you went in and got a complete checkup from ____ (your doctor, my clinic, the Dept of Health STD clinic...) just to make sure everything else is ok.

If it makes it easier, the doctor gave me a number for you to call _____ (Provider phone #, Clinic #, or DOH STD clinic #). They can answer any questions you have that these materials can't. I'll even go with you.