

Partner Dependence and Sexual Risk Behavior Among STI Clinic Patients

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Objectives: To investigate the relation between partner dependence and sexual risk behavior in the context of the information-motivation-behavioral skills (IMB) model. **Methods:** STI clinic patients (n=1432) completed a computerized interview assessing partner dependence, condom use, and IMB variables. **Results:** Men had higher partner-dependence scores than women did. Patients reporting greater dependence reported less condom use. Gender

did not moderate the partner dependence-condom-use relationship. Partner dependence did not moderate the relation between IMB constructs and condom use. **Conclusions:** Further research is needed to determine how partner dependence can be incorporated into conceptual models of safer sex behaviors.

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