

STI Care Now Initiative

At-home testing initiative for *Chlamydia trachomatis* and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* with linkage to care through a pharmacist

Purpose

Implement an at-home testing program with linkage to care through a pharmacist for *Chlamydia trachomatis* and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*

Objectives

- Increase volumes of tests in the community
- Improve linkages to care
- Prove service acceptability
- Provide evidence for a new model of care

Key Innovations

- Web-based self assessment and kit ordering
- At-home testing kits (self-administered)
- Virtual care integrations
- Linkage to care by a pharmacist

Method

- Participants complete online self assessment and registration
- Participant is mailed an at-home testing kit
- At-home testing kit is self administered and returned to NS Health
- Participants are emailed status updates and negative results
- Participants are virtually connected to a pharmacist for assessment and consultation
- Linkages to care (prescription, referral, etc.) is coordinated by a pharmacist

Participant Inclusion Criteria

- Access to the online self-assessment and kit ordering platform
- Access to an email and/or phone number
- An address where an at-home testing kit can be sent and received
- Age 15, and older

Communities

- Halifax: Dickson Building STI and STD Clinic
- Truro: Truro Sexual Health

Go-Live and Expansion

- Launch in July 2024, with expansion to other communities, STIs and BBIs beginning in Fall 2024