Brief HIV Screener (BHS)

Scale items:

1. Have you had 2 or more sexual partners in the past 10 years?
2. Have you had anal sex (a man puts his penis into the anus of another person) with any of your sexual partners during the past 10 years?
3. How often have you used a condom when having anal sex in the past 10 years?
4. Have you ever had a sexually transmitted disease such as gonorrhea, syphilis, chlamydia, genital warts, or genital herpes?
5. At any time in the past 10 years, have you ever given money or drugs to anyone to have sex with you?
6. Have you ever had sex with someone so that they would give you money or drugs?
7. Have you ever injected street drugs, steroids, or vitamins with a needle?
8. Have any of your sexual partners in the past 10 years ever injected street drugs, steroids, or vitamins with a needle?
9. Have any of your sexual partners in the past 10 years been men who have sex with other men?
10. Have any of your sexual partners in the past 10 years ever had a sexually transmitted disease, such as gonorrhea, syphilis, chlamydia, genital warts, or genital herpes?

FOR ITEM 3, USE RESPONSE CATEGORIES

a. Never (scored as 1)

b. Sometimes (scored as 1)

c. Always (scored as 0)

d. Have not had anal sex (scored as 0)

FOR ITEMS 1, 2, 4-6 USE RESPONSE CATEGORIES

a. Yes (scored as 1)

b. No (scored as 0)

FOR ITEMS 8-10 USE RESPONSE CATEGORIES

a. Yes (scored as 1)

b. No (scored as 0)

c. Don't know (scored as 0)