

## Appendices

### Appendix nr. 1 – Questions asked in the Queer femmes' STI testing experience questionnaire

1. What is your age?

Under 18

18-24

25-34

35-44

45-54

55-64

65+

2. Which race do you identify yourself with?

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3. Are you insured in your country of residence (or wherever you usually get tested/receive treatment)?

Yes

No

Do not want to answer

Now, let's talk about your experience with STI testing.

4. Have you ever been tested for STIs (or received treatment for them)?

yes

no

5. If yes, was it:

a routine check of your own choice

part of a routine exam, decided by a doctor acute test and/or treatment

other (please specify)

6. Where did you go?

to a general practitioner (the doctor you would see if you had a flu or an injury)

to a gynaecologist (or similar)

to an STI center/clinic

other (please specify)

7. Did you disclose your sexuality to the practitioners?

yes

no

don't remember

8. How comfortable were you with disclosing it?

not comfortable at all – neutral – very comfortable (sliding scale)

9. Did you experience any doubting or shaming comments about your sexuality?

yes

no

not sure

don't remember

10. Which tests did you get done? (check all that apply)

genital smears (gonorrhea, chlamydia, mycoplasma)

anal smears (gonorrhea, chlamydia)

oral smears (gonorrhea, chlamydia)

blood work (HIV, syphilis)

genital exam

11. How fast did you get your results?

immediately

within a few days

one week

two weeks

longer than two weeks

Next, I wanna know about your STI testing wishes!

Please rate, how important are these factors when you go for STI testing and/or treatment:

12. Anonymity

1 – 10 (sliding scale)

13. Possibility of walk-ins (being able to get help without an appointment)

1 – 10 (sliding scale)

14. How fast are the results ready

1 – 10 (sliding scale)

15. Acceptance of your insurance

1 – 10 (sliding scale)

16. Price  
1 – 10 (sliding scale)
17. Queer-friendliness  
1 – 10 (sliding scale)
18. Whether treatment is also done at the center  
1 – 10 (sliding scale)
19. If there is info about the tests, treatment, accessibility etc available online  
1 – 10 (sliding scale)
20. Physical accessibility of the space (wheelchair accessible, close to public transport, easy to access)  
1 – 10 (sliding scale)
21. Integration to general healthcare system (independent center or a facility that is, for example, part of a hospital or medical practice)  
1 – 10 (sliding scale)

**Appendix nr. 2 – Questions asked in the Disabled queer femmes' STI testing experience questionnaire**

1. What is your age?

Under 18

18-24

25-34

35-44

45-54

55-64

65+

2. Which race do you identify yourself with?

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3. Are you insured in your country of residence (or wherever you usually get tested/receive treatment)?

Yes

No

Do not want to answer

Now, let's talk about your experience with STI testing.

4. Have you ever been tested for STIs (or received treatment for them)?

yes

no

5. If yes, was it:

a routine check of your own choice

part of a routine exam, decided by a doctor acute test and/or treatment

other (please specify)

6. Where did you go?

to a general practitioner (the doctor you would see if you had a flu or an injury)

to a gynaecologist (or similar)

to an STI center/clinic

other (please specify)

7. Did you disclose your sexuality to the practitioners?

yes

no

don't remember

8. How comfortable were you with disclosing it?

not comfortable at all – neutral – very comfortable (sliding scale)

9. Did you experience any doubting or shaming comments about your sexuality?

yes

no

not sure

don't remember

10. If your disability is visible or in case you disclosed your invisible disability, how would you rate the reaction and understanding of your condition?

very positive

positive

neutral

negative

very negative

N/A

11. Did you go:

on your own

with a caretaker

with a friend/family member/someone close to you

12. What was your experience with your specific needs being catered to (assistance, accessibility etc)

very positive

positive

neutral

negative

very negative

N/A

13. Which tests did you get done? (check all that apply)

genital smears (gonorrhea, chlamydia, mycoplasma)

anal smears (gonorrhea, chlamydia)

oral smears (gonorrhea, chlamydia)

blood work (HIV, syphilis)

genital exam

14. How fast did you get your results?

immediately

within a few days

one week

two weeks

longer than two weeks

Next, I wanna know about your STI testing wishes!

Please rate, how important are these factors when you go for STI testing and/or treatment:

15. Anonymity

1 – 10 (sliding scale)

16. Possibility of walk-ins (being able to get help without an appointment)

1 – 10 (sliding scale)

17. How fast are the results ready

1 – 10 (sliding scale)

18. Acceptance of your insurance

1 – 10 (sliding scale)

19. Price

1 – 10 (sliding scale)

20. Queer-friendliness

1 – 10 (sliding scale)

21. Whether treatment is also done at the center

1 – 10 (sliding scale)

22. If there is info about the tests, treatment, accessibility etc available online

1 – 10 (sliding scale)

23. Information about physical accessibility is available online

1 – 10 (sliding scale)

24. The location is wheelchair-accessible

1 – 10 (sliding scale)

25. The location has enough space to move around (e.g. with a wheelchair, walking stick etc)

1 – 10 (sliding scale)

26. If the location is on higher floor, there is a lift

1 – 10 (sliding scale)

27. Information is provided in Braille

1 – 10 (sliding scale)

28. Location offers access to reading devices

1 – 10 (sliding scale)

29. The location has clearly marked areas (which room is which, where to go etc)

1 – 10 (sliding scale)

30. The location is close to public transport

1 – 10 (sliding scale)

31. Integration to general healthcare system (independent center or a facility that is, for example, part of a hospital or medical practice)

1 – 10 (sliding scale)

32. What other specific needs would you like to have catered to?

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# Appendix nr. 3 – Information spreadsheet gathering data about Berlin’s sexual healthcare centers

name of the place	address	website	email	phone number	target group	language	walk in possible?	insurance needed?	price	anonymity	opening times	info about accessibility	distance to public transport	type of tests offered	treatment provided as wait?	how to make an appointment?	waiting time for appt.
<b>Checkpoint BLN</b>	Hermannstraße 258-259	<a href="https://www.sbsz.de/bln/Service">https://www.sbsz.de/bln/Service</a>	<a href="mailto:mail@checkpoint-bln.de">mail@checkpoint-bln.de</a>	+49 30 40 36 46 10	website, gay and bisexual men, trans* and inter* people (all genders of their sexual orientation)	English, German	yes	testing – no, treatment – yes	5-25€, free for low income patients	testing – yes, treatment – no	Monday to Friday, between 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	"Our rooms are located on the 3rd floor and can be booked by using the elevator. The dimensions of the elevator are: height: 200 cm, width: 133 cm, door: 144 cm. The front door is 84 cm wide and can be opened by using the necessary remaining doors in our rooms are 92 cm wide. The wheelchair accessible. The height of the threshold is approx. 4 cm. If required, we can provide a small ramp of approx. 4 cm. If insurance is required to be covered, our receptionist can be called on 030 40 36 46 10. If necessary, we do not expedite after reconstruction."	1 min from U Hermannplatz (U7, U8, U9); 2 min from U Südkreuz (U4, U5, U9); 4 min from Hermannsplatz (Kapt-Mark-Str. 134), 4 min from	tests for HIV, syphilis, chlamydia and gonorrhoea, as well as bacterial infections. We also advise you on your contraceptive methods, subcutaneous or injectable. We also offer PrEP.	yes (insurance needed)	via online form on their website	several weeks (walk in still available)
<b>Gesundheitshaus Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf</b>	Hohenzollernstr. 177	<a href="https://www.lesbische-charlottenburg-berlin.de/berlin-beratung-beratung-beratung-gesundheitshaus-zentrum-lebeseigenschaft-lernintensiv-artikel/62015.php">https://www.lesbische-charlottenburg-berlin.de/berlin-beratung-beratung-beratung-gesundheitshaus-zentrum-lebeseigenschaft-lernintensiv-artikel/62015.php</a>	N/A	(030) 9029-16887	primarily for people without health insurance and/or people in sex work. Counselling offer (prevention offer) especially for customers of sexual services.	N/A	no	ONLY WITHOUT insurance	Anonymous HIV antibody test with advice (costs € 10,00, except low income)	yes	Mon, Tue, Fri 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	N/A (only states that it is on the 3rd floor)	3 min from BUS Hofmann-Winkel, 10 min from Falschbier-Platz (U2, U8, U7, U9), 104, 115, IIR, 8 min from U Nonnensee (S1, S21, S45, S46), 10 min from U Blaserei (U7, IIR), 10 min from S Nollendorfplatz (S41, S42, S48, IIR)	Advice on sexually transmitted infections (STI), including HIV. We offer PrEP if necessary, appropriate examination and treatment	yes	via phone call	N/A
<b>Praxis City Ost</b>	Cubener Str. 37	<a href="https://www.praxiscity.de/">https://www.praxiscity.de/</a>	<a href="mailto:info@praxiscity.de">info@praxiscity.de</a>	030 29 35 35 50	N/A (doctor practice, therefore assumed all genders, sexualities etc)	German, English, Vietnamese and Turkish translation possible	no	N/A (doctor practice, therefore assumed yes)	N/A (doctor practice, therefore assumed from for insured)	N/A (doctor practice, therefore assumed no)	depending on the doctor	N/A	5 min from EUJ Warschauer Str (U1, U8, S3, S5, S7, S8, S9, M10, S10, S17, S18, S19, S20, S21, S25, S26, S27, S28, S29, M10, M13), 11 min from U7, 11 min from U9, 10 min from U9	U1 and AIDS Hepatitis diseases, Tropical medical diseases, Sexually transmitted diseases, HIV/AIDS, bacterial, parasitic and viral diseases, Fungal diseases, PrEP / PEP	yes	via phone call	N/A
<b>Praxis Dr. Cordes</b>	Warschauer Str. 33	<a href="https://www.sbsz.de/berlin-beratung-beratung-beratung-gesundheitshaus-zentrum-lebeseigenschaft-lernintensiv-artikel/62015.php">https://www.sbsz.de/berlin-beratung-beratung-beratung-gesundheitshaus-zentrum-lebeseigenschaft-lernintensiv-artikel/62015.php</a>	<a href="mailto:praxis@cordes.de">praxis@cordes.de</a>	+49 30 97 00 22 88	N/A (doctor practice, therefore assumed all genders, sexualities etc)	German, English, Spanish	yes	testing – no, treatment – yes	free with public insurance, invoiced with private insurance, costs with no insurance – no appointment slotted	N/A (doctor practice, therefore assumed no)	Mon 8 AM to 12 PM, Tue 8 AM to 12 PM, Wed 8 AM to 12 PM, Thu 8 AM to 12 PM, Fri 8 AM to 12 PM	N/A	2 min from EUJ Warschauer Str (U1, U8, S3, S5, S7, S8, S9, M10, S10, S17, S18, S19, S20, S21, S25, S26, S27, S28, S29, M10, M13), 11 min from U7, 11 min from U9, 10 min from U9	STD tests for specific HIV test, Syphilis and Hepatitis C tests	yes	via phone call for new patients, via online booking for regular patients	N/A

