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New SHARP Self-study Course: Sexual Partner Counseling and Referral Services

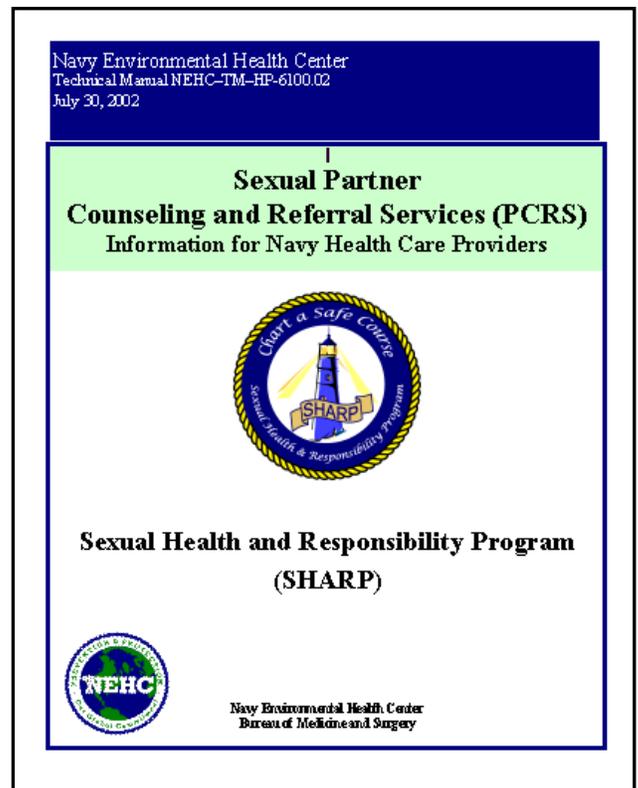
How does the healthcare professional successfully ensure the evaluation and treatment of the sexual partners the patient diagnosed with a sexually transmitted infection?

SHARP has developed a new self-study course entitled "Sexual Partner Counseling and Referral Services – Information for Navy Health Care Providers". The goal of partner counseling and referral is to alert people who have been exposed to sexually transmitted infections and facilitate appropriate testing and treatment. When done successfully, partner referrals benefit the original patient, the partner, and the community.

This self-study course is structured around the curriculum of a 3-day resident course developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for HIV partner referrals. The SHARP course introduces the student to the CDC's 11-step HIV-referral model and adds information about the referral of partners infected with other sexually transmitted infections. The course covers important counseling concepts and the four partner referral options.

The course may be completed in about 1.5 hours. Continuing education credit approval is pending.

Download the student manual from the SHARP website at <http://www-nehc.med.navy.mil/hp/sharp/index.htm>



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