

Case Study #1

Carol, a 35 year old African American woman was diagnosed with HIV five years ago and is currently taking antiretroviral therapy (ART). She is ART naïve and reportedly has no history of opportunistic infections. She reports having three sexual partners since her diagnosis. She has been in a monogamous relationship with her current male partner for the past two years. She has not had a Pap test in 3 years.

Case Study #1: Discussion Questions

1. What are some of the issues specific to female patients living with HIV that need to be discussed?
2. In providing care for this patient what should the clinician emphasize about STDs and prevention activities?
3. What are the recommendations for patients regarding STD testing among persons living with HIV?