

**Editorial Board**

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- 56<sup>th</sup> CFA Meeting  
12 March 2021
- 114<sup>th</sup> ACA Meeting  
9 April 2021

## Agenda of 56<sup>th</sup> CFA Meeting

Date : 12 March 2021 (Friday)

Time : 2:30 pm

Form of Meeting: Video Conference

### Two main items on the Agenda -

- ◆ Experience sharing by non-governmental organisations
  - (i) The Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong
  - (ii) Christian Action
- ◆ HIV epidemiology in Hong Kong 2020

*(To maintain the social distancing in the conference room of Red Ribbon Centre, the observer arrangement for this meeting is suspended.)*

## A Summary of the 55<sup>th</sup> CFA Meeting held on 18 January 2021

### **General operation of CFA meetings and Terms of Reference (TOR)**

As discussed in the first ACA meeting held on 9 October 2020, the CFA should continue to operate in the new term from 2021 to 2023. The TOR of CFA remained unchanged for this term.

### **Results of the HIV/AIDS Response Indicator Survey (HARiS) 2020 - Men who have sex with men (MSM) and people who inject drugs**

The University of Hong Kong presented the descriptive findings of the HIV/AIDS Response Indicator Survey (HARiS) 2020 on two at-risk populations - MSM and people who inject drugs.

Members concerned about the reducing use of condoms among MSM and its possible relations with the increasing use of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), as an additional tool for HIV prevention. It was observed that more chemsex subjects who had used PrEP were having sex without condom. However their knowledge on proper use of PrEP was still not adequate. Members also commented that the decrease in receiving free condoms last year was due to closure of many gay venues and suspension of outreach services during COVID-19 epidemic.

### **Results of the feasibility study of using web-based ordering and result upload to support HIV self-testing among men who have sex with men in Hong Kong**

DH commissioned a contractor to conduct the captioned study. In the meeting, the contractor presented the results of DH's HIV self-test study conducted from September 2019 to June 2020. The presentation aimed at presenting the findings of the study and feedback collected from the participants.

Members shared their experiences in providing HIV self-testing services targeting young MSM. The project was in general well accepted by young MSM. Some subjects reported that COVID-19 pandemic was one of the main reasons for people to perform HIV self-testing. Members suggested that HIV self-testing could also be promoted among other at-risk groups.



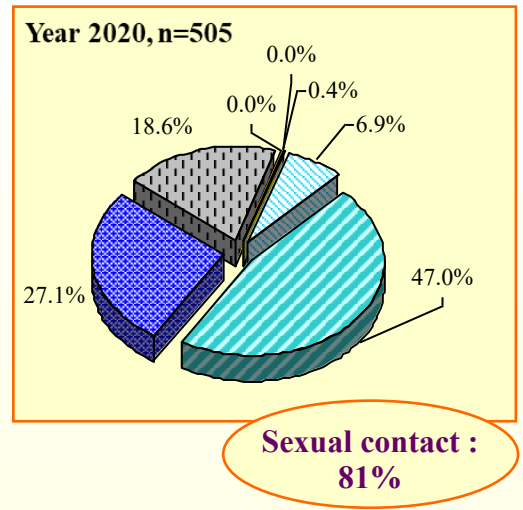
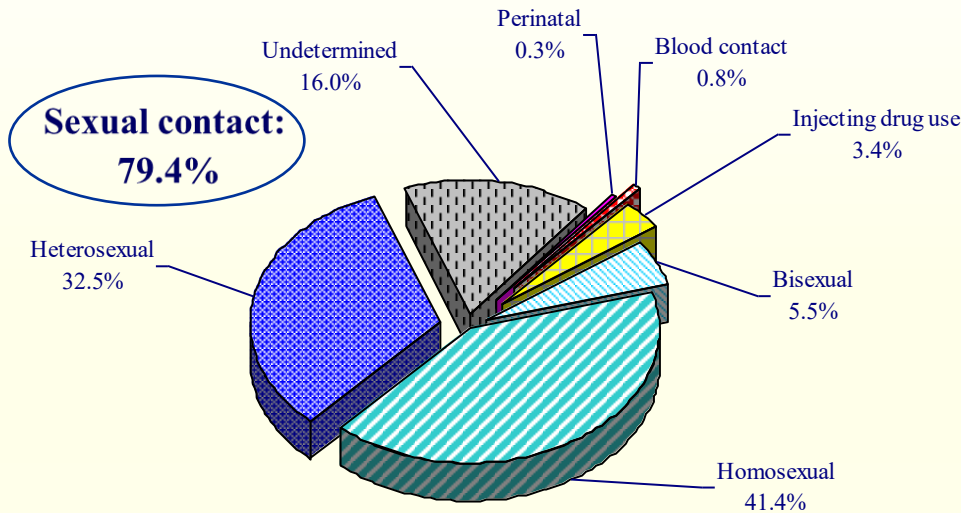
## HIV/AIDS Statistics in Hong Kong - Updated 31 December 2020

		Q4 2020		Cumulative (since 1984)	
		<u>HIV</u>	<u>AIDS</u>	<u>HIV</u>	<u>AIDS</u>
<b>Sex</b>	Male	93	17	8,833	1,848
	Female	17	5	1,952	382
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Chinese	78	16	7,511	1,721
	Non-Chinese	23	6	2,984	509
	Unknown	9	0	290	0
<b>Route of Transmission</b>	Sexual Contacts	80	21	8,566	1,977
	- <i>Heterosexual</i>	27	11	3,505	1,137
	- <i>Homosexual</i>	42	6	4,463	695
	- <i>Bisexual</i>	11	4	598	145
	Injecting drug use	1	0	369	67
	Blood/blood products recipients	0	0	85	25
Perinatal	0	0	35	11	
Undetermined	29	1	1,730	150	
<b>Total</b>		<b>110</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>10,785</b>	<b>2,230</b>



## HIV/AIDS Statistics

### Routes of transmission of HIV infection 1984 – 2020 (N=10785)



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

### Annual HIV/AIDS Statistics

#### 1984 – 2020, Hong Kong (N=10785/2230)

