



Editorial Board

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123rd ACA Meeting
14 July 2023

A Summary of the 122nd ACA Meeting held on 14 April 2023

HIV epidemiology in Hong Kong 2022

DH briefed members about the HIV epidemiology in Hong Kong for the year 2022. The number of newly reported cases further decreased in 2022, but men who have sex with men (MSM) still dominated the epidemic.

Members noted that majority of the newly reported HIV cases aged between 20 and 39 and proposed to offer early education to those under the age of 20. Apart from adolescents, more focus should be on heterosexual male and female over the age of 40 as they tend to be diagnosed at a late stage of the infection.

Members also considered the annual surveillance report a good reference for monitoring the local trend of HIV infection and suggested exploring the reasons for late diagnosis of HIV infection with NGOs.

Results of PRiSMTG 2022 - HIV prevalence and risk behavioural survey of men who have sex with men and transgender people in Hong Kong

DH introduced the background and results of PRiSMTG 2022 (HIV prevalence and risk behavioural survey of men who have sex with men and transgender people in Hong Kong). Key findings on HIV and STI testing, use of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), sexual behaviour, substance use, access to HIV prevention interventions and stigma/discrimination towards gender identity or sexual orientation were presented.

Members commented on the importance to emphasize the continued need for protective measures when promoting PrEP and U=U (Undetectable = Untransmittable). As sharing of PrEP with friends was noted to be common, proper use of PrEP to MSM community should be promoted. Regarding support for the use of PrEP, the role of family medicine specialists and primary care practitioners would be crucial. Medical, nursing and other health care workers could be informed about the survey findings through their professional training activities. This would pave the way for prevention and treatment of HIV.

Members also showed concern over the prevalence of stigmatisation, particularly those related to HIV medical service. To minimise stigmatisation at hospitals, it was proposed to provide training to their supporting staff.

Report of the Community Forum on AIDS (CFA)

Members noted the summary report and discussions of the 64th CFA Meeting held on 17 March 2023. A summary of this CFA Meeting was contained in the ACA Newsfile (Vol. 30, No. 5 – May 2023).

HIV/AIDS Statistics in Hong Kong - Updated 31 March 2023

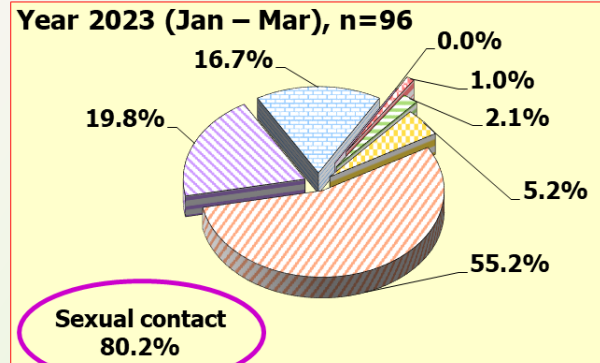
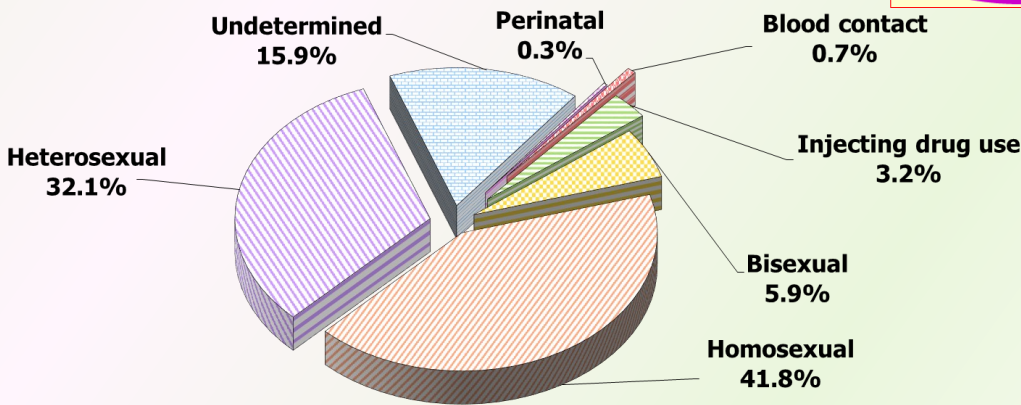
		Q1 2023		Cumulative (since 1984)	
		<u>HIV</u>	<u>AIDS</u>	<u>HIV</u>	<u>AIDS</u>
Sex	Male	87	32	9,628	2,003
	Female	9	3	2,109	414
Ethnicity	Chinese	70	29	8,176	1,866
	Non-Chinese	10	6	3,164	551
	Unknown	16	0	397	0
Route of Transmission	Sexual Contacts	77	34	9,367	2,152
	- <i>Heterosexual</i>	19	15	3,765	1,217
	- <i>Homosexual</i>	53	17	4,910	769
	- <i>Bisexual</i>	5	2	692	166
	Injecting drug use	2	1	377	69
	Blood/blood products recipients	1	0	87	26
	Perinatal	0	0	35	11
Undetermined	16	0	1,871	159	
Total		96	35	11,737	2,417



HIV/AIDS Statistics

Routes of transmission of HIV infection
1984 – March 2023 (N=11737)

Sexual contact :
79.8%



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

Annual HIV/AIDS Statistics

1984 – March 2023, Hong Kong (N=11737/2417)

