

ReachHER Interview Guide

(≥ 90 minutes)

Participant ID #:

Date: ____/____/____

Time Began: ____:____:____

Time Complete: ____:____:____

Interviewer Name:

Informed Consent

- Review Informed Consent document thoroughly.
- Answer any questions voiced by the participants.
- Be prepared to offer the participants an opportunity to review the Informed Consent document for up to 24 hours, if requested.
- Have participants give verbal acknowledgement of understanding and consent.
- Provide your signature on this form as the person obtaining Informed Consent and the date.

Introduction:

Thank you for taking the time to talk to me today.

The purpose of this interview is to learn more about your health as a woman and explore topics specifically around sexual health and HIV prevention. Today we will talk for about an hour. We really want to hear what you think and please feel comfortable being completely honest about how you feel. There are no right or wrong answers – Your story, experience, and opinion is what matters to us.

The interview is completely confidential – meaning your name and specifics will never be used when discussing the results. Some of the questions I ask you may be of a sensitive nature, but feel free to take your time in answering and you only have to answer the questions you want.

With your permission, I am going to record our discussion. Your name will never be attached to this recording. As we discussed in the informed consent document, our team will make sure that your name and what you tell us are private.

Before we start, what questions, if any, do you have for me?

If at any time during the discussion you do have questions or need a break, please do not hesitate to ask. If you are ready, we'll begin.

Interview Questions:

Icebreaker: My name is _____ and I am from ---- and am so grateful you have taken the time to be interviewed today. I am passionate about this work because ----.

Please tell me how did you learn about the study? What made you want to want to participate? I want to share some information about CWP ... Community Wellness Project is And ...

I would like to start by taking some to learn about you and how you take care of yourself and your body.

When or if you have a concern or question about your health or body what do you do?

(Probe: Who do you talk to about it? What resources do you find helpful?)

What about your sexual health? **What do you do when (of if) you have questions about sex and sexual health? Please tell me about your experience seeking sexual health services?**

(Probe: Where do you have gone for these services?)

(Probe: What made it easy to get these services?)

(Probe: What made it hard?)

(Probe: What have been the concerns that you have led you to see sexual health services?)

What would you say are your biggest sexual health questions or concerns?

What would help you take even better care of your sexual health?

How is your current sex life similar or different from what you think of as your ideal or dream sex life?

When you have a sexual partner, do you and your partner discuss sex and sexual health?

Do you feel comfortable talking to your partner about sex?

(Probe: Why or Why Not?)

Sometimes women may disagree with their partners about sex like when or how often they have sex, or disagree with their partners about sexual behaviors like using condoms or birth control... reflecting on current or past sexual partnerships please share with me

Do you feel that you are able to control how often you have sex with sexual partners?

(Probe: Why or Why Not?)

Do you feel that you are able to control if you use condoms with sexual partners?

(Probe: Why or Why Not?)

When it comes to sexual health what are some important things you know about HIV and STIs?

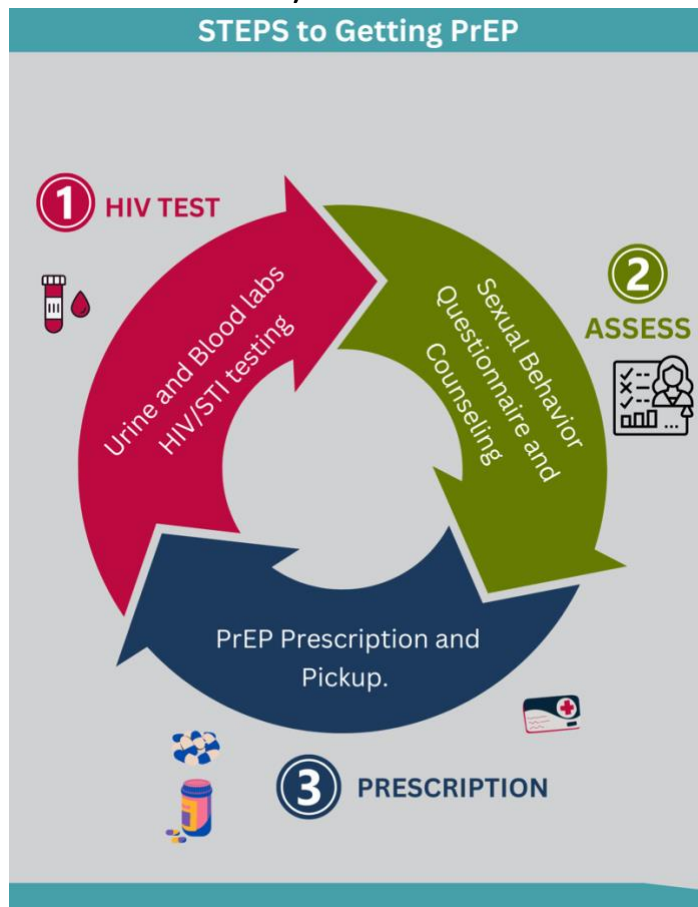
How do you protect yourself against HIV and STIs?

