



## Editorial Board

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106th ACA Meeting  
12 April 2019

## Agenda of 106th ACA Meeting

Date : 12 April 2019 (Friday)

Time : 2:30 pm

Venue : Conference Room, Department of Health, 21/F, Wu Chung House  
213 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong

### Three main items on the Agenda -

- ◆ HIV epidemiology in Hong Kong 2018
- ◆ Mental health of men who have sex with men, their substance use and sexual health profile
- ◆ Recommended Clinical Guidelines on the Prevention of Perinatal HIV Transmission by the Scientific Committee on AIDS and STI (November 2018)

## HIV epidemiology in 2018

There were a total of 624 HIV cases and 139 AIDS cases reported to the Department of Health (DH) in 2018. Cumulatively, DH received 9715 HIV reports and 1996 AIDS cases as of 2018. The number of HIV reports decreased by about 8.4% in 2018 as compared with 2017.

Of the 624 HIV cases, 530 males and 94 females, reported in 2018, 363 (58%) acquired the infection via homosexual or bisexual contact, 138 (22%) via heterosexual contact and three (0.5%) via drug injection. The routes of transmission of the remaining 120 cases (19.2%) have yet to be determined due to inadequate information at the time of reporting.

Majority of the cases (nearly 80%) were diagnosed HIV-positive at the age range of 20-49 years old. The overall median age of cases in 2018 was 36. MSM cases (median age of 31) were younger than heterosexual female cases (41.5) and heterosexual male cases (44). Seventy-two percent of the cases were of Chinese ethnicity.

The commonest reporting source in 2018 was public hospitals/clinics/laboratories (44.9%), followed by private hospitals/clinics/laboratories (15.5%) and DH's Social Hygiene Clinics (14.4%).

A majority of the 139 AIDS cases reported in 2018 were male (78%) and Chinese (77%); 57% acquired the virus through homosexual or bisexual contact and 37% via heterosexual route. Most AIDS patients had their HIV infections diagnosed at public hospitals and clinics (81%).

*Pneumocystis pneumonia* and tuberculosis remained as the two commonest AIDS-defining illnesses (ADI) in Hong Kong in 2018. They accounted for 66% of all new AIDS reports in 2018.

## Training Workshop on Basic Knowledge of HIV/AIDS & STIs for NGO Staff

The Red Ribbon Centre (RRC) of the Department of Health will organise a training workshop on Basic Knowledge of HIV/AIDS & STIs for NGO Staff. The workshop will be conducted in Cantonese.

### Three half day sessions will be held:

Date & Time	Topic
<b>Day 1</b> 4 April 2019 (Thursday) 14:00 – 17:35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Brief introduction on HK AIDS situation &amp; AIDS programme</li><li>◆ Basic Knowledge on HIV &amp; AIDS</li><li>◆ Introduction to out-patient HIV clinical service in Kowloon Bay Integrated Treatment Centre</li><li>◆ Basic knowledge on STIs and introduction to Social Hygiene Service</li></ul>
<b>Day 2</b> 11 April 2019 (Thursday) 9:15 – 12:50 14:15– 18:35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ <i>Understanding on sexual minorities</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Introduction to sexual minorities</li><li>▪ Sexuality and Aging</li><li>▪ How to create a friendly environment for sexual minorities?</li></ul></li><li>◆ <i>Basic knowledge on substances use and counselling</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Current situation of chemfun user among MSM and PLHIV</li><li>▪ Chemfun and mental disorder</li><li>▪ How to identify and take history from a substance user</li><li>▪ Introduction of motivational interviewing (MI)</li></ul></li></ul>

**Venue :** Centre for Health Protection, Department of Health, Lecture Theatre, G/F, 147C Argyle Street, Kowloon

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