

Tool for Sexual Health Communication
with Patients Impacted by Cancer

The All of Me Iowa project is working on a teaching tool for sexual health communication in the oncology setting. Here is what we have so far. Please send suggestions to erin@aftercancer.co

Normalizing the conversation:

- Privacy
- Frequency
- Empathy
- Address consistent with every patient
- Set of questions (include sexual history taking)
- Messaging (in person, waiting areas, and exam/consulting rooms)

Set expectations:

- Describe the common sexual health side effects for cancer treatment type to include:
 - Physical-short/long lasting
 - Physiological- short/long lasting
 - Mental- short/long lasting
 - Relational – short/long lasting

Timely referral:

- Provide list of specialists and contact information
- Supply patient resources:
 - Literature, websites
 - Will2Love type programs through American Cancer Society (ACS)