

Product Formulations for HIV Prevention: Existing and Under Development



Vaginal Gel



Oral Tablets



Injectables



Vaginal Film



Vaginal Ring



Male & Female Condoms



Vaginal
Suppository/Tablets



Implants

Discussion Instructions

1. Describe each of the product formulations to the participant, noting that some have already been proven to protect against HIV, while others are in development or have only been used for family planning
2. Ask the participant what their product preferences are
3. Ask them to describe why they selected a given product, including what attributes of the product are appealing compared to other products and how their particular lifestyle/circumstances may have played a role in product selection.

Key Attributes of Product Formulations

Vaginal Gel: vaginally administered using an applicator, inserted daily or pericoitally

Oral Tablets: orally administered, used daily, already proven to protect against HIV

Injectables: injected using a needle, administered once every two-three months

Vaginal Film: vaginally administered using fingers, inserted daily or pericoitally

Vaginal Ring: vaginally administered using fingers, replaced once a month or less frequently (once every three month)

Male & Female Condoms: male condoms applied using finger, female condoms vaginally inserted using fingers, both used coitally, already proven to protect against HIV

Vaginal Suppository/Tablets: vaginally administered using finger or an applicator, inserted daily or pericoitally

Implants: flexible plastic rods placed under the skin of the upper arm; for contraception, implants are inserted every 3-5 years