name of the place	address	website	email	phone number	target group	language	walk in possible?	insurance needed?	price	anonymity	opening times	info about accessibility available?	distance to public transport	types of tests offered	treatment provided as well?	how to make an appointment?	waiting time for appt.
Gesundheitsamt Friedrichshagen-Kreuzberg	Curt Bejlich Gundelallee, Urbanstraße 24	https://www.gesundheitsamt-friedrichshagen-berlin.de/gesundheitsamt-friedrichshagen-berlin/169503.php	zentrum@ba-kuo.de	(030) 90959-3688	all genders, support of pregnant people ("woman" acc. to the website), sex worker friendly	German, English, Arabic, Bulgarian, Hungarian, Romanian, Turkish also available during specific times	no	no	10,00 €	yes	Mon 13:00 – 16:00, Tue 9-12, Wed 9-12, Thu 9-12, Fri 09:00 – 12:00	yes; 2nd floor, wheelchair access by the side entrance to the low-rise building. Access by wheelchair via the stairs. Access by wheelchair (ramp), lift, accessible toilet and parking	7 min from U Scharnweberstr. U-BUS, 2 min from U-BUS Köpenick (M41), 4 min from U-BUS Klinikum Am Urban (M41)	*STI and HIV tests*	yes	via phone call	N/A
Praxis Kreuzberg	Mehringplatz 11	https://www.praxiskreuzberg.de	ma@praxiskreuzberg.de	030 2392722	N/A (doctor practice, therefore assumed for genders, sexualities etc)	German	N/A	N/A	N/A (doctor practice, therefore assumed for insured)	N/A	Mon 9-12 and 14-16, Tue 9-12 and 14-16, Wed 9-12 and 14-16, Fri 9-12	N/A	4 min from U Hauptstr. U-BUS, 5 min from U-BUS Franz-Kuhn-Str (248)	HIV rapid test, Hep B and C tests	yes	via phone call and email	N/A
Novopras Berlin - Thomas Wicke & Dr. med. Sven Schellberg GbR	Mohrenstraße 6	https://www.novopras.de/informa.html	info@novopras.de	49 30 346 20 300	"I doesn't matter whether you define yourself as heterosexual, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transsexual or not at all. We are also indifferent to whether you have just had or are not having sex, your past experiences with sex or whether you have any questions about sexuality in old age."	German, English	no	no	N/A (doctor practice, therefore assumed for insured)	no, online booking only with name and date of birth	Mon 9:00-13:00 and 15:00-19:00, Tue 9:00-13:00, Wed 9:00-13:00	N/A	2 min from U Stadtrmte U2, U6, 5 min from U-BUS U Stadtrmte, 9 min from U-BUS Stadtrmte Krausenstr. (285)	"not only" the diagnosis and therapy of sexually transmitted diseases from HIV to syphilis, hepatitis to scabies, HIV and HCV*	yes	via online booking and phone call	a few weeks
Zentrum für Infektiologie Berlin Prenzlauer Berg	Diesener Str. 11	https://www.zifo.de/	prae@zifo.de	(030) 239 212-111	"everyone regardless of gender, age, origin, residence status or sexual orientation"	German	website lists acute consultation hour > therefore assumed yes	N/A (doctor practice, therefore assumed yes)	N/A (doctor practice, therefore assumed for insured)	no, online booking only with name and date of birth	Mon 9:00-14:00 and 15:00-19:00, Tue 9:00-14:00 and 15:00-19:00, Wed 9:00-14:00, Thu 9:00-14:00 and 15:00-19:00, Fri 9:00-13:00, Acute consultation hour Mon 9:00-10:30	N/A	5 min from TRAM Schönfließer Str (12, 54, 11), U2, U6, 10 min from U-BUS Bornholmer Str (S1, S2, S8, S25, S26, S9, M13, I10), 10 min from U-BUS Scharnweberstr. (S8, S41, S42, S46, U2, M1, I10)	HIV + STI tests (not specified)	yes	via online form, phone or in person	3-4 weeks
Praxis Prenzlauer Berg	Danziger Str. 78b	https://praxis-prenzlauer-berg.de/	praxis@praxis-prenzlauer-berg.de	030 – 44 09 99 72	N/A (doctor practice, therefore assumed all genders, sexualities etc)	German, English	no	some tests done without insurance, otherwise yes	fee for insured, 14.15€ depending on the test for private insurance and non-insured (HIV: 20€, STI: 10€, Syphilis: 10€, FDT: 10€) Kosten Information: 20HIV: 20Syphilis: 10STI: 10Hepatitis: 100563522@praxis-prenzlauer-berg.de	no	Mon 8:00-16:00, Tue 15:00-20:00, Wed 10:00-15:00, Thu 15:00-20:00, Fri 10:00-14:00	N/A	1 min from TRAM Prenzlauer Allee (M2), 10 min from U-BUS S Prenzlauer Allee (S8, S41, S42, S46, M2, 156 I10)	HIV (rapid / laboratory test), HIV-1/2 (sero), syphilis (rapid / laboratory test), ABOC test / laboratory test, Gonococci (in the throat and elsewhere), 2 hours (no health insurance), Chlamydia (health insurance), Mycoplasma and ureaplasma (health insurance), Trichomonas vaginalis, Scabies and public lice	yes; insurance needed	via online booking system	several weeks



