

Sexually Transmitted Diseases Situations and Scenarios

In your groups, discuss how you might deal with the following situations. Take turns recording the group's conclusions on this paper. Be prepared to discuss this with the class at the conclusion of the activity.

Scenario #1 – Your best friend Joe comes to you and tells you that he just found out that he just found out that his old girlfriend Beth, with whom he had sex, had chlamydia. He is really embarrassed about it and insists that you tell nobody. Besides, he hasn't felt anything weird, so he knows he must not have it. You are also friends with his girlfriend Meg. You know that Joe and Meg have been talking about having sex. What do you do? Would you tell Meg? Why or why not? What risks accompany your chosen action? What information learned during the lesson today pointed you toward these actions?

Scenario #2 – Your brother comes to you and tells you how relieved he is. He had a sore on his penis, but it just went away after a while. He is so happy that he didn't tell your parents about this because it's all better. How would you respond to him? Why? Would you involve your parents? Why or why not? What are the possible risks of your chosen actions? What are the risks of doing nothing? What information learned during the lesson today pointed you toward these actions?

Scenario #3 – In a candid conversation with your friend Jill, she tells you that it’s really important to her that she remains a virgin until she is married. She feels good about her choice from a moral perspective, and also feels at peace that she won’t get pregnant, and that she won’t get a STD. She also tells you that she has done “everything but sex” with her boyfriend. Jill also tells you that she thinks that she might have a bladder infection because she has experienced a weird burning sensation when she urinates lately. She took some medication for it, but it hasn’t gone away. How would you respond to Jill? Why? Do you think that your words or actions could influence your friendship with Jill? Why or why not? What information learned during the lesson today pointed you toward these actions?

Scenario #4 – Your friend Sally comes to you seeking advice. She went to the doctor and found out that the rash that she had was actually caused by pubic lice. She’s beyond grossed out and explains that she confronted her long-time boyfriend Dan about it. She accused him of cheating on her, something that she had suspected a few weeks ago anyway. Dan responded that his little brother had head lice a few weeks ago and that must have been where it had come from. Sally is relieved and thankful that Dan has been faithful and honest. How would you respond to Sally? Why? Are you risking anything as a result of your chosen response or action?