



Wellness Matters

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April is National STD Awareness Month

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Bring picture ID and insurance card



TREAT ME RIGHT.

I MATTER. MY HEALTH MATTERS.

During April, STD (sexually transmitted disease) Awareness Month, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and health departments across the country are reaching out to healthcare providers and patients alike with an important message: **Treat Me Right.** This year, the focus is on the importance of a strong healthcare provider-patient relationship and how that relationship can contribute to effective STD prevention.

At a time when STDs are at a record high, it has never been more important to protect your patients’ sexual health as a healthcare provider, or to stand up for your own sexual health as a patient. Patients should take charge of their sexual health, know how to stay safe and healthy and how to directly ask their healthcare provider for the care that they need and deserve. For healthcare providers, this

involves fostering a trusting patient-provider relationship and ensuring patients are correctly diagnosed and treated.

YOU ARE AT RISK FOR STDs IF YOU CAN ANSWER YES TO ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS:

- *Have you had vaginal, anal, or oral sex without a condom?*
 - *Have you ever had an STD, including HIV?*
 - *Have any of your partners had an STD?*
- *Have you or any of your partners ever injected drugs?*
- *Have you or any of your partners exchanged money or drugs for sex?*
- *Is it possible that any of your sex partners in the past 12 months had sex with someone else while they were still in a sexual relationship with you?*

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Prevent. Promote. Protect.

The mission of the Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) is to promote and protect the health, safety, and well-being of Erie County residents through active prevention, education, enforcement, advocacy and partnerships.

April Events Calendar

- **Thursday April 12:** Buffalo & Erie County Central Library Presents: **Thrive** Free Health Fair for Older Adults
 - 10am –1pm
 - Downtown Central Library
- **Saturday April 14:** March for Science
 - 12pm—March begins at Niagara Square and ends at Canalside
- **Wednesday April 25:** National Walk at Lunch Day
 - Meet in Main Place Mall lobby by Coffee Roastery at 12:00pm for a guided walk along the waterfront
- **Saturday April 28:** National Prescription Drug Take Back Day
 - To find a nearby collection site, visit <http://www.dea.gov> and click on the “Take Back Day” link.

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TAKEBACK

Saturday, April 28
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
DEA TakeBack.com



If not disposed of properly, prescription and over-the-counter medications pose a hazard to our environment and increases the chances of getting into the hands of children or others who may abuse the drugs.

Residents are encouraged to gather unused, expired, and unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications and dispose of them properly by using [dedicated disposal sites](#).

These disposal sites offer a free, safe and convenient way of proper disposal. You can go to any of these sites, dispose of the medications, and there are no questions asked.