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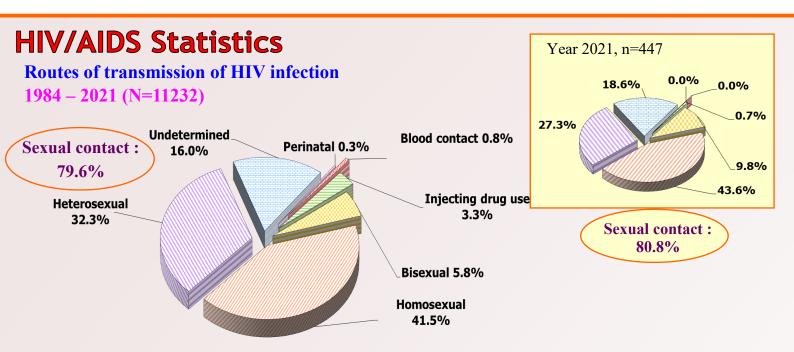
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60th CFA Meeting 14 March 2021

HIV/AIDS Statistics in Hong Kong - Updated 31 December 2021

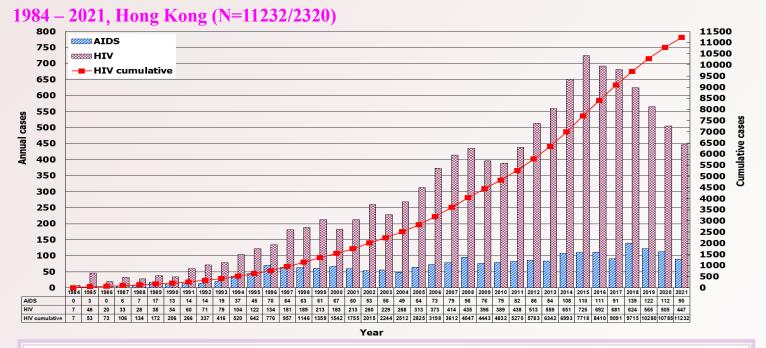
		Q4 2021		Cumulative (since 1984)	
		<u>HIV</u>	<u>AIDS</u>	<u>HIV</u>	<u>AIDS</u>
Sex	Male	86	19	9,200	1,924
	Female	24	4	2,032	396
Ethnicity	Chinese	65	16	7,828	1,792
	Non-Chinese	19	7	3,076	528
	Unknown	26	0	328	0
Route of Transmission	Sexual Contacts	79	23	8,941	2,063
	- Heterosexual	32	11	3,631	1,174
	- Homosexual	37	7	4,664	729
	- Bisexual	10	5	646	160
	Injecting drug use	0	0	373	68
	Blood/blood products recipients	0	0	85	25
	Perinatal	0	0	35	11
	Undetermined	31	2	1,798	153
Total		110	23	11,232	2,320

ACA NEWSFILE



Annual HIV/AIDS Statistics

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



Latest situation gauged from the 2021 HIV/AIDS statistics in Hong Kong

Reviewing the latest HIV/AIDS reported cases in Hong Kong, it is clear that sexual transmission remained the major mode and concern of HIV transmission. Despite a decrease in the number of reports of HIV infection in recent years when compared to the peak in 2015, a concentrated epidemic among vulnerable groups, viz. men who have sex with men, warrants sustained attention. In addition, heterosexual transmission continues to account for a significant number of new reports.

The public may visit the DH's Virtual AIDS Office at www.aids.gov.hk for more information.

A Summary of the 117th ACA Meeting held on 14 January 2022

Framework of the Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong (2022-2027)

Members deliberated on the framework, factors and rationale for formulating the *Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong (2022-2027)*. The latest HIV situation and current prevention and control responses were reviewed while new targets and objectives have been set for the new Strategies. Recommendations collected in the Community Stakeholders' Consultation Meeting held in mid-2021 were considered under the framework by members towards drafting the Strategies.

The draft document of Strategies is expected to be ready for stakeholders' and public consultation in April to May 2022 upon further deliberation by Members in the next ACA meeting.

Ageing with HIV

Prof. Grace LUI presented on the topic of ageing and its associated problems among PLHIV in Hong Kong, as well as the recommendations made by international communities on the role of health system in promoting general health and well-being of the ageing population of PLHIV.

Members generally agreed the importance of adopting holistic care approach to address psychological and social issues of PLHIV, while there was room for primary care to enhance community support while it would be supplemented by secondary care and specialist services for frail cases.

In response to members' concern on about the welfare support to aged PLHIV and the difficulties they faced when searching old aged home, representative from the Social Welfare Department supplemented on various community care services and residential care services to support PLHIV. Members also noted that temporary relief and grants were in place to help individuals and families of PLHIV to tide over their financial hardship when necessary.

Highlights of World AIDS Campaign 2021

DH delivered a presentation to brief members on the activities of World AIDS Campaign (WAC) 2021, including the "We are unique, Yet the same" World AIDS Campaign kick-off ceremony organised by the Red Ribbon Centre (RRC) of the Department of Health (DH) at JC Cube of Tai Kwun on 27 November 2021 and the other health promotional activities around the World AIDS Day.

Report of the Community Forum on AIDS

Members noted the summary report and discussions of the 59th CFA Meeting held on 8 December 2021. A summary of this CFA Meeting was contained in the ACA Newsfile (Vol. 29, No. 2 – February 2022).

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