

**Position 1 (current counselling practice):**

Respecting patients' autonomy is the benchmark of counselling

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*Emphasis is on patients' autonomy*

**Position 2 (current counselling practice):**

While safeguarding patients' autonomy, patients should be encouraged to disclose their status to their partners for family benefits

*Emphasis on public health interest*

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**Position 4 (counsellors' wishes):**

HIV should be regarded as a chronic disease; testing and disclosure should be made routine

**Position 3 (counsellors' wishes):**

Protecting patients' sexual partners at risk is essential but counsellors should be legally protected

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