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Study on the prevalence of condom use and other factors determining the use of condoms among female sex workers attending the STD Clinic Colombo.

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This study was designed to assess the prevalence of condom use and factors affecting condom use among FSWW attending STD clinic, Colombo such as socio- demographic characteristics, factors related to their occupation, knowledge, attitude and skills in the use of condoms. In spite of behaviour change in some, there are still many FSWW working in and around Colombo who remain seriously at risk of STD/HIV infection. Information obtained from this study confirms the need to strengthen FSWW negotiation skills, increase client's and partners motivation in the use of condoms and increase public recognition of the value of condom in protecting the entire community. At the same time it is evident that STD clinics can play a major role in changing behaviour of FSWW and clients.