

## Supplementary Online Content

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| Category   | Example  |
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| Level 0: No sexuality talk   |  |
| Level 1: Physician speaks but does not try to involve the adolescent   | Physician: <i>You know, I always talk about safe sex that you got to be careful. If you are with somebody cause sexually transmitted infection, mucus membranes, a mouth, penis, vagina, one person's touching another person's in any combination can get infections. You got to be really careful. People go "Oh, well I can't get pregnant from oral sex – I can't get infections." Wrong! You can't get pregnant but you can get an infection. So, <u>you</u> remember when you want to say no – then say it. Um, I don't hear anything that has me worried about that.</i>  |
| Level 2: Physician speaks but the adolescent only responds nonverbally   | Physician: <i>Have you had sex before? You are shaking your head no. Ok. Would you like me to talk about this some more. No? Ok.</i>   |
| Level 3: Physician asks questions and the adolescent only responds with yes/no answers                         | Physician: <i>So &lt;name removed&gt; since you are a teen I have to ask you some questions, it is just between me, I won't discuss it with your dad unless I am worried you are going to hurt yourself or somebody else, ok? So, do you have a girlfriend?</i><br>Adolescent: <i>Nuh uh.</i><br>Physician: <i>And have you ever been sexually active?</i><br>Adolescent: <i>Nuh uh.</i><br>Physician: <i>And you know about safe sex?</i><br>Adolescent: <i>Yeah.</i><br>Physician: <i>Using a condom prevents you from getting a girl pregnant and prevents you from getting sexually transmitted disease like gonorrhea or chlamydia or HIV for that matter. Ok? (launches right into smoking)</i>  |
| Level 4: Adolescent responds to questions (beyond yes/no)  | Physician: <i>And sex. Are you having sex? Do you have a girlfriend?</i><br>Adolescent: <i>Yea, we've been together for a few months now.</i><br>Physician: <i>Having sex?</i><br>Adolescent: <i>No.</i><br>Physician: <i>Good, try to keep it that way.</i>   |
| Level 5: Adolescent offers a disclosure at least once during interaction but does not result in a conversation | Physician: <i>...Um let's see here - are you dating anybody?</i><br>Adolescent: <i>Nope.</i><br>Physician: <i>Are you sexually active?</i><br>Adolescent: <i>No</i><br>Physician: <i>Good for you. What has kept you away from doing those sorts of things?</i><br>Adolescent: <i>Umm I dunno. I know my parents don't want me to and I know it is not good for my body to do that. And, umm I dunno it is not something I want to involve myself with.</i><br>Physician: <i>Good for you. I think those are all very good reasons. Alright. Alright. (Topic moves to a depression screening)</i>  |
| Level 6: Adolescent engages in a conversation (at least for one part of it – maybe not throughout)             | Physician: <i>Ok and he's the one that, cause we were just talking about him. And, um, how often are you guys using condoms?</i><br>Adolescent: <i>We only had sex twice and we haven't used condoms either time, neither two times.</i><br>Physician: <i>Are you trying to get pregnant?</i><br>Adolescent: <i>Uh uh.</i><br>Physician: <i>So, could you tell me about that?</i><br>Adolescent: <i>Uh, the first time, it was like, at a church thing, you know what I am saying? Um</i><br>Physician: <i>No, I don't know what you're saying.</i><br>Adolescent: <i>((laughs)) I'm sorry. The, the first time, it just happened. And then, it was like, the second time we had gone, weeks went by and we started talking and was like "well" and he was like "I only use condoms" and I was like "ok, I do too." And then Sunday it just happened again, and when he finished I was like "I thought you were supposed to use a condom?" but he didn't and then</i><br>Physician: <i>Cum</i><br>Adolescent: <i>Cum in me but I'm still afraid of pre-cum. ((laughs))</i><br>Physician: <i>And you should be.</i> |