In this population, females were more likely than males to report sexual activity.

Most adolescents reported routine use of contraception, with males more likely than females to report use of barrier protection.

Discussion:
- The higher rate of sexual activity reported by females differs from rates reported in outpatient settings, possibly reflecting differences in our sample population or in how reporting may differ based on setting. Larger studies in inpatient settings may inform our understanding of adolescent sexual practices.
- Hospitalized adolescents reported using barrier protection inconsistently, leaving them at risk of contracting sexually transmitted infections. The inpatient setting offers an opportunity for educational interventions regarding adolescent sexual health.