

Supplemental Digital Appendix 1

Survey With 10 Ethically Challenging Hypothetical Scenarios to Determine Family and Internal Medicine Residents' Sildenafil Citrate (Viagra) Prescribing Practices, University of California, San Diego, 2009

VIAGRA RESEARCH GROUP

We are conducting a survey about physicians' willingness to prescribe Viagra to certain patients. Your participation in this survey is voluntary; you may refuse to participate without any penalty. Your evaluation is not dependent on your completion of the survey. Should you choose to participate, you may skip any question which you choose not to answer. There will be no direct benefit from completing this survey. Please be assured that your responses will remain absolutely confidential since you will not be identified on this survey instrument. Research records will be kept confidential to the extent provided by law. We believe there are no risks to the survey other than the possibility of your feeling anxious about some of the questions, while the benefits are that we will have a better understanding of physicians' prescribing practices for Viagra. Please do **not** put your name on the survey. If you have any questions or research related problems, you may reach Dr. Farber at 858-657-6946.

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We will present you with a number of scenarios in which a patient diagnosed with **erectile dysfunction** asks for a prescription for Viagra.

The patient has problems with getting and maintaining erections and is not using the Viagra for enhancement of normal function. All studies for diabetes mellitus, vascular and neurologic disease, and hypogonadism are negative. We want you to assume that **the patient has no other serious medical problems, and does not have coronary artery disease.**

Please indicate how likely you would be to prescribe Viagra in each of the scenarios by selecting one answer for each case.

	Very likely	Likely	Unlikely	Very unlikely
A. 45 year old homosexual male +HIV who has multiple casual partners, engages in anal sex and refuses to use condoms. He does not notify his partners of his +HIV status.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. 46 year old heterosexual male, +HIV who is married, no partners outside the marriage and regularly uses condoms and practices safe sex. His wife is HIV negative but is aware of his +HIV status.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. 48 year old heterosexual male, negative HIV who always uses condoms and practices safe sex. He is married but has an adulterous relationship with a woman, only practices safe sex. His wife is unaware of the adulterous relationship.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. 40 year old homosexual male, +HIV who is in a monogamous homosexual relationship, engages only in safe sex practices and uses condoms. His partner is HIV negative but aware of his +HIV status.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. 43 year old homosexual male, negative HIV who regularly picks up men in bars, engages in anal sex without condoms.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F. 50 year old heterosexual male, married for 25 years who is HIV negative, has no partners outside the marriage and always uses condoms and practices safe sex.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
G. 45 year old heterosexual male, unmarried who is HIV+, has relationships with many women. Does not use condoms. He does not notify his partners of his +HIV status.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- H. 48 year old homosexual male who is HIV negative with a long standing male partner with whom he uses condoms and safe sex practices. He also has sex with previous homosexual partners always using condoms and safe sex practices. His current long standing partner is unaware of these relationships.
- J. 41 year old homosexual male, HIV negative who engages in only safe sex practices with his monogamous partner of 10 years.
- K. 43 year old heterosexual male, HIV negative who routinely picks up women in bars for consensual sex and refuses to use condoms.

Please turn over→

Please provide the following information about yourself and your practice:

1. Age _____
2. Sex: Male Female
3. Year graduated from medical school _____
4. What type of residency are you currently in?
 Family Medicine Internal Medicine
5. What year of residency are you in?
 PGY1 PGY2 PGY3 PGY4 PGY5
- 5 What is your intended medical specialty? _____
- 6 How would you characterize your racial/ethnic background? (for demographic purposes only)
 Black Hispanic Caucasian Asian Other
7. To what extent do you consider yourself a spiritual person?
 Very much Moderately so Slightly Not at all
8. To what extent do you consider yourself a religious person?
 Very much Moderately so Slightly Not at all
9. Have you ever rotated through the Owen (HIV) Clinic or another HIV clinic?
 Yes No
10. Approximately how many patients with HIV have you cared for (inpatient and outpatient) during your residency?
_____ patients

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements:

- | | Strongly agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly disagree |
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| 11. A patient's right to medical treatment should have priority over a physician's conscience. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. Patients who have low morals do not have the right to demand medication for erectile dysfunction. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13. Protecting society is more important than respecting an individual patient's right to medical treatment. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14. In some circumstances, a physician has a professional obligation to protect a patient from his or her own risky behavior. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please Complete Other Side→

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE.