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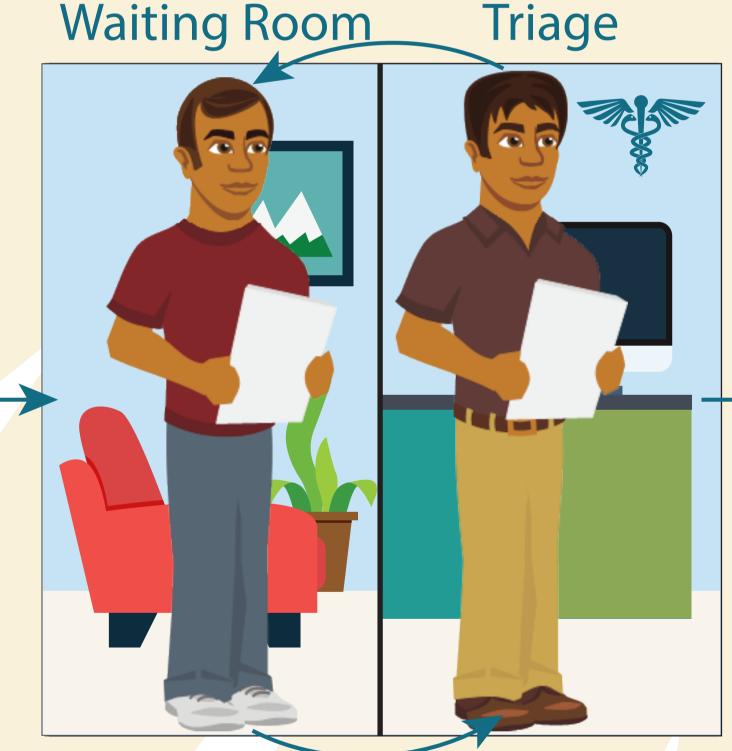
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Testing Together is a novel approach to HIV testing in the US that brings two or more persons who are in - or are planning to be in - a sexual relationship to learn their HIV status together.

The goal of Testing Together is to reach people who might not think they're at risk because they are in a relationship. By testing these persons, Testing Together can lead to identification of new HIV diagnoses and linkage to care.

# Waiting Room





Patient 1 & 2 fill out Registration Form

The couple is kept together as much as possible during process

Patient 1 & 2 fill out Health **Assessment Form and consult with** Triage Nurse (separately)

The Health Assessment Form is completed privately for risk data collection purposes only & not seen or referenced by the HIV counselor during the counseling visit

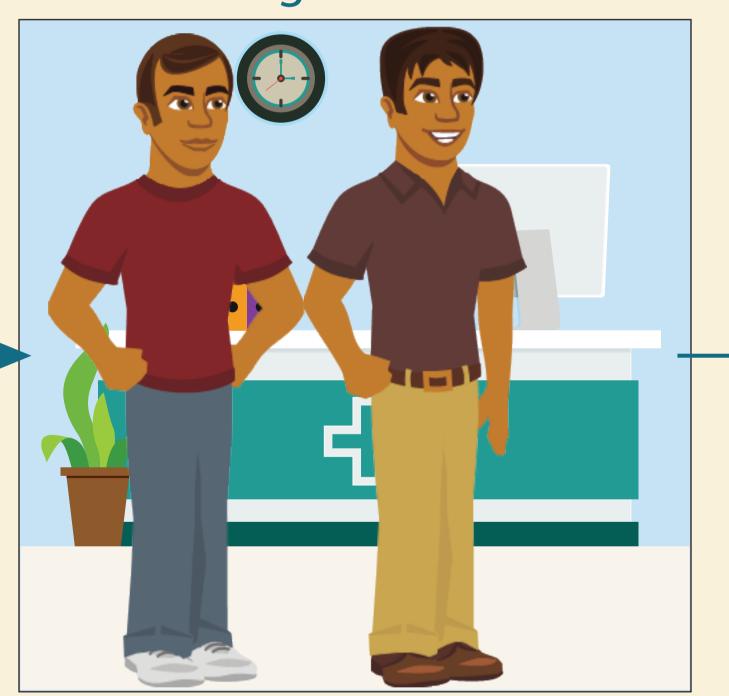
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# Goal

Testing Together gives couples the opportunity to openly discuss their joint HIV risk concerns, and build communication skills around sexual agreements. It validates their relationship and promotes the sexual health of the couple.

## Flow of Testing Together in the Clinic Setting

### Registration



Patient 1 & 2 register demographic and insurance info to create medical record

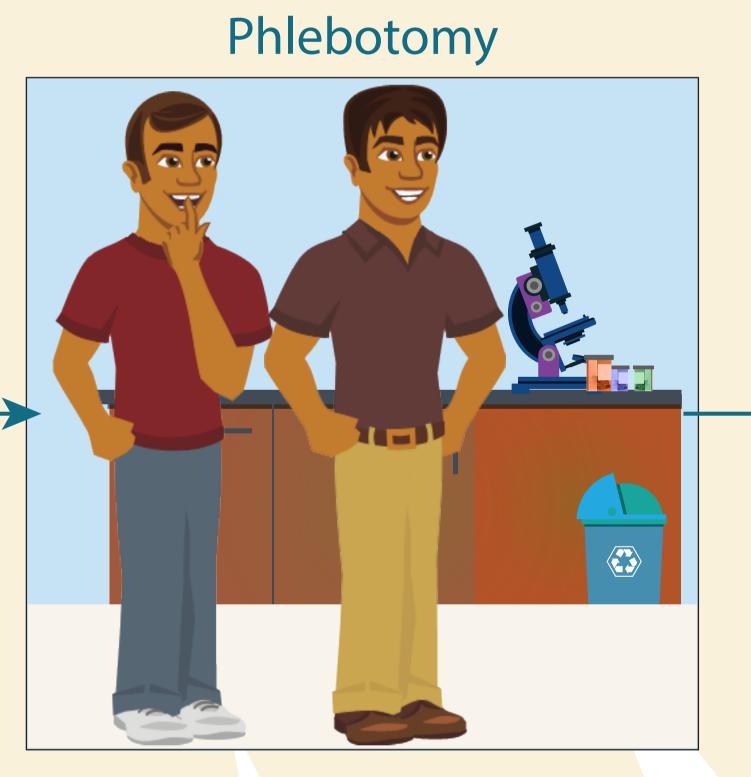
> Couples do not see each other's forms

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### Opportunity

# Implementation

The Denver Sexual Health Clinic has created a unique process to seamlessly integrate Testing Together into their clinic operations. This process was streamlined utilizing an A3 quality improvement model.



Patient 1 & 2 have blood drawn for rapid HIV test

The counselor will provide HIV results to the couple together during the visit and prepare them for all possible results

Patient 1 & 2 meet with the HIV Counselor

**Counselor** facilitates conversation about sexual agreements focusing on the present & future to develop an HIV Risk **Reduction Plan** 



