
HPTN 039 Data Communiqué #4

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REMINDER

1. Quarterly Sexual Behavior form and partner names

On the Quarterly Sexual Behavior form (male and female versions), there are several questions asking about the three most recent male partners of the participant. Within items 2, 4 and 6, there is a blank space in which site staff may record a letter or other mark to help the participant remember the identity of the partner being discussed. During training, we instructed site staff to record only letters or made-up names in these spaces, and that partner names should never be recorded on the forms. We have noticed recently that first names are being recorded in the blank spaces. While we believe that, as instructed, site staff is not recording the true names of the partners, it is best not to use names on the forms at all. Please remember to use **ONLY** letters, marks/symbols, or other descriptors (e.g., 'tall guy', 'little fat man', 'dark hair', etc.) in the blank spaces.