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Case Study Adapted from Addressing HIV Care and African American Model

Jasmine, a 26 year old woman whose ancestry was a mixture of African American and multiple Southwestern tribes presented to a clinic for a same-day appointment with complaint of a sore throat.

The exam showed obesity and thrush. Her past medical history showed she had thrush one other time, one year ago.

The PA told her of his concern of both diabetes and HIV, and asked her to be tested for both. Because of her ethnicity and family history of diabetes, she agreed.

A week later, another physician in the group was asked to see the patient as a walk-in because "someone at the clinic told her to come in for results." The original PA who saw her was not working that day. Upon reviewing the chart, the physician could not find a pre-test consent to draw the HIV test, and was uncertain if the patient really had given informed consent.

Discussion Questions

1. What are the ethical concerns at this point for the provider?

2. How could this case have been handled in a more culturally competent manner?

3. What should the provider do now?

4. Discuss other Cultural Competence issues that may impact retention into care and treatment