



## UNC CFAR Social and Behavioral Science Research Core SABI Database

**INSTRUMENT TITLE:** *STD Related Stigma and STD Related Shame*

**SOURCE ARTICLE:** Fortenberry, J. D., McFarlane, M., Bleakley, A., Bull, S., Fishbein, M., Grimley, D. M., et al. (2002). Relationships of Stigma and Shame to Gonorrhea and HIV Screening. *American Journal of Public Health*, 92(3), 378-381.

**RESPONSE OPTIONS:** Strongly disagree, Somewhat disagree, Neutral, Somewhat agree, Strongly agree

### **SURVEY ITEMS:**

#### *Stigma*

1. I would feel dirty if a doctor examined me for sexually transmitted diseases.
2. Getting a sexually transmitted disease would make me feel lonely.
3. Getting examined for a sexually transmitted disease makes people think I have poor morals
4. Most people I know think that a sexually transmitted disease is a sign of weak character.
5. Getting a sexually transmitted disease means I have poor morals.
6. People with sexually transmitted disease have been hanging with the wrong crowd.
7. Getting a sexually transmitted disease means I don't keep myself clean.
8. People with sexually transmitted diseases should be ashamed of themselves.
9. Getting a sexually transmitted disease means a person is dirty.
10. Getting a sexually transmitted disease means I don't take care of myself.
11. Getting examined for a sexually transmitted disease means I'm not clean.

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