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answers to your questions about sex and relationships

factoid

53% of UA students are single or casually dating. 36% are exclusively dating one person. 10% are engaged or married. (2003 Health & Wellness Survey, n=1792)

Q. I have a question about getting tested for STD's. Does Campus Health provide a confidential, no questions asked, free program to get tested? Any other information on this topic would be appreciated. Thank you very much.

A. Campus Health does offer confidential testing for sexually transmitted diseases. Test results become part of your medical record and cannot be accessed by anyone (parent, partner, professor, other medical providers outside Campus Health) without your written authorization.

There are fees associated with laboratory testing and it varies from test to test. Most students opt for chlamydia and gonorrhea screening since these infections rarely have symptoms but can have complications if left untreated. Some students want an HIV test. Test options can be discussed with your medical provider and may depend on your sexual history, any visible signs or symptoms, or your partner'(s) health history. If you have questions about testing, call 621-4967. For an appointment, call 621-9202.

You can charge the visit for STD testing to your Bursar's account or pay the same day you are seen. If you choose to charge to your account, when you receive your monthly statement it will not say what your visit was for. It will simply say "Campus Health charges". This is done to protect your privacy. Campus Health is open in the new Highland Commons building at 1224 E. Lowell St. (between Villa del Puente Residence Hall and the 6th St. parking garage).

If you are looking for "anonymous" testing (no name or identifying markers linked to your test), you can visit the Pima County Health Department's Theresa Lee Clinic at 332 S. Freeway. It's just west of downtown near I-10 and Congress St. Call 624-8272 for the walk-in clinic hours (which vary from day-to-day). The fee is \$10.00, although no one is turned away if unable to pay.

Have a question? Send it to sextalk@email.arizona.edu

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