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61st CFA Meeting
23 June 2022

A Summary of the 118th ACA Meeting held on 8 April 2022

HIV situation analysis and projection for supporting the development of prevention and control strategies in Hong Kong

Dr. Candy WONG of the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) presented the main findings of the consultancy, focusing on HIV epidemiological analysis and projection to support the development of the new HIV/AIDS Recommended Strategies. Four main areas were covered - (1) HIV epidemic projection; (2) HIV cascade analyses; (3) potential impacts of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP); and (4) HIV surveillance system in review.

In response to CUHK's recommendations to enhance surveillance, members proposed to consult NGOs in combining HARiS and PRiSM surveys and suggested to collect relevant data from the three public HIV clinics, such as the demographics of defaulters, with the goal to minimise the leakage of care.

DH reported that HIV cohort surveillance for collection of standardised data from the three public HIV clinics could provide useful information in monitoring the situation. DH would keep liaise with the two HA clinics on the improvement of data collection, analysis and feedback of findings. Completeness of data in anonymous HIV reporting was challenging while more data might be required for case matching and deduplication.

ACA NEWSFILE

Draft of the Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong (2022-2027) – for stakeholders’ and public consultation

ACA Secretariat presented the revised draft of the new Strategies for stakeholders’ and public consultation. The revised draft, as consultation document, was prepared upon receipt of inputs and comments from members since the last meeting as well as the inputs from the CUHK consultancy team. The stakeholders’ and public consultation would be arranged by the Secretariat to be held for four weeks in parallel from late April (25 April to 20 May 2022). The Secretariat would gather all opinions and comments for revision of the draft Strategies and present in the next meeting.

Results of a study of web-based delivery of HIV self-testing with online targeted promotion among key populations in Hong Kong

DH presented the results of a study of web-based delivery of HIV self-testing with online targeted promotion among key populations in Hong Kong. In view of the good response of previous HIV self-test study, Red Ribbon Centre extended the study for 1 year from December 2020 to December 2021 and recruited local men who have sex with men (MSM) and transgender women (TGW) with enhanced online promotion. Apart from collecting demographics and HIV testing behaviour of the HIV self-testers, this study was knowingly the first of its kind in Hong Kong to generate useful information to guide online promotion strategies of HIV self-testing targeting key populations.

DH also reported that the project had been implemented as a recurrent service. The AIDS Hotline webpage would be revamped to provide one-stop service for booking HIV testing by incorporating self-testing kit ordering, in addition to voluntary counselling and testing (VCT) service. Feasible ways to provide support to ethnic minorities and enhance users’ experiences and to improve linkage to care for people who tested positive would be explored when revamping website.

Report of the Community Forum on AIDS (CFA)

Members noted the summary report and discussions of the 60th CFA Meeting held on 14 March 2022. A summary of this CFA Meeting was contained in the ACA Newsfile (Vol. 29, No. 5 – May 2022).

A Summary of the 48th Scientific Committee on AIDS and STI (SCAS) Meeting

The Chairperson referred members to the summary of the 48th Meeting of SCAS held on 8 February 2022. DH briefed members on the major discussions.

HIV/AIDS Statistics in Hong Kong - Updated 31 March 2022

		Q1 2022		Cumulative (since 1984)	
		<u>HIV</u>	<u>AIDS</u>	<u>HIV</u>	<u>AIDS</u>
Sex	Male	73	13	9,273	1,937
	Female	12	5	2,044	401
Ethnicity	Chinese	46	12	7,877	1,804
	Non-Chinese	16	6	3,095	534
	Unknown	23	0	345	0
Route of Transmission	Sexual Contacts	58	16	9,009	2,079
	- <i>Heterosexual</i>	11	7	3,646	1,181
	- <i>Homosexual</i>	38	6	4,705	735
	- <i>Bisexual</i>	9	3	658	163
	Injecting drug use	0	0	373	68
	Blood/blood products recipients	0	0	85	25
	Perinatal	0	0	35	11
Undetermined	27	2	1,815	155	
Total		85	18	11,317	2,338

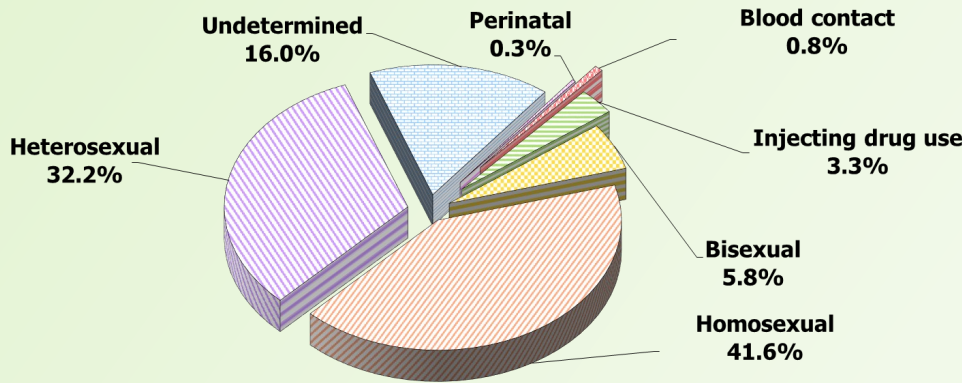
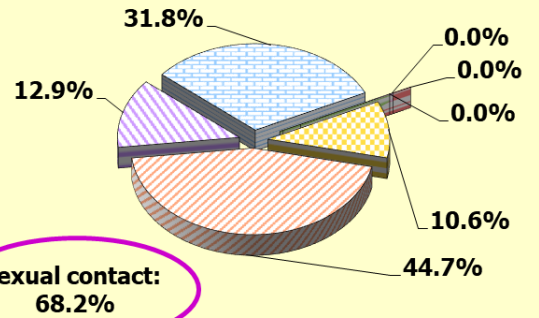
HIV/AIDS Statistics

Routes of transmission of HIV infection

1984 – March 2022 (N=11317)

**Sexual contact :
79.6%**

Year 2022 (Jan – Mar), n=85



Note : The percentage may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

Annual HIV/AIDS Statistics

1984 – March 2022, Hong Kong (N=11317/2338)

