



**Position Statement
on
Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Testing
(Approved by the Board of Directors: October 24, 1998)**

The American Academy of Dermatology recommends consideration of routine and confidential testing for sexually transmitted diseases in patients at high risk.

The American Academy of Dermatology considers testing for sexually transmitted diseases a matter between the patient and physician and that justification for these tests to a government agency is an invasion of privacy and a deterrent to the doctor/patient relationship.