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HIV/AIDS Statistics in Hong Kong - Updated 31 December 2017

		Q4 2017		Cumulative (since 1984)	
		<u>HIV</u>	<u>AIDS</u>	<u>HIV</u>	<u>AIDS</u>
Sex	Male	118	22	7,406	1,547
	Female	21	6	1,685	310
Ethnicity	Chinese	92	22	6,257	1,427
	Non-Chinese	25	6	2,586	430
	Unknown	22	0	248	0
Route of Transmission	Sexual Contacts	88	26	7,094	1,626
	- <i>Heterosexual</i>	21	11	3,066	996
	- <i>Homosexual</i>	56	13	3,576	531
	- <i>Bisexual</i>	11	2	452	99
	Injecting drug use	1	1	356	66
	Blood/blood products recipients	0	0	85	25
	Perinatal	0	0	33	10
Undetermined	50	1	1,523	130	
Total		139	28	9,091	1,857



A Summary of the 101st ACA Meeting held on 12 January 2018

Interim results of the HIV/AIDS Response Indicator Survey (HARiS) 2017 - Female sex workers, male clients of female sex workers and people who inject drugs

The descriptive findings of the HARiS survey 2017 on three at-risk populations - female sex workers (FSW), male clients of female sex workers (MCFSW) and people who inject drugs (PWID) were presented. The results were contained in last ACA Newsfile (Vol. 25, No. 2 – February 2018). The background, aims, sampling method and limitations of the survey were also presented.

ACA members noted that the HARiS survey had been used for five consecutive years to keep track of the behavioural risk factors serially and per annum through the assistance of AIDS NGOs. Though not ideal, the methodology of HARiS was geared toward feasibility and acceptability to both the target populations and the NGOs. The findings of HARiS 2017 will be publicized to raise awareness in the community. In the meeting, ACA members provided valuable comments on the possible ways to improve the survey, in collaboration with NGOs.

Highlights of World AIDS Campaign 2017

The Council received a report on the activities of World AIDS Campaign 2017. The campaign rolled out in mid-2017 till December 2017 and the theme was “Know AIDS, No AIDS” with the aim to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS among young people. It was co-organized by the Red Ribbon Centre of DH and the Family Planning Association of Hong Kong (FPAHK). Major activities included a “Creative School Projects on HIV/AIDS Prevention”, an award presentation ceremony and a series of health promotional activities around the period.

Updates on the development of pre-exposure prophylaxis for HIV prevention

DH summarized and presented the recent development of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV infection in Hong Kong and other countries.

In recent years, using PrEP for HIV prevention has been one of the major areas of research. Various formats of different PrEP agents have been explored, including oral, topical and injecting administrations of a variety of antiretrovirals. To achieve the greatest impact on HIV prevention and create minimal harm, PrEP should be prescribed only to populations with a high risk of infection and of good drug adherence. The World Health Organization (WHO) emphasized that PrEP was not to replace condoms, but to be an additional prevention choice in a comprehensive package of services that includes HIV testing, condom use and other relevant measures. In recent years, various models of PrEP programmes have been developed in different countries to assess its feasibility and acceptability in high risk populations.

In its “Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong (2017-2021)” issued in May 2017, ACA recommended pilot studies and local research of PrEP. The members noted that the AIDS Trust Fund had granted support to several local PrEP studies. It is expected that results of the PrEP-related projects could bring more local information on acceptability and feasibility of PrEP programmes in Hong Kong and ways to improve service delivery. The members were also aware of the urgency to develop a local delivery model as well as concerned about the phenomenon of PrEP tourists.

Report of the Community Forum on AIDS

Members noted the summary report and discussions of the 45th CFA Meeting held on 18 December 2017. A summary of this CFA Meeting was contained in the ACA Newsfile (Vol. 25, No. 2 – February 2018).

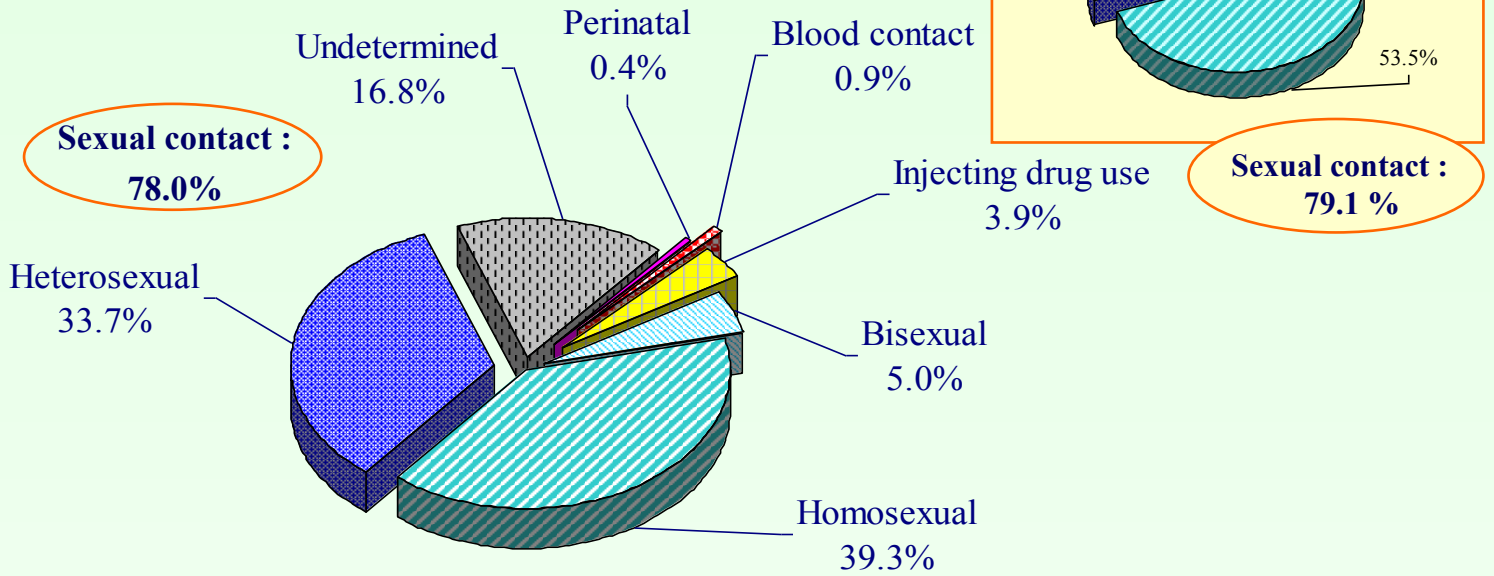
A Summary of the 40th SCAS Meeting

The Chairperson referred members to the summary of the 40th Meeting of SCAS held on 19 December 2017. DH briefed members on the major discussions.

HIV/AIDS Statistics

Routes of transmission of HIV infection

1984 – 2017 (N=9091)



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

Annual HIV/AIDS Statistics

1984 – 2017, Hong Kong (N=9091/1857)

