Let's talk about sex

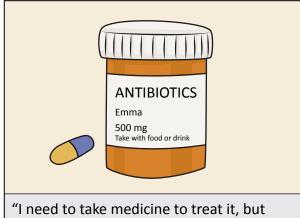






What if I test positive for an STI?





I have a date tonight with Joe. What do

I do?"



"It's okay, STIs are just a normal part of life. They are common and treatable. But you need to tell Joe so he can get tested. And don't have sex until you've finished your treatment - even with condoms."



"Always tell your partners so they get tested and treated. Don't blame each other. Sometimes, people have STIs for a long time and don't know."



"Even if you get an STI that is not curable, there are treatments that can help you live a healthy life without symptoms."



"And it's a good idea to have a plan, like having safer sex and getting tested every 3-6 months. Have honest talks with your partners. You're not alone. STIs are part of life."

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