name of the place	address	website	email	phone number	target group	language	walk in possible?	insurance needed?	price	anonymity	opening times	info about accessibility available?	distance to public transport	type of tests offered	treatment provided as well?	how to make an appointment?	waiting time for apt.
Dr. med. Michael Bauach	Nollendorferpl. 3-4	<a href="https://www.praxiswaerberg-nollendorf.de/index.html">https://www.praxiswaerberg-nollendorf.de/index.html</a>	<a href="mailto:baumichang@praxis-waerberg.de">baumichang@praxis-waerberg.de</a>	302105422	N/A (doctor practice, therefore assumed all genders, sexualities etc)	German, English	yes (We kindly request a quick call in advance to avoid long waiting times.)	N/A (doctor practice, therefore assumed yes)	N/A (doctor practice, therefore assumed free for insured)	N/A (doctor practice, therefore assumed no)	Mon 9:00-19:00 and 14:00-18:00, Tue 9:00-13:00 and 15:00-19:00, Wed 9:00-13:00, Thu 9:00-13:00 and 15:00-19:00, Fri 9:00-13:00	N/A	2 min from U1 Nollendorplatz (U1, U2, U3, U4, U6, M87, M19; lift), 7 min from BUS An Der Urma (U6, U9, M29, M48)	N/A (Specifically in HIV, hepatitis, sexually transmitted diseases)	yes	via phone or online booking	few weeks
Infektologisches Zentrum Sieglitz	Schillerstr 119	<a href="https://www.infektologie-sieglitz.de/index.php">https://www.infektologie-sieglitz.de/index.php</a>	<a href="mailto:info@infektologie-sieglitz.de">info@infektologie-sieglitz.de</a>	030-797 000 25	N/A (doctor practice, therefore assumed all genders, sexualities etc)	German	N/A	N/A (doctor practice, therefore assumed yes)	N/A (doctor practice, therefore assumed free for insured)	only for HIV rapid test	Mon 9:00-13:00 and 14:00-18:00, Tue 9:00-13:00 and 15:00-20:00, Wed 9:00-13:00, Thu 9:00-13:00 and 15:00-19:00, Fri 9:00-13:00	N/A	2 min from U1, U2, U3, U4, U6, M85; no lift), 5 min from S Feuerbachstrasse (S1, S11, M76; lift), 10 min from U1, U2, U3, U4, U6, M48; M76; M85; lift)	HIV rapid / laboratory test, HIV-1, HIV-2, hepatitis A/B/C/D/E, syphilis, gonorrhoea, chlamydia, mycoplasma, HPV	yes	via online booking	N/A
Mann-O-Meter	Bülowstraße 106	<a href="https://www.mann-o-meter.de/">https://www.mann-o-meter.de/</a>	<a href="mailto:info@mann-o-meter.de">info@mann-o-meter.de</a>	+49 30 2168008	gay and bisexual men	German, English	yes	no	HIV rapid test 15€, laboratory test 10€, syphilis quick, HCV quick test 15€, max. 12€	yes	Monday and Thursday from 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.	N/A	2 min from U1, U2, U3, U4, U6, M87, M19; lift), 6 min from BUS Potsdamer Platz (U1, U2, U3, U4, U6, M87, M48, M85)	HIV rapid / laboratory test, HIV-1, HIV-2, PCR, rapid syphilis or laboratory test, HCV rapid test, HIV-1, HIV-2, hepatitis A, B, C, D, E, vaccination protection hepatitis A and B, smear examination for gonorrhoea and chlamydia, HIV-1, HIV-2, as for mycoplasma, PEP check, kidney check	no	walk in only	N/A but it may happen that due to capacity reasons you can no longer be tested on the same day, you have to come back on another day!
Infektologie Arzeforum	Seestraße 64	<a href="https://www.infektologie-seestraße.de/">https://www.infektologie-seestraße.de/</a>	<a href="mailto:praxis@infektologie-seestraße.de">praxis@infektologie-seestraße.de</a>	304550550	N/A (doctor practice, therefore assumed all genders, sexualities etc)	German	website lists acute consultation hour -> therefore assumed yes	N/A (doctor practice, therefore assumed yes)	N/A (doctor practice, therefore assumed free for insured)	no	Mon 08-18:00, Tue 08:00-18:00, Wed 09:00-14:00, Thu 08:00-18:00, Fri 08:00-15:00	*adequate access for the disabled, free parking in the courtyard	1 min from TRAM Oranienöle (M13, S2), 8 min from U1, U2, U3, U4, U6, M87, M19; lift), 9 min from U1, U2, U3, U4, U6, M87, M19; lift), 9 min from U1, U2, U3, U4, U6, M87, M19; lift)	N/A (*Focus practice for HIV infection / AIDS, viral hepatitis / syphilis, gonorrhoea, chlamydia, sexually transmitted diseases, addiction medicine, primary care)	yes	via email or phone	N/A
Praxis Wünsche	Schillerstraße 38	<a href="http://www.praxis-wuensche.com/wuensche.com">http://www.praxis-wuensche.com/wuensche.com</a>	<a href="mailto:savica@praxis-wuensche.com">savica@praxis-wuensche.com</a>	030-865 04 30	N/A (doctor practice, therefore assumed all genders, sexualities etc)	German	no	rapid HIV done even without insurance, otherwise yes	N/A (doctor practice, therefore assumed free for insured)	no	Mon, Tue and Thu 08:00-12:30 and 14:00-19:00, Wed and Fri 07:30-14:00	N/A	4 min from U1, U2, U3, U4, U6, M85; no lift), 4 min from U1, U2, U3, U4, U6, M85; no lift), 4 min from U1, U2, U3, U4, U6, M85; no lift), 4 min from U1, U2, U3, U4, U6, M85; no lift)	HIV + STI tests (not specific)	yes	via online form on their website	few weeks
Berliner AIDS-Hilfe	Kurfürstenstraße 130	<a href="https://www.aids-hilfe-berlin.de/aids-hilfe-berlin-test-de-berlin-aids-hilfe-satzkarte-berlin-test">https://www.aids-hilfe-berlin.de/aids-hilfe-berlin-test-de-berlin-aids-hilfe-satzkarte-berlin-test</a>	N/A	030-8656400	trans*, queer, and people who have sex with men	German, Russian	no	N/A, assumed yes	Advices free of charge, HIV test € 15,00, HIV laboratory test € 10,00, Syphilis rapid / laboratory test € 3,00, HIV antibody test € 15,00	yes	Tuesday 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Wednesday 2:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	N/A (only states that it is on the 5th floor)	4 min from U1, U2, U3, U4, U6, M85; no lift), 4 min from U1, U2, U3, U4, U6, M85; no lift), 4 min from U1, U2, U3, U4, U6, M85; no lift), 4 min from U1, U2, U3, U4, U6, M85; no lift)	Advices, HIV rapid / laboratory test, Syphilis rapid / laboratory test	no redirection to medical centers	via phone call	N/A

name of the place	address	website	email	phone number	target group	language	walk in possible?	insurance needed?	price	anonymity	opening times	info about physical accessibility available?	distance to public transport	type of tests offered	treatment provided as well?	how to make an appointment?	waiting time for appointment
Flupunkt	Reichshäuser Str. 101	<a href="https://www.flupunkt.de/">https://www.flupunkt.de/</a> <a href="http://www.flupunkt.de/berlin/">http://www.flupunkt.de/berlin/</a> <a href="http://www.flupunkt.de/berlin/usa/">http://www.flupunkt.de/berlin/usa/</a>	test@flupunkt-berlin.de	+ 49 (0) 30 79 48 746	people who have used drugs or injected drugs at men who have sex with men, at people who live with people infected with HIV, at people at high risk for sexually transmitted diseases or hepatitis C	German, English	from 17.03.2020 immediately after work only after prior consultation and agreement 07:00-9:00 a.m., 6 p.m., (Tue-9 p.m.)	not for testing; treatment needed to occur > insurance needed	Rapid tests (HIV, hepatitis C), 10 euros. Laboratory tests (HIV, hepatitis C): 10 euros, (genococci / smear and urine tests (genococci / chlamydia): 10 euros. In total, the tests cost no more than 15 euros for rapid tests and an additional 10 euros for genococci / smear and urine tests. All follow-up examinations that may be necessary, as far as they are offered by "Flupunkt", are free of charge. For reactive rapid tests, virus tests, detection for confirmed hepatitis C (antibodies) are already included with this contribution to costs of up to 25 euros. For all people who are interested in a relevant amount, the test offers at Flupunkt are free. We are also happy to accept a donation here.	yes obligatory reporting of Hep C	Tuesday, 8:00 a.m. - 10 p.m. (last of the test approx. 8:30 p.m.)	N/A	1 min from BUS Chaussee (M9) 4 min from BUS Spreewaldpark (M9), 10 min to U-Kolbener Str. (U1, U2) 10 min to U-Kolbener Bahnhof (U1, U5; no lift)	HIV, hepatitis C, Syphilis, Gonorrhoea, Chlamydia, PEP check	no; redirection to medical centre	via phone call	N/A

## Appendix nr. 4 – My autoethnography diary

**CHECKPOINT BLN**  
Monday Sep 16, 19 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM  
testing

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✓ curious to see the place everyone's recommending!  
rescheduled apt - got period right before the first one on the last week of Aug.

travelled to Hermannplatz, then ~5 mins walk  
big medical building  
lots of older Turkish families

stairs to the 3rd floor or lift (full of people)

reception staff: 2 masc white folks  
queer-looking  
nice and friendly  
good English

**\* PROCESS \***  
set of stickers w/ my number  
tablet to fill out sexual history etc

waiting room rather random, older conference chairs along the walls, a few plants

free wi-fi!!!  
people in waiting room: 1 femme, 3 masc white

**\* PROCESS \***  
counsellor calls my nr  
→ go to their office  
questions about my questionnaire, form of protection  
we agree on tests to make  
i pay → puts it in clear envelope → leaves room (to give it to reception?) and comes back  
→ i'm sent to another waiting area  
counsellor white, masc, painted nails (we have matching color - we joke about that), very friendly, great English, young

waiting room nr 2  
around the corner  
free drinks! coffee, tea, water  
same vibes  
2 white masc patients  
~ 10 min wait

free condoms!

\* counsellor asked me to make a password to say/verify myself with when calling for results

**\* PROCESS \***  
called to the lab, two medical workers - 1 femme, 1 masc, both white, young  
the femme one asks me to sit on the bed  
oral swab - done by her  
gives me two wrapped swabs, one for vaginal (pink), one for anal (blue)  
i am sent to the common/shared toilet to do the swabs myself  
takes around 3 mins  
i come back  
blood test from vein  
nurse nice, quick  
blood test fast, no fainting!

since i chose rapid HIV test  
→ have to wait for 30 mins for the results  
back to wait. room 2

\* later another counsellor calls me  
older, white, masc | tells me my result in separate office

results avail. after 1 week  
i get a small paper with phone nr and open. times

**RESULTS** Friday 20th

via phone  
i am asked for my nr and password/code  
all negative!

phone operator: masc, good English, nice  
counsellor asked me to make that during visit

• Very easy to get results  
line only operates Mon, Wed, Fri

## FIXPUNKT

Monday Nov 18, 19 9:00 PM - 7:45 PM  
testing

only open late in the evening > have to go there after work > already very tired and irritated

it is raining heavily and dark outside

got off at Kotti ubahn

~ 10 mins walk

hard(er) to find, have to go inside

& backyard

looks like a shed from outside

young Black male receptionist

extensive questioning whether i belong to any of their focus groups > i am literally forced to out myself as a sex worker not comfortable at all

### \* PROCESS \*

i get a tablet with a questionnaire about my recent sex. activity

takes around 5 mins to fill out

i give tablet back

asked to wait until the nurse calls me

## waiting room

wood-paneled

one big room in the middle of the area one large table in the middle > you are directly facing other patients, only part by less than 1 m > feels very uncomfortable and too "public"

leaflets, magazines around

lots of staff walking around

### \* PROCESS \*

waiting time ~ 10 mins

nurse calls me in - white, femme, older, German gives me a cup to collect urine > to do after blood test

i get interviewed by her quite extensively - about protection, drug use, my sexual history, sex work > very intrusive, many SW-shaming comments

↳ "why why do you do it? do you HAVE to? do you have a "pimp"?"

↳ in general very uncomfortable

↳ ~~can~~ can the nurse act as a counselor??

blood drawn from vein (HIV, syphilis, hep C) and finger prick (rapid HIV)

after i am sent to provide urine sample

## blood work

- i get woozy and sick but the nurse sends me back to the wait. room even though i still feel like i need to lay down

- not very sensitive or caring/listening to my blood work fear

testing room small, older furniture

\* i wait in the wait. area for my rapid test results for 30 min

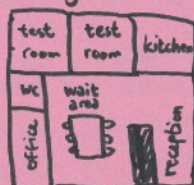
the nurse tells me it was negative right in the wait. area, luckily no patients around

## RESULTS Wednesday 27th

via phone

have to say nickname + password

ok English, nice staff member



## CHECKPOINT BLN

Tuesday Jan 14, 10 2-3 PM  
testing

after vaginal ~~gono~~ diagnosis by my gynecologist > wanted to retest and get treatment there

without appointment - came right after opening during drop-in time

### temporary entrance change

- 8.1. - 17.1.
- no info on website about it!
- easy to find
- no lift, 3rd floor via stairs > v inaccessible

### inside reorganized too

- entrance through wait. area 2
- reception moved, separated from wait. area 1 by blackboards only
- > not very private
  - overheard someone else's convo about Prep
  - the whole wait. area hears your discussion with the receptionist

Wifi available!

## \*PROCESS\*

received a sticker set with my nr and a tablet to fill out survey about sexual history

→ same as last time

→ ~~table~~ takes about 7 min

i get called by a counsellor - wait time ~ 20 min

same as in Sept

i tell him how my gyno diagnosed me with vag gono during my yearly checkup, we agree on oral, anal and vaginal swabs for gonorrhoea and chlamydia

consultation lasts ~ 10 min

i pay 10€ for the tests (to the counsellor)

i am told to go to the bathroom and pick up a cup to collect urine and after wait in wait. area 2 ~~to~~ to be called to the lab

i am asked to set a password for when i call for results

there is a stack of cups to collect urine in the bathroom > i take one and fill it > mark it with one of the stickers > place it in a cabinet for samples in the hallway

## staff:

reception - 2 white, masc - presenting young ppl

counsellor - white, masc, young, German

### wait. area 1

a few conference chairs along the walls forming a rectangle

radio plying

~ 3,5 m x 1,5 m

separated by blackboard panels from the reception desk

7 masc ppl, 1 femme (accompanying a masc friend picking up results)

1 person of color

### wait. area 2

unchanged from Sep visit

~ 13 chairs in U shape, 2 plants

Siegersäule mag, leaflets

drinks hot & cold

free condoms

3 white masc ppl waiting w/ me

lots of people passing through bc of temporary entrance

wait. time ~ 20 mins

## \*PROCESS\*

lab assistant calls my nr

i go to the lab

lab assistant - white, masc, older, English

not the best

asks me for my stickers

tells me to sit down on the bench

and does the oral swab

gives me 2 packed swabs and instructs

me how to do the anal + vaginal swab

myself > i get a container/vial with my

sticker on it in which i am to seal

the swabs

i go to the bathroom and do the swabbing

> ~ 5 mins

i place the sealed container on the same cabinet where i left my urine sample



## RESULTS

via phone call - Friday 17th  
i am asked for my nr and password  
i am told i tested positive for oral gonorrhoea

the consultant asks me if i want to be treated at Checkpoint as well > i say yes  
> i am told i can come on the same day  
> not possible for me > i am told to call to the reception and schedule an apt  
i call to the reception > apt scheduled for Tue 21, 4 PM  
all smooth & fast  
no shaming about testing positive

## CHECKPOINT BLN

Tuesday Jan 21, 20 4-4:50 PM  
treatment

i arrive to Checkpoint at 4 PM (2 hrs after opening) - several people in the wait. room  
i have to say my full name at the reception  
- still connected to the wait. area  
and that i want treatment  
i am sent to the wait. area 2 - 3 white masc patients waiting there  
i wait for around 40 min  
- despite being asked to arrive at 4  
- no info on what to expect / approx. time of waiting  
- free drinks  
- Wi-Fi  
- leaflets and magazine to read  
- people coming and going, i am the only femme throughout the whole time

finally called in to the doctor's office

- doctor around 40yo, white, masc, good English
- very friendly, no shaming
- explains how the treatment is done  
→ infusion into vein
- need to give him my insurance card > no info on price / process w/o insurance
- i am asked about allergies & meds i take

- i receive a prescription for the infusion solution which i need to pick up at a pharmacy myself

- i am supposed to come back with it to get it administered
- seems ✓ confusing and time consuming
- why not have the solution in the center already?

i am told the solution would be available at the nearest pharmacy at Karstadt (around 3 min walk)

- complicates the process
- demands more energy from people
- additional research of pharmacies needs to be done by the patient

i go to the recommended pharmacy - solution not available, only to order for next day  
- i go to 5 more pharmacies in the area (around 30 min) but it is not available anywhere

i call to Checkpoint to ask if it is possible to instead get the treatment the next day  
- it is

i feel frustrated and upset i was not made aware of this possibility or the need to pick it up myself

## CHECKPOINT BLN

Wednesday Jan 22, 20 4-5:40 PM  
treatment try 2

picked up the treatment solution at the pharmacy - took around 5 min  
- old German masc pharmacist explained info about it in German only  
> did not understand

i arrive to Checkpoint (without appointment) and tell the reception my name and the situation > i am sent to the wait area 2 to wait to be called by the lab staff

i am very nervous about the treatment  
- the wait. area seems too bright and impersonal  
- people come and go to the wait. area, only masc  
- next to wait area, there is a worker painting a door frame > strong smell > making me sick  
- no info on website / anywhere in the building  
- no consideration of scent-sensitive folks

- there are 3 other people in the wait area - all masc  
 - 2 also holding the treatment solution
- 30 mins of waiting - a lab assistant asks me to give them the solution  
 - calls me by my real name  
 ↳ why not number code system as well?
- 45 more mins of waiting - i finally get called in

**OUCH!**

the treatment was a nightmare

- i am told to lay down on a bed and to prep my arm
- i inform the nurse (masc, white, young, nice, good English) about my fear of blood work and thin veins, he is caring and nice
- nurse 1 unable to penetrate my veins for around 5 min
- nurse 2 called in (masc, white, older - around 50, English not so good)
- nurse 2 unable to do it either
- i am told they will call a doctor "that is an expert on blood work" to do it
- 45 min wait
- doctor comes, masc, white, 60+ yo, good English, nice

- checks DR checks my veins and recommend putting my arm/hand in warm water for a while

- i am like that for ~20 min
- he comes back and tries to administer the infusion for ~40 min
  - worst pain of my life!
  - doctor is nice but inappropriate at times
    - ↳ caresses my cheek to calm me down, offers to hug me
    - not comfortable
  - i cry a lot and squirm in pain
- in the end, the medical team gives up without me receiving the treatment at all
- i am sent to the wait area 2 again to wait for a new doctor consultation

i am shaking now  
 luckily i asked my friend to come over and help me get home - she is in the wait area with me  
 10-15 min wait (already here for >1 hr)

doctor consultation

- same doctor overall ok talk, shaming of not using condom
- prescribes me an alternative treatment: 3 oral antibiotics
- gives me business card of his personal Dr practice in case i wanted to do the infusion later
- >> i go pick up the antibiotics at a pharmacy

## CHECKPOINT BLN

Wednesday Feb 19, 20 2-2:30 PM  
 after treatment re-testing

no appointment - showed up 10 min before opening time  
 - all pre-booking appts were taken for weeks

i am the first to arrive  
 entrance is unlocked at 2:02 PM

new interior!

- completely rebuilt, looks like a different place
- double entrance: main door, ~1 m "hallway"/corridor, double glass door
  - ↳ very narrow, probably impossible to get through in a wheelchair without any help / waiting for the other door to be open
  - ↳ too narrow for fat folks?
- very bright, lots of natural light
- looks like a cafe mixed with a bathhouse
- very hipster, trendy, exclusive vibes
- large reception desk close to entrance
- two white masc receptionists

**\*PROCESS\***

same as it used to be - questionnaire on tablet, number code stickers, ~~the visit~~  
 after filling out the questionnaire, i am sent to sit and wait in a different area (wait area 2)  
 - slightly confusing / difficult to find

wait area 1 - in front of reception, large green velvet "sofa" (fabric covered rectangles arranged into an U shape)

- 5 more people waiting: 3 white masc, 2 white femme
- wait area 2 - chairs in ~~the middle~~ a corridor between conference rooms
- 1 femme from wait area 1 comes over

**\*PROCESS\***

i am called by a counsellor after 5 min wait  
 counsellor - white, young, non-binary  
 asks me why i am there, i tell them about treatment and wanting to get re-tested  
 they check a binder with STI info to see if enough time has passed since treatment  
 ask me if i had any symptoms - i say no  
 they decide to only run swab tests this time

- oral, vaginal, anal
- for gonorrhoea + chlamydia

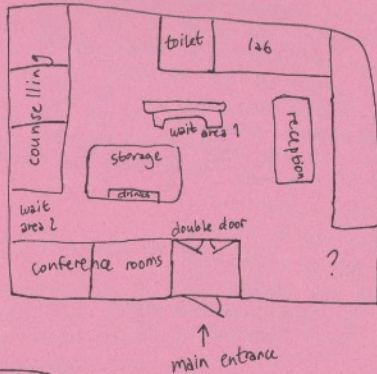
i pay 10€, set up a password for results & give them one of my stickers  
 i am sent to wait area 1 once again  
 consultation time ~10 min

waiting ~5 min  
 3 masc white people waiting with me (different than before)

**\*PROCESS\***

lab assistant calls me by my nr  
 asks me for stickers  
 lab assistant - masc, white, older, speaks German  
 - the same one from the treatment

he does my oral swab  
 gives me packed swabs for anal and vag check  
 and ~~tebbum~~ a urine collection cup with my nr  
 stickers on  
 points me to the bathroom and tells me to leave  
 the samples there  
 all done in 10 min max



**RESULTS**

via phone on Feb 27  
 i tell my nr code and my password  
 all is negative!  
 counsellor sounds masc, good English

**NOVOPRAXIS**

Thursday Apr 23, 20 3-3:30 PM  
 testing

2 previous appointments failed:

1. Thursday Apr 16, 4 PM - got period that way and almost fainted on the way there, had to go back home
2. ~~Thursday~~ Tuesday Apr 21, 12:45 PM - arrived 5 mins late, the nurse/receptionist was on the phone for ~7 min, then scolded me for not arriving earlier (despite me standing in front of her / waiting for her to finish the call)
  - scoffingly telling me off
  - "we cannot treat you now, we're closing in 7 mins" > why schedule an apt 15 mins before closing then?
  - receptionist white, femme, older, English ok
  - rescheduled for Apr 23 instead
  - overall very rude and condescending

was not excited to go there again but wanted to try it out anyway

access

- 5 min walk from U6/U2 Stadtmitte, lift
- busy road nearby
- 3rd floor, steep & narrow ~~to~~ staircase
- lift yes, but very narrow - ~1m

- 3 steps to the lift though...

\*PROCESS\*

i go to the reception, 2 receptionists: 1 white femme (1 of them from previous visit)  
 i am asked for my insurance card  
 have to write down my phone nr and email on a sheet of paper  
 ~5 min  
 sent to a wait area behind the reception

space + ambience

- lot of bright light
- modern, trendy
- wi-fi, water cooler in wait area
- free magazines and leaflets
- no free condoms

wait area

- since it's around the corner / basically hidden behind the reception > feels v secluded, difficult to know what's

going on  
 - 1 more person: white young femme

\*PROCESS\*

wait time ~10 min  
 my name is called from around the corner  
 - kind of muffled, easy to miss  
 - no facial clues (since impossible to see the person calling you) to see for folks relying on them



i am asked to follow a doctor to his office  
- doctor white, masc, around 45 yo, great English,  
nice, understanding

#### quick consultation

- why am i there? - regular check up
- history of STIs > we talk about my gono  
and the treatment
- who is my housecat?
- which meds i take?

Oral swab - done by doctor as i am sitting  
in a chair

anal swab - done by doctor  
- i have to lay down on a side  
on a bed and lower my underwear  
- takes around 1 min

Dr gives me a wrapped <sup>vaginal</sup> swab to do  
myself in the bathroom > should wait with  
it in front of the lab, get an envelope to put it

vaginal swab ~3 min, only 1 toilet, narrow  
lab wait area right next to entrance

wait time ~3 min

nurse = one of the receptionists (not the one  
from cancelled apt), very nice, good English,  
white, femme

blood work - fast, nurse understanding, talking  
throughout to distract me

↳ afterwards i go sit in wait area 1 to calm  
down after the blood test, ~10 min

! no question about my sexuality or sex history  
throughout the whole visit!

as i am leaving, i ask at the reception  
if that was all and where to call  
for results

- > receptionist tells me i need to come  
pick them up in person  
↳ why?? annoying!
- > appointment scheduled for May 3, 1 PM

#### RESULTS

PROVEN VERY DIFFICULT TO GET!

had to cancel May 3 apt because of COVID-19  
suspicion - via call

- > i email asking for new apt the week after
- > no apts that week, asked if i could come  
the week later (start May 19)

> i cannot as i will be recovering from tooth  
surgery

- >> emails from receptionist very hostile,  
no understanding for my situation, unwilling-  
ness to answer questions

↳ after the testing, i was told "i would  
get a call if there was sth serious"

- i try to ask which STIs do they  
consider "serious"? aren't all of  
them serious? does not getting  
a call mean there are no positive  
findings?

- receptionist completely skips those  
questions, only repeats i should  
come in the week of my surgery

> after not getting a reply for several days,  
i decide to call

> receptionist also rude/hastile over  
the phone

> started off by "good, now i will  
explain it to you" - NOT OK

> questions about no call/no STIs  
replied with "i cannot tell you that,  
you need an appointment"

> in the end agreed on apt on  
May 18 - almost 4 weeks after  
testing!!

receptionist used sentences like "listen,  
i told you" in the emails - UNACCEPTABLE

this way of receiving results is very  
lengthy and annoying

#### NOVOPRAXIS

Monday May 18, 20 5:15 - 5:35 PM

results

need to give my insurance card to the ~~wait~~  
reception

sent to wait area 1

receptionist - same as before, white femme,  
older

2 more people - white, masc

wait time ~10 min

called in by the same doctor

> tells me "everything is good"

> asks me if i want my results  
printed - i say yes

altogether ~7 min

## S.A.M. HEALTH (www.samhealth.de)

April 20, 20 - May 15, 20  
at-home test kit ordering

recommended by a friend - had no idea  
at-home kits were also available in DE  
(i know of them from the UK)

### website front page

- quite overwhelming, lots of text
- same color palette for all posts > difficult to distinguish topics/parts
- in German by default, English option too

### \* PROCESS \*

i click on "order now" on the main site  
page "Registrierung" opens

- only in German
- have to translate with Google Translate extension

i have to fill out a registration form: date of birth, post code, if i believe i was infected with HIV in the past 3 months, agree to processing my info

Registrierung page 2: gender, gender of sex partners

- own gender non-binary choices too, but not for gender of partners??

need to choose a "s.a.m partner" with which i will have a phone/personal consultation

- option of 13 German cities
- i choose Berliner Aids-Hilfe

Registrierung page 3: ~~contact details~~

contact details - name, phone, e-mail, address, last time of test (never/past 3 months/...)  
how did i find out about s.a.m

next - payment

69€ for the whole kit  
paid by card

website process completed

> right after i get an SMS with instructions on scheduling the consultation

> SMS in German

> a lot of info, difficult to comprehend what to do exactly

after finding out i have to call somewhere for the consultation, i wait for a few weeks to do so

calling for consultation

- attempts: May 7 (Thursday), May 8 (Friday) - later realized it was national holiday, May 11 (Monday) 3x
- after these failed attempts, i search for opening times of Aids-Hilfe - nowhere to be found (not on s.a.m nor on Aids)

- in the end, i text the number which sent me the instructions

> i tell them i cannot reach the nr recommended

- 20 mins later, i receive a text back saying s.a.m is changing their system and giving new instructions

setting up consultation (try 2, new instructions)

- click on a link to a booking website
- choose a date and time for phone consultation
- after, i get a SMS confirming the time of the call, Berliner Aids-Hilfe phone nr (different than before), and a registration/personal code

consultation May 15, 12:30 PM

- 8 min before the apt time, i get an SMS reminder

- exactly at 12:30, i call the mentioned number

> i reach someone who tells me this is

a wrong nr

> it is the main reception, not the consultant

> i get a different nr to call

- i try calling that number instead - no response

- 11 attempts until 12:51 PM - nothing

in the end, i send an SMS to the info number telling them about the situation and ask to get my money back

- the process is too long and confusing

- too expensive for so much confusion

- much more lengthy than visiting a testing place in person

- 5 hrs later, i get an apology SMS telling me s.a.m is experiencing problems with the system change, and agree on returning my money

- money is back in my account in 3 days

overall feeling - very frustrating

- so much confusion

- better make sure the change works when people pay this much

## ÄRZTEFORUM SEESTRASSE

Monday, May 25 2:30-3:30 PM  
testing

appointment via e-mail - wait time 1 week  
access

- i come by foot, 17 mins walk from my place
- 1 min walk from TRAM Osram-Höfe, 10 min UG Seestrasse
- difficult to find main entrance
  - > big building with many different entrances
  - > also housing & school
  - > reconstruction from one side (not where entrance)
  - > only small sign on door
  - > took me around 5 mins
- small step (~2cm) to enter the building
- center on 1st floor - lift avail.
- buzzer-operated door, center on the right,
- narrow corridors another clinic on the left

### \* PROCESS \*

i go to the reception and tell them i have an appointment  
receptionists: 1 masc Asian, 1 white femme  
i am given forms to fill out  
need to scan my insurance card

forms: name, date of birth, occupation, hausarzt, address, height + weight, allergies, emergency number - PAPER 1  
PAPER 2 - medical history, smoking + drinking, marital status

PAPER 3 - information about treatment and insurance

PAPER 4 - consent about data

i fill out the forms out sitting down in wait area

- chairs in L-shape, 2 more people waiting with me: masc, white, 30-40 yo
- large area with reception, 3 doors to doctor's offices, entrance to corridor possibly with more offices?
- several patients entering and leaving the offices - 2 older white masc, 2 Turkish femmes, 2 ambulance workers waiting for a patient
- wait time ~20 mins

i am called by a doctor to follow him into the corridor  
↳ by my legal name

doctor - white, masc, 40+ yo, nice, good English

quick consultation about why i am there, STI history  
- we talk about gono treatment at Checkpoint, Dr criticizes their choice of treatment

consultation around 10 min

oral swab - done by Dr, ~1 min

Dr gives me wrapped anal and vaginal swabs and urine collection cup, sends me to do them in the bathroom and then wait with them in wait area 2

bathroom opposite of Dr's office, wheelchair accessible room, second one not

wait area 2 - in the corridor, a few chairs in front of the lab, very narrow  
- 1 old white masc patient, 1 younger Turkish masc  
- i have to put my urine cup and vaginal and anal swab on the floor next to me

↳ feels very uncomfortable and embarrassing

wait time ~5 min  
i am called to the lab by my name  
nurse: white, femme, around 30 yo

↳ two more: 1 white, femme, older  
1 white, masc, 40 yo

blood test - i need to sign an agreement to be tested for HIV  
- done in a few minutes  
- easy and painless

testing thus done

before leaving, i go ask the reception about obtaining results - i can either call after a week or make a new apt

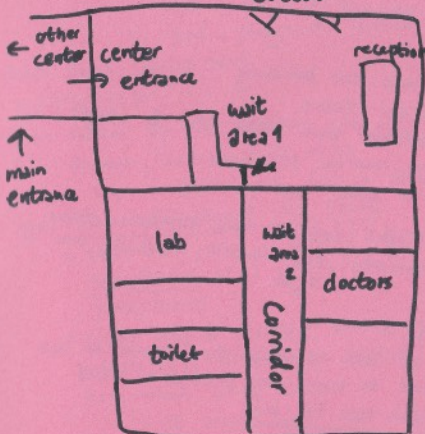
### RESULTS

Tuesday, June 2  
i call to the main number and ask for my results, receptionist tells me the doctor would call me later that day

initial call at 11:48 AM

i wait the whole afternoon but no reply -  
i try calling again at 2, 4 ~~noon~~ - nothing

~~nothing~~  
Dr calls me at 5:50 PM - tells me all tests are negative but recommends me to get re-vaccinated for Hepatitis B  
doctors



HATICE ALKAYA GYNECOLOGIST  
Tuesday May 26, 20 11:45 - 12:30  
check up + testing

main purpose: regular preventive gyno checkup,  
but want to try to get tested too

appointment made via Doctolib, about 3 weeks in advance

access

- 2 steps into the building
- very narrow doors
- lift available but after the 2 steps
- 2nd floor, narrow staircase
- buzzer to enter ~~the~~ practice

reception right behind the entrance door,  
2 receptionists: both femme, Turkish, one in hijab

\* PROCESS \*

i tell one of the receptionists i have an apt  
i am asked to scan my insurance card  
i get a form to fill out

- name, day of birth, medical history, smoking + alcohol use, last mammogram and colonoscopy, allergies, meds

then i wait for the doctor to call me  
wait area - big spacious room with chairs around the wall

- 1 more patient: young Turkish femme under 25 yo
- very "feminine" - light pink walls, photos of pink flowers framed, photos of babies
- lifestyle magazines to read
- 1st patient called in, later comes
- 2nd - pregnant Turkish femme ~30

wait time ~20 mins

\* PROCESS \*

i am called by the doctor (by my name)

Dr - femme, Turkish, ~30, hijab

i tell her i am there for a checkup and also ask about STI tests

> she tells me i would have to pay for them if i don't have any symptoms

> gives me a leaflet which explains which STIs i can get tested for and how much they are

- it would cost min 60 €, so i decide NOT TO DO IT

instead, i just proceed with a regular gyno check up

GESUNDHEITSAMT CHARLOTTENBURG - WILMERSDORF  
Wednesday June 10, 20

called to make an appointment

> due to COVID-19, they only test sex workers or acute cases

was possible to come in a few days

- decided not to take up space for those really in need

phone call:

- picked up by femme, very nice, good English
- gave clear instructions on where to go

PRAXIS PRENZLAUER BERG

February - June 20

only possible to make appointment via online scheduling system

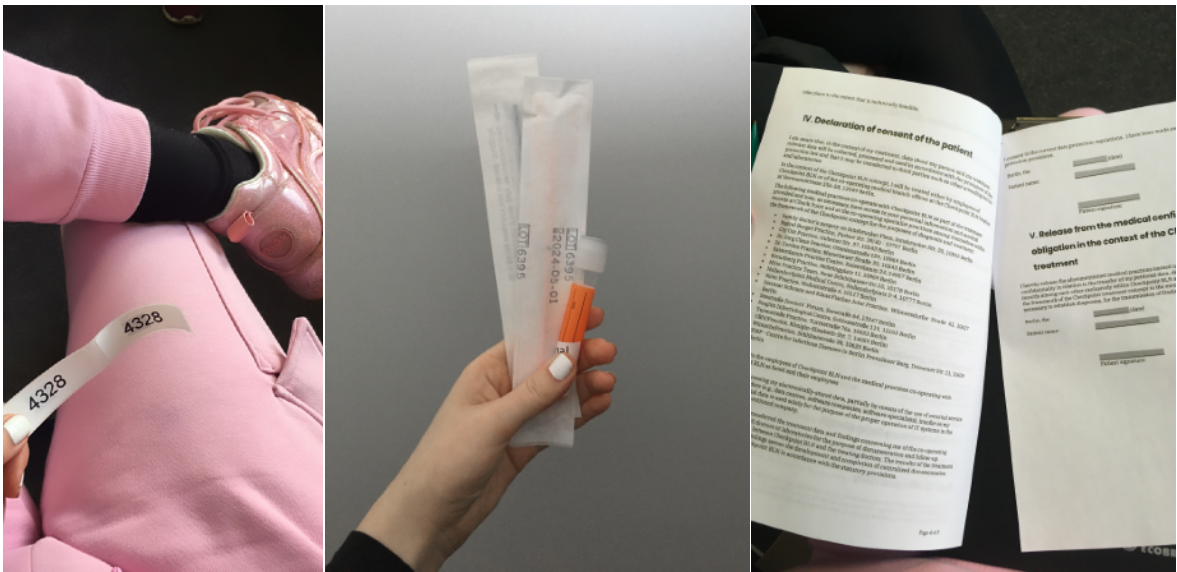
- throughout the whole 4 months, there was **NO SPACE AVAILABLE**

- only shows dates in the upcoming week, not possible to book dates in advance

therefore was not able to get tested there

- really wanted to bc they do a rapid syphilis test i have not done ever before

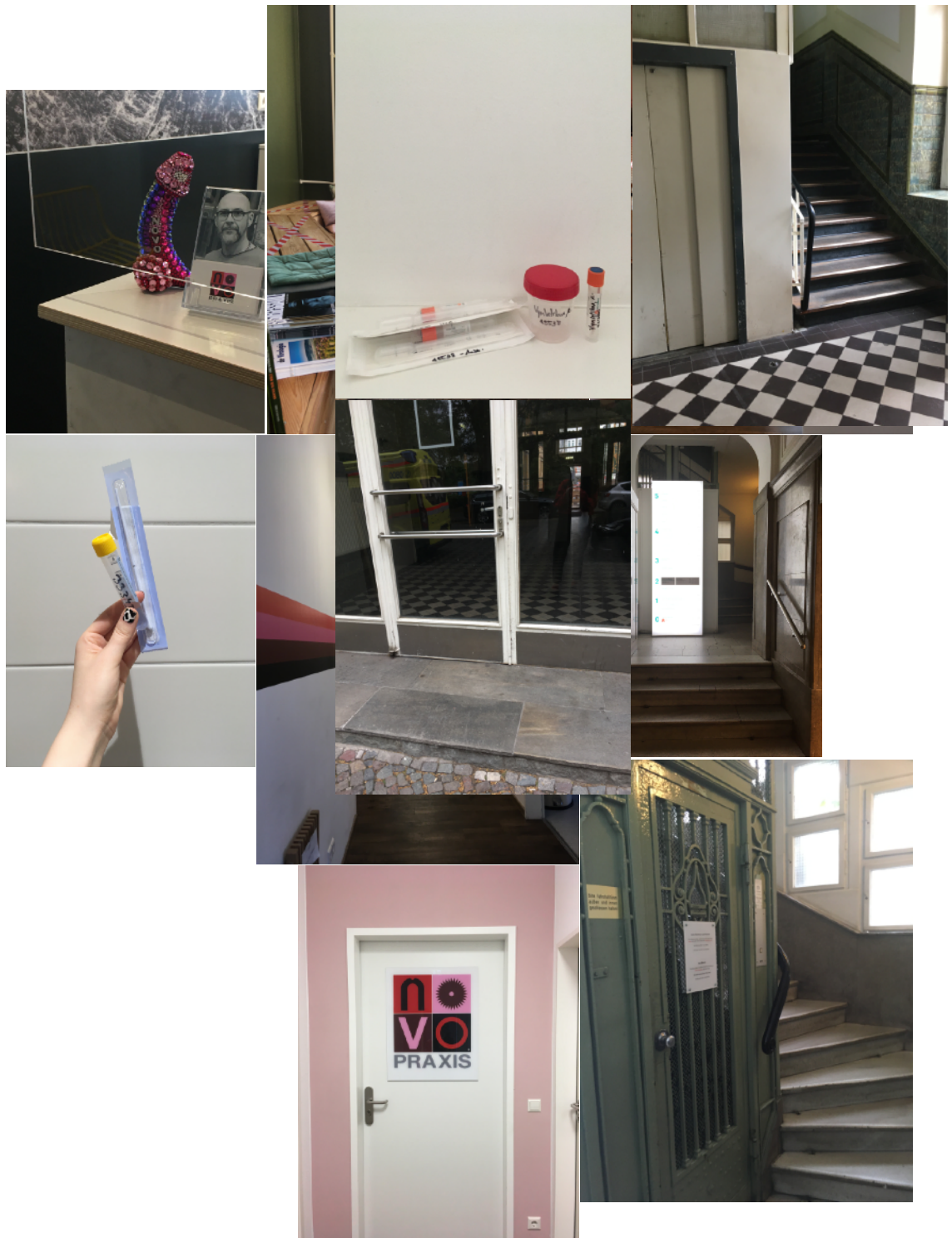
## Appendix nr. 5 – Photographic documentation of my autoethnography visits



### Checkpoint BLN (before reconstruction)



### Checkpoint BLN (after reconstruction)



**Novopraxis**

**Infektiologie Ärzteforum**



Personal Details: (200)

