

### **Abstract**

Sexually transmitted diseases (STD) are among the most common, preventable infectious diseases nationwide (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC], 2017). Although there have been numerous educational efforts aimed at reducing the incidence of STDs, the rates of infections continue to rise. Based on a literature review and CDC recommendations, a protocol was developed to standardize care approaches and improve quality patient care. The project consisted of a Power Point presentation that was provided to all stakeholders with information from the CDC about sexually transmitted disease (STD) treatment and prevention. A chi squared analysis was performed to determine if the implementation of an STD screening and prevention protocol affects STD history, treatment and education. The project audit results post implementation showed that 78% of STD treatments were based on the current STD guidelines and 88% of the charts included a patient sexual history. Lastly, the findings indicated that patient education related to STDs was provided in 80% of the charts audited.