

GUIDANCE: EXPRESS TRIAGE TOOL

This self-assessment instrument is intended to expedite the triage process to determine if clients are eligible for expedited care in the Express STD Clinic venue. Its function should support recommended standards of care and efficient clinic flow.

The information to be collected is basic to the assessment of clients presenting for STD services. The symptom and risk information can also be used for the standard STD clinic visit. Completing the yes/no answers separate from the registration process also facilitates confidentiality in sharing of information regarding the reason for the clinic visit.

This tool should be reviewed by a provider or triage staff after completion. The information regarding symptoms and risks are key elements needed for the client history and risk assessment and should be maintained or transcribed in the client's medical record.

This tool may be enhanced to support clinic flow, documentation requirements and efficient service delivery.