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Young people receptive to discussing STD issues openly

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THE producers of "3R - Respect, Relax, Respond" thank J.T. of Kota Baru for the comments on the recent episode on STDs (NST, May 14).

In our new format, we begin with a short drama to illustrate the issue being discussed. As the subject is "Sexually Transmitted Diseases", the drama takes the sexual relationship between the couple as a given since that is the mode of transmission in question.

This does not mean we condone or promote sex among teenagers. But, looking at statistics at just one clinic where there are 200 new cases of STD each month, not to deal with the reality that people are having unsafe sex would be irresponsible.

To show a married couple with an STD problem, however, would bring up the additional question of extramarital sex, which our viewers may not be able to relate to.

Taken as a whole, we hope that the STD episode showed the consequences of irresponsible attitudes towards sex. We have received positive feedback, indicating that young people are eager for information and