

Community Responses

The screenshot shows the NAPWHA website homepage. At the top left is the NAPWHA logo: **napwha** national association of people with HIV australia. To the right is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon. Below the logo is a green navigation bar with the following links: About us, Networks & members, News & information, Health & treatment, Trials & research, Living with HIV, and HIV prevention.

The main content area features a large banner for an event titled **CHIN WAG**, described as a "Chat Show" all about HIV Treatments and Healthy HIV Living, hosted by Vanessa Wagner. The banner includes images of two women speaking into microphones. Below the banner is a "Learn more" button.

To the right of the banner is a sign-up form for email updates. It includes a "Get email updates for latest news and information" heading, three checkboxes for "Positive Living", "NAPWHA news", and "Media digest", each with a help icon. Below these are input fields for "name" and "email address", and a green "Sign up" button with an envelope icon.

Below the banner are three smaller promotional tiles: "Through our eyes" (30 years of HIV), "positive living" (Spring 2015), and "napwha HIV Media Digest" (23 September).

On the right side, there is a "Latest tweet" section showing a tweet from @napwha about NSW testing success, with a "Follow" button and social media icons for Facebook and LinkedIn.

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Overview

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National Association of People with HIV Australia

is the Australian national HIV peer-based organisation

Our vision

A world where people with HIV live their lives to their full potential, in good health and free from discrimination.

Our mission

To provide national advocacy, leadership and representation across the diverse needs of all people living with HIV in Australia

Our principles

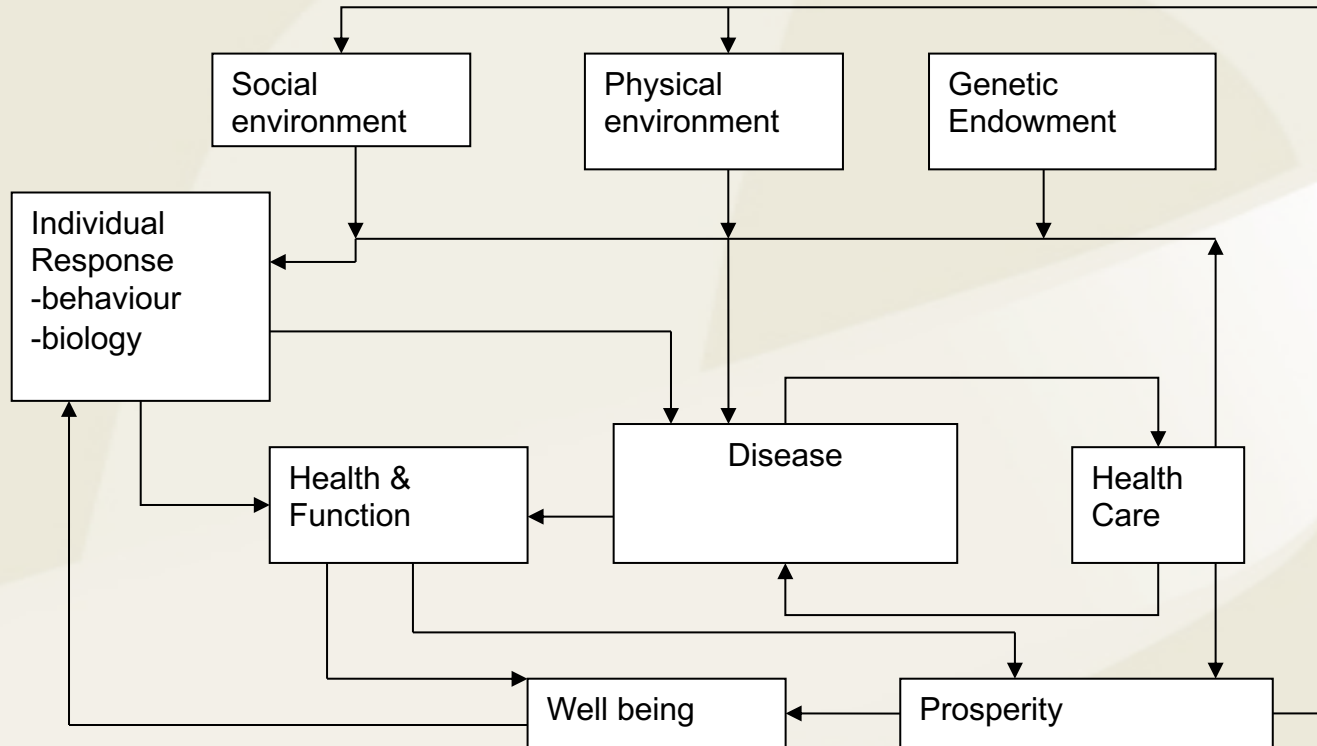
The embracement of the **values of compassion, integrity and respect** in all activities to build consensus, partnerships and coalitions.

