

Sexually Transmitted Infection Testing at JayDoc Free Clinic

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Introduction. JayDoc Free Clinic, a free safety-net clinic run by medical and pharmacy students, serves underprivileged populations in Wyandotte County, Kansas. One of the most frequent complaints managed by the clinic is sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing. This descriptive study aimed to understand patient motivations for seeking STI testing at the clinic.

Methods. The authors performed an observational cross-sectional study with patients seeking medical attention at JayDoc Free Clinic. Study participants included patients 18 years and older with a chief complaint of STI testing. Participants completed an anonymous, six-item survey measuring their motivation for using the clinic. Standard descriptive analyses were performed to analyze the data.

Results. Of the 52 responses collected, 42% (n = 22) of patients resided in Wyandotte County, KS. The primary reasoning for seeking STI testing at JayDoc Free Clinic included no charge for services (n = 40, 77%), clinic hours (n = 23, 44%), and clinic location (n = 18, 35%). Approximately 71% (n = 37) of respondents had previously received STI testing. Patients primarily reported hearing about JayDoc through the website (n = 23, 44%) and friend referral (n = 17, 27%).

Conclusions. The data showed that primary motivations for patients seeking STI testing at JayDoc Free Clinic were the absence of service charges, convenient clinic hours, and its accessible location. These findings underscore the importance of free services and accessibility in healthcare provision for underprivileged communities. Emphasizing these aspects in future outreach and quality improvement initiatives could further enhance the clinic's impact and reach.