

Why is this important?

Digital STI testing services often recommend users see a provider instead of testing in specific scenarios (when have symptoms, a partner has an STI, or if test negative and have symptoms). We do not know how often this happens (or doesn't).



What did we do?

We surveyed people testing through GetCheckedOnline (GCO) and asked if they had ever tested or spoken to a provider in these scenarios.

What did we find?

20% of total sample may have missed opportunities for clinical care.



433

239

GCO testers were surveyed.

had ever tested with symptoms or when a partner had an STI.

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Illustrations:

1 in 5 GetCheckedOnline testers may have missed opportunities for

had a negative result at the time, or were not sure of their result.

Did not speak to a provider at the time as recommended.

In these 433 participants, not speaking to a provider was associated with (p<0.05):

- Perceiving GCO as more private than testing through a provider,
- Being uncomfortable discussing sexual history with a provider,
- Not having a usual place where

recommended clinical care (e.g., testing with symptoms and not speaking with a provider if tested negative). This may in part be related to existing barriers accessing provider-based testing.



comfortable getting tested by a provider.

Assessing potential missed opportunities for recommended clinical care among users of GetCheckedOnline, British Columbia's online testing service for sexually-transmitted and blood-borne infections. Mark Gilbert,^{1,2} Aidan Ablona,^{1,2} Hsiu-Ju Chang,^{1,2} Ihoghosa Iyamu,^{1,2} Devon Haag,¹ Heather Pedersen,¹ Gina Ogilvie,^{2,3} Troy Grennan.^{1,2}

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