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113<sup>th</sup> ACA Meeting  
8 January 2021

# Agenda of 113<sup>th</sup> ACA Meeting

Date : 8 January 2021 (Friday)  
Time : 2:30 pm  
Form of Meeting : Video Conference

**Three main items on the Agenda -**

- ◆ The Family Planning Association of Hong Kong: Sexuality Education Programs for Youth
- ◆ Results of the HIV/AIDS Response Indicator Survey (HARiS) 2020 – Men who have sex with men and people who inject drugs
- ◆ Highlights of World AIDS Campaign 2020

## A Summary of the 112<sup>th</sup> ACA Meeting held on 9 October 2020

### **AIDS Trust Fund (ATF): Funding support for the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS in Hong Kong**

The ATF Secretariat shared with ACA on the role of ATF in the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS in Hong Kong. The ATF Secretariat also summarised the utilisation of the ATF among high risk populations as recommended by the ACA Strategies.

Members acknowledged that ATF was an important stakeholder providing funding for NGOs and academia to implement HIV-related projects.

As funding priorities were decided according to target populations identified by the ACA Recommended Strategies, Members proposed continual communication between ATF and ACA. Submission of projects filling the service gaps should be welcomed.

### **Current HIV situation and AIDS programme in Hong Kong**

DH presented the current situation of HIV epidemic in Hong Kong, also introduced the profile of HIV prevention, treatment and care programmes. As a start of the new term of ACA, future direction of ACA including formulation of the next Strategies as the main task was introduced.

Members opined to take note of the figures for ethnic minorities which constituted a certain proportion of new HIV cases each year. Heterosexual transmitted cases were often diagnosed at later stage when compared with MSM. The heterosexuals should not be neglected as of their lower awareness of HIV prevention and Members opined to provide them health education proactively.

Regarding HIV prevention, enhancing accessibility of HIV testing, minimisation of testing-related stigma and providing technical support to NGOs to offer rapid testing to needy considered essential.

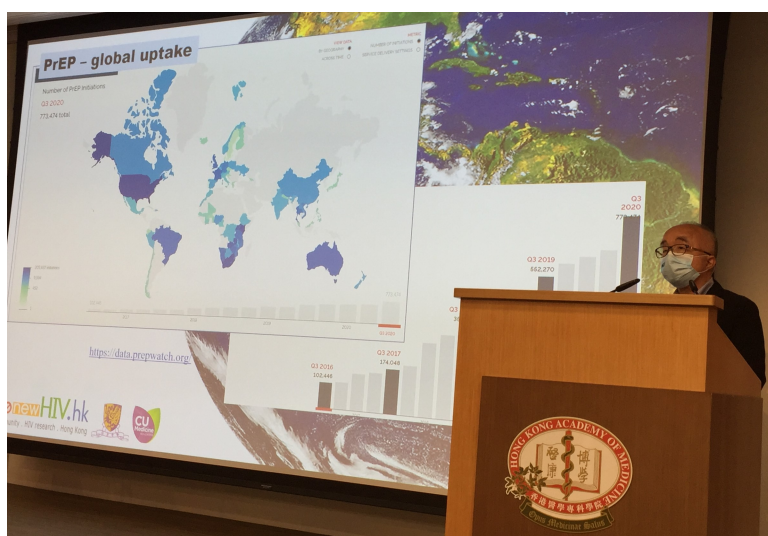
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### Virtual HIV-STI Conference for Primary Health Care Professionals

Red Ribbon Centre (RRC) under Special Preventive Programme of Department of Health (DH) and the Hong Kong College of Family Physicians jointly organised an online “HIV-STI Conference for Primary Health Care Professionals” on 28 November 2020. The conference aimed at providing participants with updates on treatment and prevention of HIV and STIs, and enhancing their knowledge of and sensitivity towards sexual minorities. About 580 health care workers attended the conference online.

The conference offered a comprehensive coverage of topics including the latest local HIV situation, diagnosis and treatment of HIV and STIs, HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), HIV self-testing, mental health of sexual minorities, and a role-play session demonstrating the techniques to approach sexual minorities. Renowned speakers from both private and public sectors and from the academia specialised in respective fields were invited to deliver presentations and to share their experiences.

Time	Topic		
13:20 – 13:30	Introduction		
13:30 – 14:00	<b>HIV epidemiology in Hong Kong at a glance</b> Speaker: Dr. Billy HO (Senior Medical and Health Officer, Special Preventive Programme, DH)		
14:00 – 14:40	<b>Pre exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV prevention – lessons from studies in Hong Kong</b> Speaker: Prof. LEE Shui-Shan (Deputy Director, Stanley Ho Centre for Emerging Infectious Diseases, CUHK)		
14:40 – 15:20	<b>Update on STI treatment and screening</b> Speaker: Dr. HO King-man (Consultant Dermatologist <i>vis</i> , Social Hygiene Service, DH)		
15:20 – 15:50	<b>Viral Hepatitis C diagnosis and treatment</b> Speaker: Prof. Grace WONG (Department of Medicine & Therapeutics, CUHK)		
15:50 – 16:00	Break		
16:00 – 16:30 <i>Concurrent sessions</i>	<b>Taking medical and sexual history from a sexual minority</b> Speaker: Dr. William WONG (Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Family Medicine and Primary Health Care (FMPC), HKU; Chief-of-Service, FMPC, HKU-Shenzhen Hospital)	<b>Post exposure management for HIV and hepatitis prevention</b> Speaker: Dr. Heather TO (Senior Medical and Health Officer, Special Preventive Programme, DH)	<b>HIV rapid test and self-testing</b> Speaker: Dr. Alfred SIT (Medical and Health Officer, Special Preventive Programme, DH)
	<b>How to approach an LGBT patient in Clinical Practice (Role Play &amp; Sharing)</b> Speaker: Dr. William WONG & Dr. FONG Yeung (Honorary Clinical Associate Professor, HKU)	<b>Understanding gender dysphoria and gender reassignment therapy</b> Speaker: Dr. Greg MAK (Private psychiatrist & Transgender people)	<b>Ageing gay sexuality</b> Speaker: Prof. Travis KONG (Department of Sociology, HKU)
17:00 – 17:30 <i>Concurrent sessions</i>			<b>Understanding LGBT mental health</b> Speaker: Dr. Gordon WONG (Private psychiatrist)
17:30 – 17:40	Round-up		





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Among the 580 participants, the Conference had attracted more than 160 primary care physicians with a majority from the private sector. Positive feedback was received and many found the session of interviewing transgender person and role play to demonstrate how to take sexual health history from a sexual minority client interesting. The participants reflected that they knew more about local HIV/STI epidemiology and updated STI treatment, and found other topics like PrEP and PEP useful.



### Online publicity of World AIDS Day 2020

Social media platforms has been an effective tool to increase public health awareness through dissemination of brief messages to target audience. This year, three Facebook posts were created respectively to arouse public awareness of the World AIDS Day, to introduce a new set of animation demonstrating the use of condom to youth, and to promote a new set of exhibition boards for youth education.

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22 November at 20:30

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