

April is STI Awareness Month

As we observe **STI Awareness Month**, we would like to take a moment to reaffirm our commitment to partnering with you in the ongoing fight against the sexually transmitted infection (STI) epidemic in the U.S.

Each year, millions of new STI cases are reported in the U.S., with many more likely going undiagnosed and untreated. These infections can lead to long-term health consequences, including infertility, chronic pain, and increased risk of HIV transmission^{1,2}. At the same time, many STIs are preventable, treatable, and, in some cases, curable, especially when they are managed through a Continuum of Care.

Our shared work aligns with the **STI Continuum of Care** framework:



Awareness

Education on STIs, prevention, and the importance of testing.

Screening

Routine testing for preventive care since many STIs are asymptomatic.

Symptoms

Supporting clinical evaluation of symptomatic patients and through reliable diagnostic testing.

Treatment

Providing accurate and timely results that guide effective treatment.

Re-testing

Reinfection is common if partners are not treated or if new exposures occur. Facilitating follow-up testing when recommended.

Protect

Providing data to you and your patients to help support prevention strategies and protect sexual and reproductive health.

As we work together to empower women to protect their future, we encourage you to share this patient letter reminding them of the importance of scheduling a well-woman exam. We remain dedicated to providing comprehensive diagnostic services for STIs and thank you for your partnership.

Best Regards,