



## Editorial Board

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44th CFA Meeting  
6 June 2017

## Launch of the new “Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong (2017-2021)”

The new “Recommended Strategies for HIV/AIDS for Hong Kong (2017-2021)” was launched at a press conference on 22 May 2017.

The Strategies together with “A supplement on the process of formulating the Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong (2017-2021)” and the “Report of the Community Stakeholders’ Consultation” can be accessed from the ACA website ([www.aca.gov.hk](http://www.aca.gov.hk)).



The Hong Kong Advisory Council on AIDS (ACA) released the Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong (2017-2021) at a press conference on 22 May 2017 at the Centre for Health Protection.

The Chairperson, Dr Susan Fan, and the Secretary of the ACA, Dr Kenny Chan introduced the document. Two primary target populations - men who have sex with men (MSM) and people living with HIV (PLHIV) - would be the focus for intensified efforts in the coming years. Other key populations included people who inject drugs, ethnic minorities, transgender people, and female sex workers and their male clients.

Drawing reference from the recommendations of UNAIDS, the Strategies strove to achieve four “90’s” by the end of 2020, namely: 90% of key populations access HIV combination prevention services; 90% of HIV infected are diagnosed; 90% of diagnosed receive treatment; and 90% of treated achieve viral load suppression. Specifically, five main directions for HIV prevention and control were recommended:

1. MSM should undergo annual HIV antibody testing and use condoms consistently, irrespective of their self-perception of infection risk;
2. All HIV-positive patients should receive HIV treatment as soon as they are diagnosed;
3. Capacity building should be enhanced in both HIV-related service settings and drug rehabilitation and treatment services;
4. Sex education and HIV education should be intensified through a life skills-based education approach; and
5. Antenatal testing should be strengthened among pregnant women who are at risk of HIV infection.

星島日報

香港愛滋病建議策略 冀2020年前九成高風險人士可接受預防服務

香港愛滋病顧問局建議香港愛滋病建議策略，定出四點目的，包括90%高風險人群已經獲得愛滋病綜合預防服務、90%愛滋病病毒感染者已經知道自己受感染、90%被確診受感染人士已經接受抗逆轉錄病毒治療法，以及90%正接受治療人士已經能成功抑制病毒載量，目標在2020年前達成。

顧問局建議於2020年達成9項可量化的目標，包括男性接觸者與非固定性伴侶及固定性伴侶於上一次肛交時使用安全套的比例最少分別達到85%及70%；男性接觸者無論與固定性伴侶及非固定性伴侶於肛交時的持續使用安全套比例最少達到70%；注射毒品人士中，於過去一個月曾與人共用針具比例維持在10%以下；注射毒品人士中，於過去一個月曾與日常吸毒品伴侶以外的人士共用針具比例維持在5%以下；男性接

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## HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT

Hong Kong could see 35 per cent surge in HIV cases by 2021, report says

Advisory Council on AIDS expresses particular concern about vulnerability of those aged below 30 because of drug abuse, group sex and use of apps to find partners

The number of Hongkongers living with HIV is expected to surge by 35 per cent in the coming four years, with 74 per cent of infections taking place among men who have sex with men, according to the latest report by the government's Advisory Council on AIDS.

The report forecasts that there could be 2,800 infected people by 2021.

HIV cases in Hong Kong hit record high, with more younger men infected →

The press conference was attended by over twenty media agencies and reported by various media the next day. Radio and TV interviews were subsequently conducted on the programmes of 千禧年代 (RTHK1), 有你同行 (RTHK5), 杏林在線 (now TV) and 精靈一點 (RTHK1). Column article and letter-to-editor were published on Singtao Daily and South China Morning Post respectively.

## A Summary of the 98th ACA Meeting held on 7 April 2017

### Follow up of the Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong (2017-2021)

The Council discussed and finalized the Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong (2017-2021), noting that the document would be issued in May 2017. The digital version together with the Supplement and Report of the Community Stakeholders' Consultation would be uploaded onto the ACA website at the same time. A press conference would be held to announce the publication of the Strategies, to raise public awareness and to call for a concerted effort to battle HIV/AIDS. It was proposed and agreed that an engagement meeting would be held with stakeholders prior to the official release of the Strategies.

Members agreed to seek a meeting with the Department of Justice to voice concerns on the seizure of condoms by the police for use as evidence in prosecution related to sex work.

### HIV epidemiology in Hong Kong 2016

The Council was briefed on the HIV and AIDS statistics in 2016. The number of newly reported cases had decreased compared to 2015, but MSM still dominated the epidemic. As early treatment with highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART) could reduce the infectivity of newly diagnosed patients, Members urged that more resources be invested into improving follow up and drug adherence.

### World AIDS Campaign 2016 in Hong Kong

The Council received a report on the activities of World AIDS Campaign 2016, namely a secondary school programme of life skills-based education (LSBE) on HIV/AIDS and sex, and the kick-off ceremony held on 19 November 2016.

### Report of the Community Forum on AIDS

Members noted the summary report and discussions of the 43rd CFA Meeting held on 7 March 2017 (a summary of this CFA Meeting can be found in the April 2017 issue of ACA Newsfile).



## Basic training workshop on HIV/AIDS and STIs for NGO Staff

Two sessions of training workshop were held on 9 and 18 May 2017 and were attended by 128 NGO staff. The first session covered basic knowledge of HIV / sexually transmitted diseases and introduced DH HIV clinic / social hygiene clinic services, while the second focused on selected populations including MSM, female sex workers, PLHIV and ethnic minorities.

