INTIMACY AFTER STROKE Area(s) of interest and referral checklist



Topic	Specific area(s) of interest	(Referrals-circle) Comments
General Questions Sex Drive/Interest	 □ Interest in contraceptive options □ Fertility □ Safe sex □ Risk of another stroke with sex □ Risk of a boart attack with sex 	(MD; PT; OT; Pharmacy)
	 □ Risk of a heart attack with sex □ Risk of injury with sex □ Decrease or loss in sexual interest/sexual desire 	(SW; Behavior
Sex Drive/interest	 Decrease or loss in sexual interest/sexual desire Changes to sexual behavior 	Therapy)
Sexual Functioning	 Difficulty achieving or maintaining an erection Decreased vaginal lubrication Decreased frequency and/or intensity of orgasm 	(MD; Pharmacy)
Motor/Sensory Changes	 Difficulty with positioning Difficulty with intercourse Equipment (walkers, wheelchairs, canes) Altered or impaired genital sensation, including numbness, pain, burning, or discomfort 	(PT; OT; MD)
Bladder/Bowel	 □ Bladder incontinence □ Bowel incontinence □ Internal and external dwelling catheters 	(Nurse; MD)
Sexual/self-esteem	 □ Changes in self-image/body image □ Changes in Mood (e.g., depression, anger) □ Feeling less sexy or attractive □ Fear of being rejected sexually 	(SW; Spiritual Care)
Partnership Issues	 □ Fear of never finding a partner □ Fear of being rejected by partner □ Worries about sexually satisfying partner □ Feeling disconnected with partner 	(SW; Spiritual Care)
Communication	 Difficulty speaking (aphasia) Difficulty understanding Difficulty communicating with partner 	(SLP; SW)

Please share any other questions/concerns regarding intimacy after stroke: