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Opportunities for the Integration of Family Planning and HIV services: Provider Perspectives in Kumasi, Ghana

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Methods

- Conducted semi-structured interviews with core health care providers recruited from KATH HIV clinics, focusing on:
 - Assess current practices and attitudes with regards to family planning.
 - Assess current relationship to family planning clinics.
 - Perceived barriers to integration.
 - Potential pathways to integration.
- Interviews were transcribed for analysis and transcripts were coded to identify key themes.

Results

Available services

Counseling, formal and informal referrals

Perception of client needs

Low need for contraception, reluctance to discuss sex

Barriers to integration

- Time
- Stigma
- Misinformation
- Clinic goals
- Language

Proposed solutions

- Improve collaboration and communication
- Identify representative
- Patient and provider education
- On-site services