The promotion of the **meaningful involvement, visibility and centrality of people living with HIV** and utilising the diverse experiences of all people living with HIV to advocate for them in order to reduce the impact of the disease.

The **strengthening of the national response** to the HIV epidemic by ensuring the meaningful involvement of all people living with HIV and to **play an active role** in **realising a partnership approach** in all aspects of our response.

A commitment to the principles of the *Ottawa Charter*, the *Meaningful Involvement of PLHIV (MIPA)* and its own *Declaration of Rights for People Living with HIV/AIDS*.

Determinants Of Health



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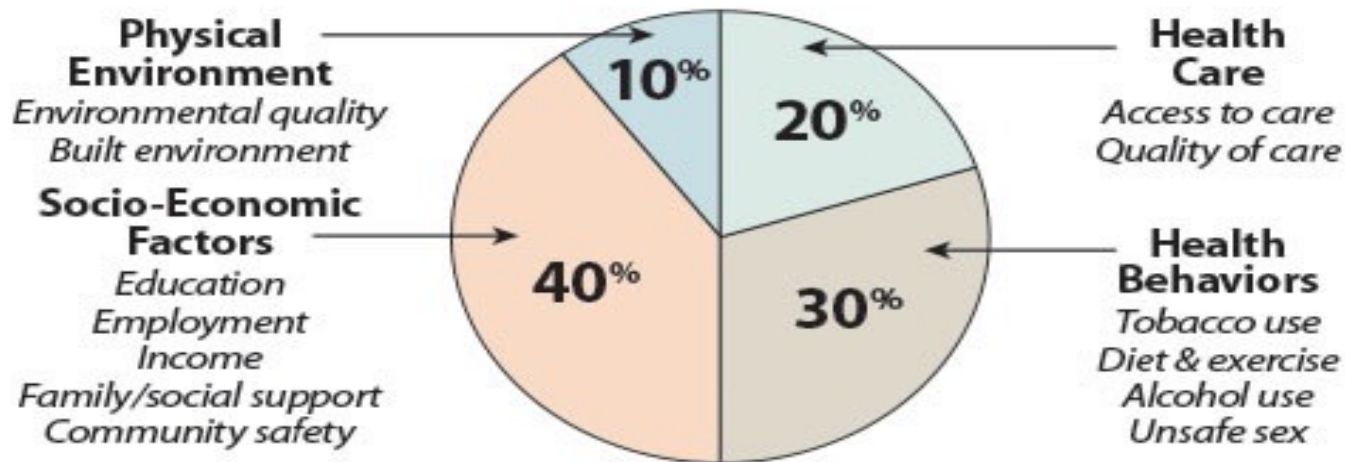
Social Determinants Of Health



