

# PRIORITIZING SEXUAL HEALTH

# Your 30-second message should include the following 6 components:

Sexual health problems are <u>common and expected</u>, as a result of cancer treatment.

For most people, sexual health is a *quality of life* concern.

Sexual health problems are <u>healthcare problems</u>. We have <u>resources</u> to help.

<u>You may not care now</u> but addressing your issues <u>sooner rather than later</u>, can prevent long-lasting sexual health problems.

## SETTING EXPECTATIONS

### Patients may need anticipatory guidance related to:

- · Specific treatment/therapy side effects
- Medication side effects
- · Impact on Body image/self-esteem
- · Impact on Relationships/need to rewrite sexual scripts

Sex is what you are born with. Depends on chromosomes, reproductive organs,

Gender is how you identify yourself.

A personal sense of maleness or femaleness: man,

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