



Partner Protection Counseling Guide: ATI Disclosure Script

Disclosure Script:

“We have developed several resources for you to discuss the treatment interruption with your sex partner(s) and to help them access resources like condoms, safer sex education, PrEP and STI testing and treatment. I’d like to review these with you now if that is OK?”

“When you speak with your sex partner(s) about resources to protect them from HIV, you will need to disclose your own HIV status and provide the information about the trial that they need and want.”

“Have you disclosed your HIV status with your sex partner(s)?”

“Many people have concerns about a negative reaction, or even abuse or other negative consequences after disclosing their status. If there are current sex partner(s) with whom you have not disclosed your status, do you have any concerns about disclosing your status to them?”

<Pause>

*“The first resource is the **HIV Treatment Interruption Participation Disclosure Sheet**. This resource is meant to help you discuss your participation in our study with your sex partner(s) if you wish to do so. It provides helpful tips for discussing why you are participating in the study and why you will be stopping your HIV treatment during the study. “*

<pause to review sheet>

Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Script: Assess for possibility of violence

“As you think of negotiating condom use, PrEP uptake, or safer sex practices, how concerned are you that your sex partner(s) may respond violently? What have you done in the past in similar situations? How did those approaches work for you? Looking back, what else could you have done? What might you do if the situation arises again?”

“At this research site, we are not experts in handling intimate partner violence, but we do have relationships with local providers where you could go for specialized care. Would you like us to link you to one of our local resources related to intimate partner violence?”

Counseling Aids for IPV

List of local IPV resources prepared by study team during the site activation process.

National Resources	Websites
National Coalition Against Domestic Violence	https://ncadv.org/RESOURCES
National Resource Center on Domestic Violence	https://www.nrcdv.org/
Domestic Violence: A Self-Help Guide for Victims	http://www.socialworkerstoolbox.com/domestic-violence-a-self-help-guide-for-victims/



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HIV Criminalization Script:

“Are you aware that many states may criminalize exposure to HIV (or press charges under other statutes)? The risk of criminal charges is greatly increased if HIV transmission occurs. During the pause in taking your HIV treatment you are at an increased risk of HIV transmission. You may wish to take some time before then to learn about what the law requires in our area in terms of your responsibilities to protect any sex partner(s) from acquiring HIV.”

“Locally, you may wish to contact < Research Team enters agency, contact name and telephone number >. You may also wish to contact our local Health Department < Research Team enters Contact name and telephone # >. You can also review information at The Sero Project (www.seroproject.com), The Center for HIV Law and Policy (www.hivlawandpolicy.org), and the Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation (<https://elizabethtayloraidsfoundation.org>) and (<https://www.hivisnotacrime-etaf.org>).”

“We will discuss ways to reduce or minimize the possibility of HIV transmission during your study participation, including the use of barrier protection, PrEP, and other considerations.”

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HIV Criminalization Information Resources

HIV Criminalization and HIV Cure Research: FAQs