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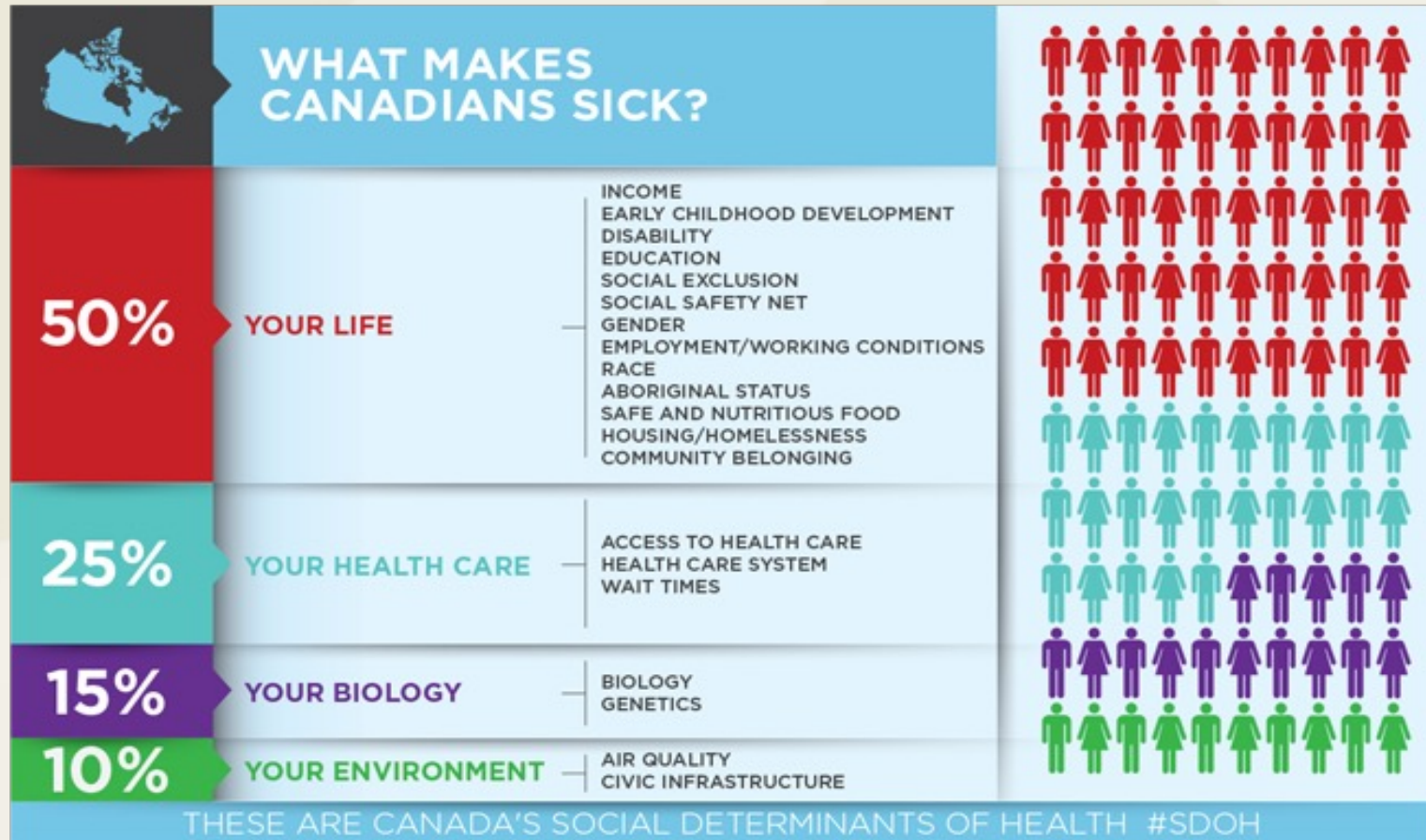
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Population Health



Source: Authors' analysis and adaption from the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute's *County Health Rankings* model ©2010, <http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/about-project/background>

A Country Perspective



Community Involvement- Denver Principles – 1983

When PLWHIV Demanded a place at the table

We condemn attempts to label us as "victims," a term which implies defeat, and we are only occasionally "patients," a term which implies passivity, helplessness, and dependence upon the care of others.
We are "People With AIDS."

