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Partners:

- ▶ Number
- ▶ Gender (men, women, or both)
- ▶ Timing (within last two months or last 12 months)
- ▶ Concurrency (if partner had sex with another partner while still in a sexual relationship with the client)

Past STD History:

- ▶ STD testing and/or diagnoses for client
- ▶ STD testing and/or diagnoses of partners

Practices:

- ▶ Types of sex: vaginal sex, anal sex, oral sex, sharing sex toys
- ▶ Anything else I need to know to be able to provide you with good care?

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Protection from STDs:

- ▶ Condom use
- ▶ With whom/in what situations?
- ▶ Difficulties with condoms or reasons for not using condoms

Pregnancy:

- ▶ Reproductive life plan/pregnancy intentions
- ▶ Current and prior contraceptive methods
- ▶ Experience/difficulties with contraception
- ▶ Future contraceptive options/client preferences



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