Sexual risks and HIV testing - Sexual risks, part 4

If you were HIV-negative the last time you were tested but answer yes to any of the following questions, you should get an HIV test:

- Are you a man who has had sex with another man?
- Have you had sex with an HIV-positive partner?
- Have you had more than one sex partner since your last HIV test?
  - Have you had another sexually transmitted disease or STD?
  - Have you had sex with someone whose sexual history you don’t know?
  - Have you exchanged sex for drugs or money?

Some people with HIV believe there’s no reason to engage in safer sex with other HIV-positive partners. But risky sex puts you at risk for getting other STDs and that can harm your immune system.

It’s important for both sexual partners to be tested regularly for STDs if you are having sex with other people.

Be sure to get answers to any questions you have about HIV/AIDS. Your public health department, health care provider, and public library can help.