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100th ACA Meeting
20 October 2017

HIV/AIDS Statistics in Hong Kong - Updated 30 June 2017

		Q2 2017		Cumulative (since 1984)	
		<u>HIV</u>	<u>AIDS</u>	<u>HIV</u>	<u>AIDS</u>
Sex	Male	165	30	7,159	1,513
	Female	22	4	1,640	304
Ethnicity	Chinese	115	27	6,026	1,396
	Non-Chinese	24	7	2,534	421
	Unknown	48	0	239	0
Route of Transmission	Sexual Contacts	126	29	6,843	1,589
	- Heterosexual	24	6	3,008	983
	- Homosexual	87	18	3,418	512
	- Bisexual	15	5	417	94
	Injecting drug use	1	1	354	65
	Blood/blood products recipients	1	1	85	25
	Perinatal	1	0	31	9
	Undetermined	58	3	1,486	129
Total		187	34	8,799	1,817



Review of the work of ACA 2014-2017

Highlights of the work of ACA from August 2014 to July 2017 include:

(1) Formulation of Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong (2017-2021)

The process of formulating the “Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong (2017-2021)” was kicked off in 2015. An eight-week stakeholders’ consultation was held in October and November 2015, with eight sessions of consultation meetings conducted. The second round of stakeholder’s consultation and a public consultation were held in 2016. The new Strategies was subsequently launched on 22 May 2017.

(2) Sharing of knowledge and experience

Experts and officials from overseas, China, Macau and Hong Kong shared knowledge and experience on HIV prevention and control. Topics included Interpretation of the current HIV epidemiology in Hong Kong using the AIDS Epidemic Model, Current HIV situation and AIDS programmes in Macau, the latest HIV situation in Shenzhen and Reports on the 20th and 21st International AIDS Conferences.

(3) Dialogue with stakeholders

ACA invited a representative from:

- (a) The Hong Kong Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service to introduce the proposed revision on blood donation policy for MSM;
- (b) Secretariat of AIDS Trust Fund to brief about the revised funding mechanism;
- (c) The Chinese University of Hong Kong to present the findings on a survey of home-based HIV testing; and
- (d) SACH-IV of Tung Wah Group of Hospitals to introduce the drug counselling service for HIV positive MSM.

(4) Capacity building and networking

In November 2014, ACA co-organized with the AIDS Institute of the University of Hong Kong and The Hong Kong AIDS Foundation for the 3rd HIV/AIDS Forum 2014.

ACA Chairperson and members also attended various HIV/AIDS prevention seminars and activities, such as Asia Pacific AIDS & Co-infections Conference (APACC 2016), Seminar on Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis organized by HKCASO in 2016 and Emerging Issues in HIV/AIDS Prevention and Treatment Symposium organized by CHOICE in 2016. They also joined the annual World AIDS Campaign held by DH.

A Summary of the 99th ACA Meeting held on 21 July 2017

SACH-IV - Substance Abuse Counselling for HIV-infected drug abusers

Dr Elda CHAN of the SACH-IV, which is a Substance Abuse Counselling Service for HIV/AIDS-infected drug abusers under the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals, introduced their service of managing drug problems among MSM.

Their project received cases referred by Queen Elizabeth Hospital and other HIV clinics. MSM were often unwilling to quit drugs because they felt that drug taking and chem-fun could help them overcome inter-personal barriers to enjoy meeting and connecting with other people. The project therefore adopted a harm reduction approach and catered for clients' individual needs during case management.

Dr CHAN advised that health messages on HIV prevention better be disseminated among LGBT communities through peer support groups. They looked forward to further collaboration with relevant parties for HIV prevention among drug-using MSM.

Recent outbreak of hepatitis A infection concentrated among HIV infected men who have sex with men and its control measures

DH presented a recent outbreak of acute hepatitis A (HAV) infection affecting HIV infected MSM and the outbreak control measures. From September 2015 to June 2017, a total of 43 HAV infection involving MSM were reported. HAV vaccination programme for MSM has been started since February 2017. Promotion had been conducted through relevant websites, social media platforms and during training session for NGOs.

HIV treatment cascade 2015

DH presented the HIV treatment cascade 2015. While the largest gap was at the level of HIV diagnosis across all populations, gaps at the levels of receiving antiretroviral treatment (ART) and achieving undetectable viral load were narrower.

Report of the Community Forum on AIDS

Members noted the summary report and discussions of the 44th CFA Meeting held on 6 June 2017 (a summary of this CFA Meeting can be found in the August 2017 issue of ACA Newsfile).

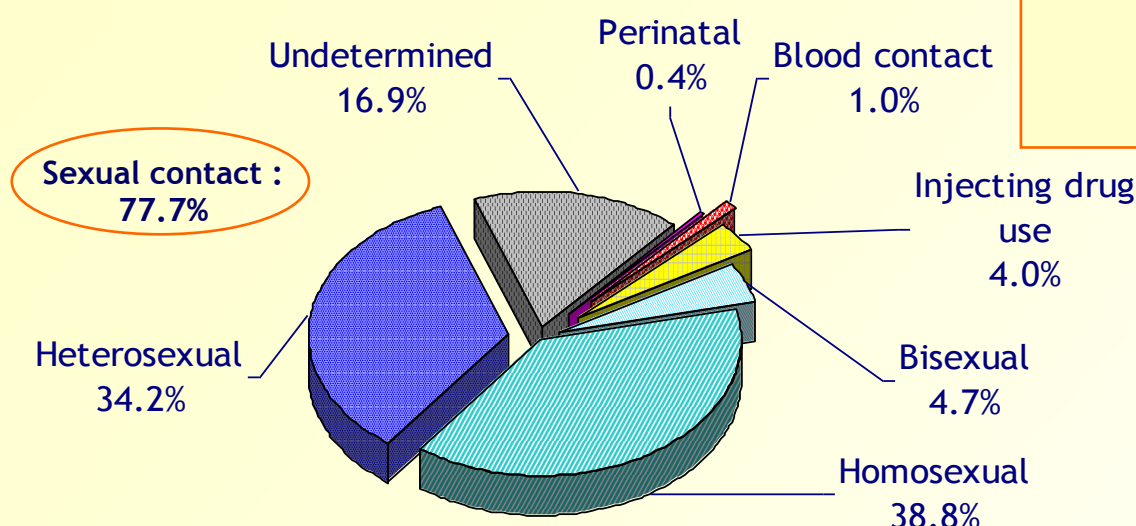
A Summary of the 38th SCAS Meeting

The Chairperson referred members to the summary of the 38th Meeting of SCAS held on 25 April 2017 and DH briefed members on the major discussions.

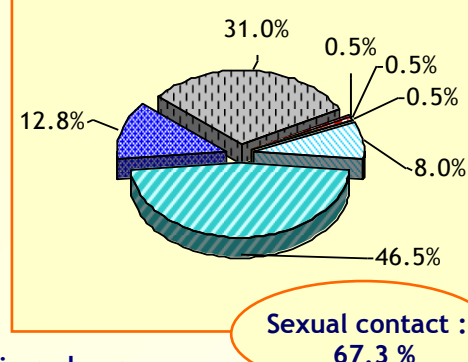
HIV/AIDS Statistics

Routes of transmission of HIV infection

1984 - June 2017 (N=8799)



Year 2017 (Apr - Jun), n=187



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

Annual HIV/AIDS Statistics

1984 - June 2017, Hong Kong (N=8799/1817)

