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HIV/AIDS Statistics in Hong Kong - Updated 30 June 2019

		Q2 2019		Cumulative (since 1984)	
		<u>HIV</u>	<u>AIDS</u>	<u>HIV</u>	<u>AIDS</u>
Sex	Male	116	27	8,180	1,701
	Female	21	6	1,818	350
Ethnicity	Chinese	106	28	6,952	1,581
	Non-Chinese	22	5	2,786	470
	Unknown	9	0	260	0
Route of Transmission	Sexual Contacts	95	30	7,884	1,807
	- <i>Heterosexual</i>	25	10	3,281	1,064
	- <i>Homosexual</i>	66	17	4,065	621
	- <i>Bisexual</i>	4	3	538	122
	Injecting drug use	1	0	364	67
	Blood/blood products recipients	0	0	85	25
	Perinatal	0	0	35	11
Undetermined	41	3	1,630	141	
Total		137	33	9,998	2,051



A Summary of the 107th ACA Meeting held on 12 July 2019

Introduction of the Pride Line Services - its support to sexual minorities and people with HIV

Mr Hugo HO and Ms Pandora LIU introduced the Pride Line Services under the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals, with regards to its support of sexual minorities and people with HIV. The Pride Line is a 24-hour hotline for sexual minorities and was launched on 27 January 2018. The hotline serves as a means to support, counsel and follow up services for sexual minorities and their families, as well as people perplexed by their sexual orientation and gender identity. The Pride Line had communication with AIDS NGOs to arrange follow up and support for those tested HIV-positive, when necessary. This project was supported by Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau.

Members recognised the diverse needs of people of different age groups and education backgrounds. They highlighted the strength of Pride Line in providing accessible services to sexual minorities. Opportunities exist for cooperation with the Red Ribbon Centre of DH and other AIDS NGOs.

Results of the HIV/AIDS Response Indicator Survey (HARiS) 2018 - Men who have sex with men, male-to-female transgender and injecting drug users

DH presented the findings of the HIV/AIDS Response Indicator Survey (HARiS) 2018 on three at-risk populations – men who have sex with men (MSM), male-to-female transgender and people who inject drugs (PWID).

In regard to the decrease in condom use by MSM with commercial sex partners, some members surmised that risk compensation might have taken place, possibly among pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) users. In addition, the 'U=U' message could conceivably lead to an inflated sense of security, thus lowering the usage of condom. Similarly, the effectiveness of modern day treatment could also have been a factor. It was proposed to include questions on PrEP usage in future surveys.

HIV self-testing

DH presented the recent development of HIV self-testing for HIV prevention in Hong Kong and other countries/regions. The presentation also covered the recommendations from the World Health Organization (WHO) on providing HIV self-testing to target populations, as an additional approach to HIV testing services.

Members acknowledged that some of the limitations of conventional facility-based testing could be overcome by self-testing. However, appropriate guidance and policy related to HIV self-testing would be important for its success. Members also noted that the HIV self-testing kit was regarded as a medical device. Preparation was underway to put up the legislation required for medical device. Meanwhile, members of the public were advised to use products recommended by the WHO. Such information was available on DH's website.

The HIV self test could be offered in different formats or programmes. Nevertheless, it would be important to comply with WHO's 5Cs (consent, confidentiality, counselling, correct test results and connections to care) in performing HIV testing.

A study by DH is being planned on the feasibility of HIV self-testing for local MSM. Self-test kits would be made available for online ordering. Uploading of test results would be encouraged so that linkage could be made for confirmatory test and to treatment services.

Report of the Community Forum on AIDS

Members noted the summary report and discussions of the 51st CFA Meeting held on 17 June 2019. A summary of this CFA Meeting was contained in the ACA Newsfile (Vol. 26, No. 8 – August 2019).

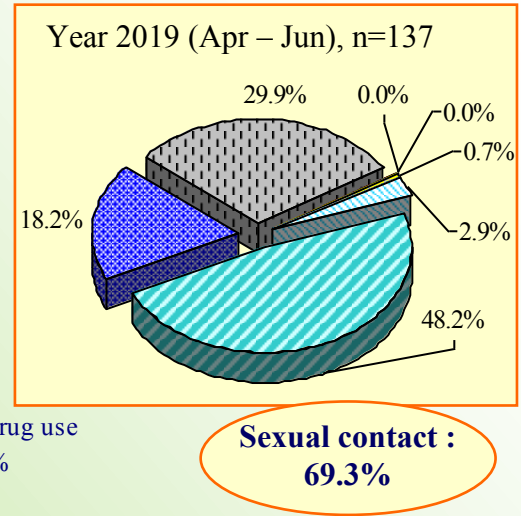
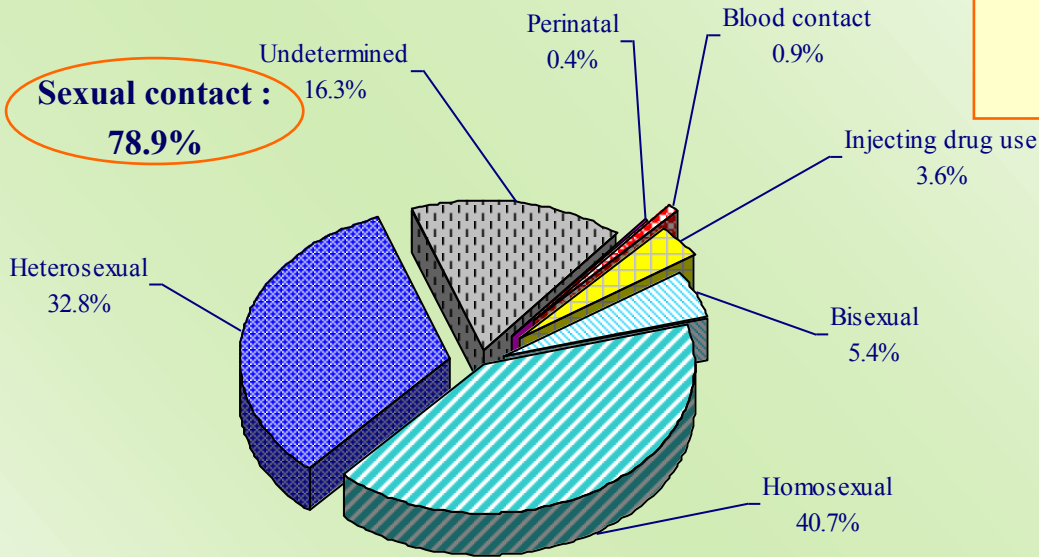
A Summary of the 44th Scientific Committee on AIDS and STI (SCAS) Meeting

The 44th Meeting of SCAS had been held on 28 May 2019. DH briefed members on its major discussions.



HIV/AIDS Statistics

Routes of transmission of HIV infection
1984 – June 2019 (N=9998)



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

Annual HIV/AIDS Statistics

1984 – June 2019, Hong Kong (N=9998/2051)