Tel/Fax No.: 05 2175

Last Public Reception: 14/01/2014 A-12

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

1st/2nd/3rd Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you lived in the above address? \_\_\_\_\_

under 12 weeks  12w - 6m

6m - 1yr

previously resident? Degree \_\_\_\_\_ %

Date of arrival: \_\_\_\_\_

Acceptance of care for Medication:  please attach ref

General practitioner (Name and Address): \_\_\_\_\_

Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit/ft: \_\_\_\_\_

Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Kg/lbs: \_\_\_\_\_

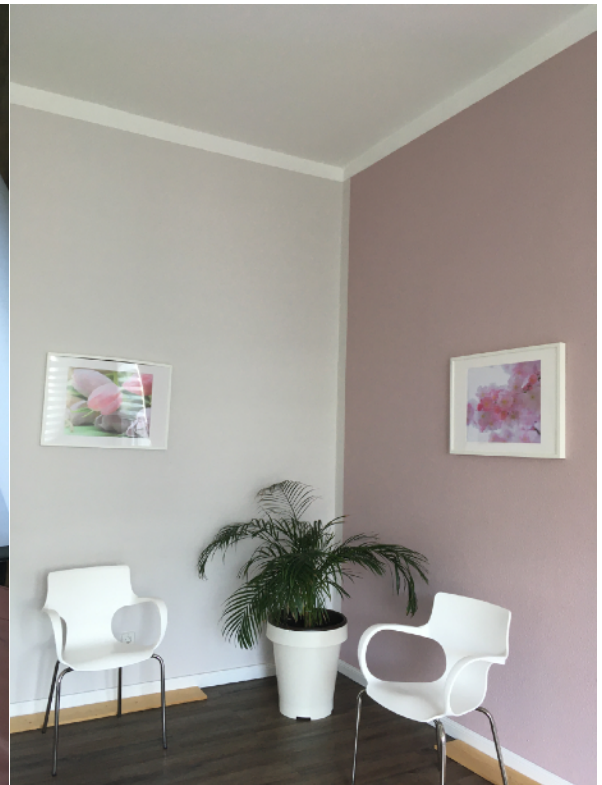
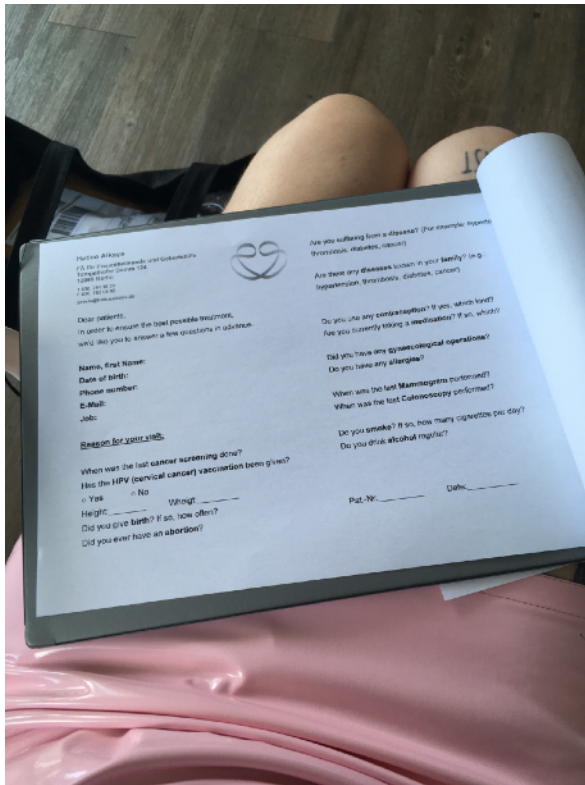
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When should we call in an emergency?  
Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency?  YES  NO

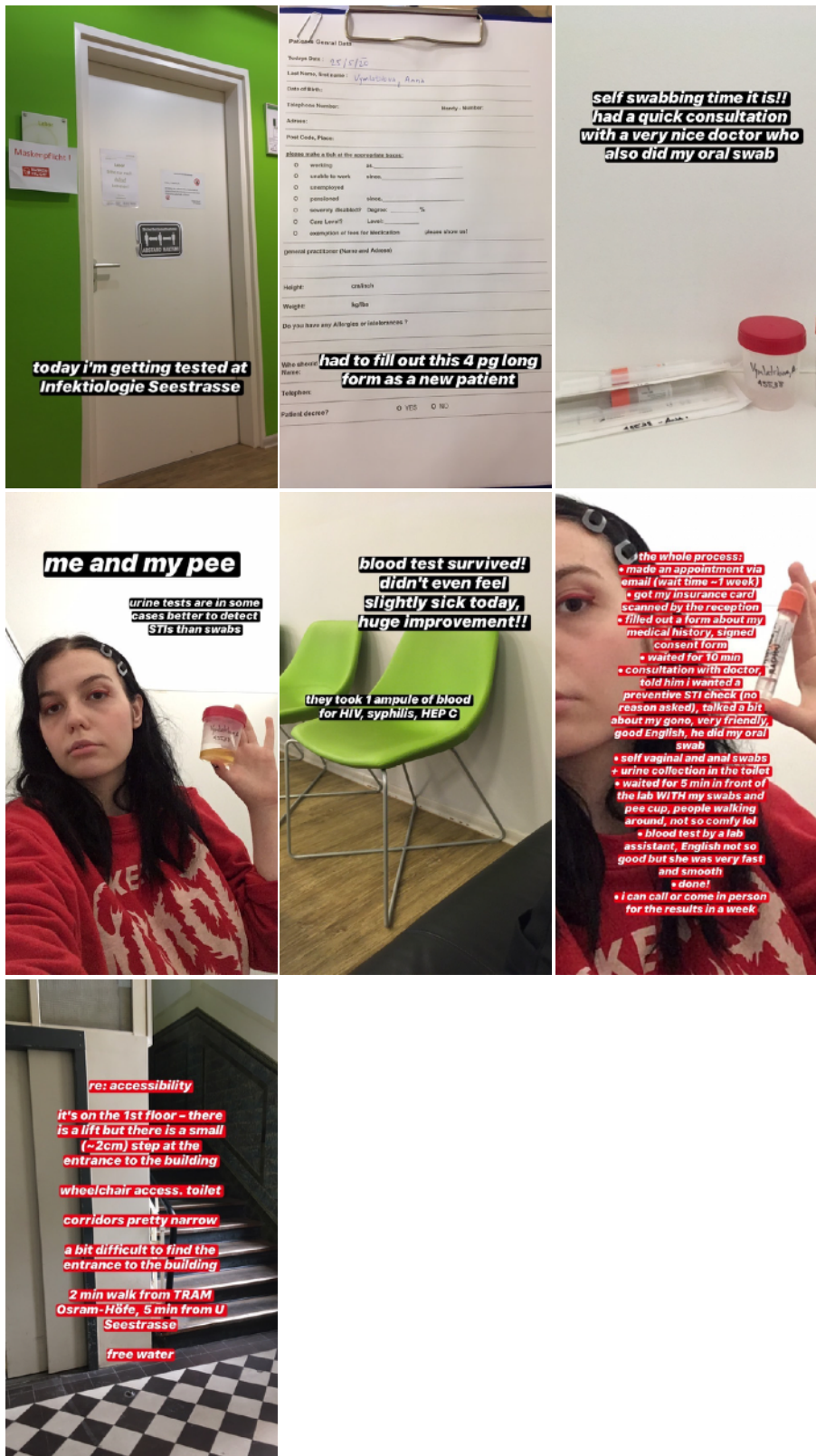




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Appendix nr. 6 – Example of Instagram stories detailing my testing experience



## Appendix nr. 7 – Example of a sex education post based on literature review for this thesis

**WHY IS THIS MYTH SO DANGEROUS?**

**STIs still happen, and this misconception only leads to them spreading more**

even if it might be a bit lower, or simply different (some research shows disparities of which STIs are more likely to be transmitted during hetero and homo sex), the risk is still there. ignoring it only leads to untreated people spreading the STIs further, as well as to a whole lot of health complications that are more difficult and costly to treat later.

**not all lesbian sex is vulva on vulva**

as was said in the disclaimer, lesbian sex is not necessarily only between two or more vulva-owners. trans women and non-binary and intersex folks can identify as lesbians too, which brings other, non-vulva genitals into the mix too, if we follow the assumption that sex that involves penises poses more risks.

now this is a whole new type of sex ed content (which you can be expecting more and more often)! i've gathered info i have discovered through my MA thesis research (i'm writing it about queer femmes' access to STI testing in Berlin) and compiled it into a more accessible, hopefully easy-to-read blog-like post. we're starting off with debunking the myth that lesbian sex is "safer" than gay or hetero sex in terms of STI risk, and why this misconception is super harmful and just not accurate at all. swipe left or, if you wait for an hour or so (need some time to upload it), read it on my website [annawim.com](http://annawim.com) in a classic blog form. at the very end, i'm including my sources, which can all be downloaded

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