

5 Teen Friendly Office Tips

These office practices and suggestions can be adapted to any outpatient medical setting. Choose the ones that work in your office.



- Report lab results
- Prescribe treatment
- Discuss partner notification

- Partner must seek health care
- No sexual contact until seven days after treatment begins



Partner Notification

Normalize screening: "We routinely screen our patients to make sure we are not missing a problem."

Exam room

Offer materials in a private location where teens will feel comfortable taking them

Develop and post a policy of confidentiality

Teen friendly magazines and posters

Waiting area

Make sure materials will fit into a pocket or purse

Office phones and triage are private

Exam room

- Establish practice-wide policy of time with adolescent without parent present
- Encourage teens to share information with parent or trusted adult

Lavatory

Reception desk

Offer office hours after school or walk in hours for teens