

A Research Agenda for Emergency Medicine-based Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health

[Visit Article](#)

OBJECTIVE: To identify key questions for emergency medicine (EM)-based adolescent sexual and reproductive health and to develop an evidence-based research agenda. **METHODS:** We recruited national content experts to serve as advisory group members and used a modified Delphi technique to develop consensus around actionable research questions related to EM-based adolescent reproductive and sexual health care. Author subgroups conducted literature reviews and developed the initial list of research questions, which were iteratively refined with advisory members. External stakeholders then independently rated each item for its importance in expanding the evidence base (1= not important to 5 = very important) via electronic survey. **RESULTS:** Our final list of 24 research questions included items that intersected all sexual and reproductive health topics as well as questions specific to human immunodeficiency virus/sexually transmitted infections (HIV/STIs), pregnancy prevention, confidentiality/consent, public health, and barriers and facilitators to care. External stakeholders rated items related to HIV/STI, cost effectiveness, brief intervention for sexual risk reduction, and implementation and dissemination as most important. **CONCLUSIONS:** We identified critical questions to inform EM-based adolescent sexual and reproductive health research. Because evidence-based care has potential to improve health outcomes while reducing costs associated with HIV/STI and unintended pregnancy, funders and researchers should consider increasing attention to these key questions.

Journal:

[Academic Emergency Medicine](#)

Authors:

Miller MK, Chernick LS, Goyal MK, Reed JL, Ahmad FA, Hoehn EF, Pickett ML, Stukus K, Mollen CJ

Topics

[Sexual & Reproductive Health](#)

Related Content

[Addressing Sexually Transmitted Infections in Pediatrics](#)

[Development of a Novel Computerized Clinical Decision Support System to Improve Adolescent Sexual Health Care Provision](#)

[How Can We Use the Emergency Department to Prevent Unintended Teen Pregnancies?](#)

[Critical Access to Care: Bringing Contraception to Adolescents in Nontraditional Settings](#)