I'd like to spend the rest of our time talking about a specific type of HIV prevention, called "PrEP" or Pre-exposure Prophylaxis.

[Provide this education to ALL participants even if they demonstrate knowledge of PrEP.]

PrEP is Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis which is an oral pill taken once a day to prevent infection with HIV after potential exposures to the virus. To take PrEP it requires a health care provider's prescription, regular visits and lab tests to the provider to get make sure you're managing well on it.

SHOW WOMEN THE GRAPHIC ILLUSTRATING THE 4 COMPONENTS OF PREP CARE (LABS/TESTING, SEXUAL BEHAVIOR QUESTIONS/COUNSELING, CHECK-IN ABOUT PREP SYMPTOMS CONCERNS, PREP PRESCRIPTION PICK-UP)



Have you heard of PrEP before today?

(Probe: How do you feel about PrEP?)

(Probe: Who would you think PrEP is for?)

(Probe: What concerns would you have about taking PrEP?)

(Probe: Do you think Black women would be interested in taking PrEP?)

(Probe: What would make you consider using PrEP or recommending it to a friend?)

Could you talk to me about what could make it hard for Black women where you're from/in your community to access or go out and get PrEP from a doctor?

(Probe: What would you tell a Black woman you cared for- maybe a younger Black woman, family member or friend- about PrEP?)

(Probe: Would you feel comfortable discussing PrEP with your sexual partners? Why or why not?)

What would help make it easier for you or other Black women to go out and get PrEP from a doctor?

What do you feel is the best way to get Black women to considering taking PrEP?

SHOW GRAPHIC AGAIN

Looking at these PrEP Care components we going to talk about them and discuss where and how you might want to experience them... if you could create your own convenient useful way or for Black women you know how you would like to experience any of these...

If you thought taking PrEP was a good idea, where would you feel comfortable receiving it?

1. *Who would you feel comfortable getting PrEP from? Doctor? Nurse? Pharmacist? Someone else?*
2. *Probe: Would you be interested in getting care through Telemedicine? Why or why not? How about a Mobile clinic? Why? Why not? What do you think about a Pharmacy? Would you be interested in getting PrEP care at a Pharmacy? Why or why not?*
3. *(Probe: Where would you feel comfortable getting HIV/STI testing?)*
4. *(Probe: How often do you think is reasonable to go to the doctor to pick up more PrEP? 3 months? 6 months?)*

What do you feel is the best way to get Black women hearing about PrEP?

(Probe: Is messaging for PrEP important in getting people to consider it?)

(Probe: What type of messaging would make you more inclined to take PrEP?)

(Probe: Where should messaging come from? Radio, TV, church, etc...?)

(Probe: Should messaging be about risk of HIV, safe sex, healthy living, etc.)

Closing:

That's it for my questions. Would you be interested in adding additional thoughts to any of today's topics? Are there topics that we might have missed? Do you have questions for me?

Before we finish please click the link in the chat to access a form to provide information needed to compensate you for your time. *put Qualtrics form link in the chat* I am going to stop recording but we will stay online until you finish the brief form.

Stop recording

Do not end Zoom session without participant completing the form and you confirming the email information provided. If in person the participant must INITIAL the gift card log survey form on the study computer before receiving their gift card.

Thank you so much for your time and for your candid responses today. This information will be extremely helpful in understanding Black women's health and HIV prevention.