Seek, Test, Treat and Retain for Vulnerable Populations: Data Harmonization Measure

BARRIERS TO CARE/TREATMENT

Kalichman’s Barriers to Medical Care

Reference:

Barriers to Medical Care (Kalichman et al., 1999)

People can have many different types of problems getting their medical care. Think of the reasons why you may not have gotten the medical care you needed or that was recommended for you. Please indicate “Agree” or “Disagree” for all of the following reasons for why you may not have gotten needed medical care in the past month.

**In the past month**....

- a) I was unable to pay for medical care
- b) I was not sure where to go to get medical care
- c) I did not have transportation to medical care
- d) The clinic’s hours of operation were inconvenient for me
- e) I was treated poorly at a clinic in the past
- f) I did not want to be seen at a clinic
- g) I do not trust doctors
- h) I don’t really care about taking care of myself at this time
- i) I did not have child care
- j) I was too drunk or high

Notes on scoring these items - This is not a scale per se but a collection of items on barriers to care. Based on the work of Kalichman, we recommend examining the ten barriers individually and/or computing a sum of the “Yes” responses to indicate higher or lower numbers of barriers.