

Section 6 MSM Risk Index

Epidemiologic studies have identified a wide range of personal, relationship, partner, social, cultural, network, and community factors that may be associated with the presence of HIV infection. However, to provide PrEP (or other intensive HIV prevention services), it is necessary to briefly and systematically screen for key information about those factors that are predictive of very high risk of acquiring HIV infection.

This section contains a tool that clinicians may use to quickly and systematically determine which MSM are at especially high risk of acquiring HIV infection, and for whom PrEP may be indicated.

Screening tools are not yet available for other populations that may use PrEP (e.g., heterosexual women and men, IDU). As other screening tools are identified or developed, they will be added in updates to this supplement.

MSM Risk Index²⁵

1	How old are you today?	If <18 years, score 0 If 18-28 years, score 8 If 29-40 years, score 5 If 41-48 years, score 2 If 49 years or more, score 0	_____
2	In the last 6 months, how many men have you had sex with?	If >10 male partners, score 7 If 6-10 male partners, score 4 If 0-5 male partners, score 0	_____
3	In the last 6 months, how many times did you have receptive anal sex (you were the bottom) with a man without a condom?	If 1 or more times, score 10 If 0 times, score 0	_____
4	In the last 6 months, how many of your male sex partners were HIV-positive?	If >1 positive partner, score 8 If 1 positive partner, score 4 If <1 positive partner, score 0	_____
5	In the last 6 months, how many times did you have insertive anal sex (you were the top) without a condom with a man who was HIV-positive?	If 5 or more times, score 6 If 0 times, score 0	_____
6	In the last 6 months, have you used methamphetamines such as crystal or speed?	If yes, score 6 If no, score 0	_____

			TOTAL SCORE*

Add down entries in right column
to calculate total score

* If score is 10 or greater, evaluate for intensive HIV prevention services including PrEP.
If score is below 10, provide indicated standard HIV prevention services.