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PEOPLE WITH AIDS

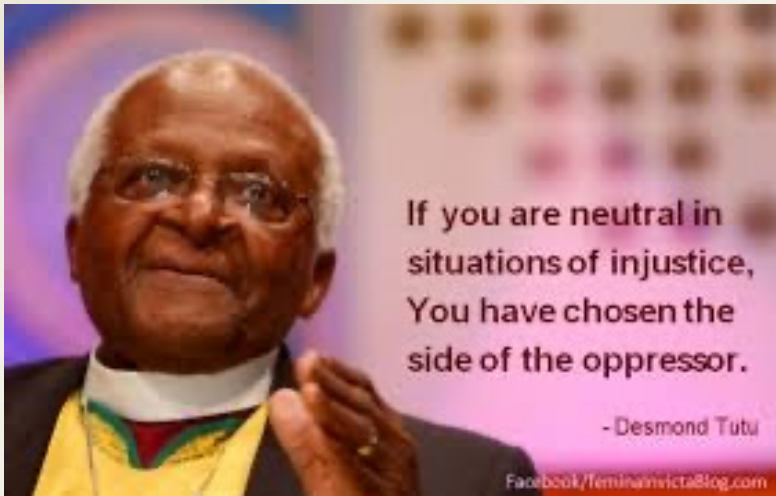
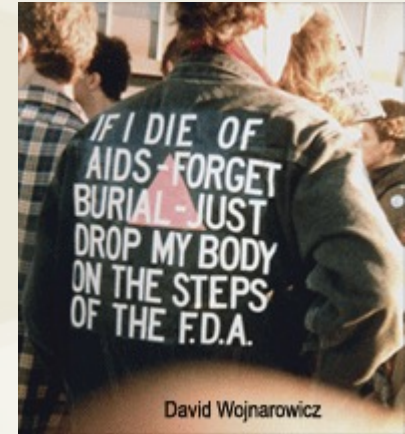
1. Form caucuses to choose their own representatives, to deal with the media, to choose their own agenda and to plan their own strategies.
2. Be involved at every level of decision-making and specifically serve on the boards of directors of provider organizations.
3. Be included in all AIDS forums with equal credibility as other participants, to share their own experiences and knowledge.

RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH AIDS

1. To as full and satisfying sexual and emotional lives as anyone else.
2. To quality medical treatment and quality social service provision without discrimination of any form including sexual orientation, gender, diagnosis, economic status or race.
3. To full explanations of all medical procedures and risks, to choose or refuse their treatment modalities, to refuse to participate in research without jeopardizing their treatment and to make informed decisions about their lives.
4. To privacy, to confidentiality of medical records, to human respect and to choose who their significant others are.
5. To die - and to LIVE - in dignity.



AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power -1987



If you're not at the table, you're on the menu.

What Is GIPA? – Greater Involvement of People Living With HIV/AIDS

GIPA is not a project or programme. It is a principle that aims to realize the rights and responsibilities of people living with HIV, including their right to self-determination and participation in decision-making processes that affect their lives.

In these efforts, GIPA also aims to enhance the quality and effectiveness of the AIDS response.

The idea that personal experiences should shape the AIDS response was first voiced by people living with HIV in Denver in 1983.⁵

The GIPA Principle was formalized at the 1994 Paris AIDS Summit when 42 countries agreed to “support a greater involvement of people living with HIV at all...levels...and to...stimulate the creation of supportive political, legal and social environments”⁶.

GIPA Is About “Meaningful Involvement” Not Tokenistic Participation

Involvement of people living with HIV

Policy-making process

People living with HIV participate in the development and monitoring of HIV-related policies at all levels.

Programme development and implementation

People living with HIV provide knowledge and skills towards universal access through participation in the governance of global organizations such as UNAIDS and the Global Fund and in the choice, design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of prevention, treatment, care and support programmes and research.

Treatment roll-out and preparedness

People living with HIV support treatment roll-out through educating others on treatment options, side effects and adherence, and are involved as home-based and community health-care workers.

Personal

People living with HIV are actively involved in their own health and welfare. They take an active role in decisions about treatment, self education about therapies, opportunistic infections and adherence, and positive prevention.⁸

Leadership and support, group networking and sharing

People living with HIV take leadership of HIV support groups or networks, seek external resources, encourage participation of new members or simply participate by sharing their experiences with others.

Campaigns and public speaking

People living with HIV are spokespersons in campaigns or speakers at public events and in other arenas.

Advocacy

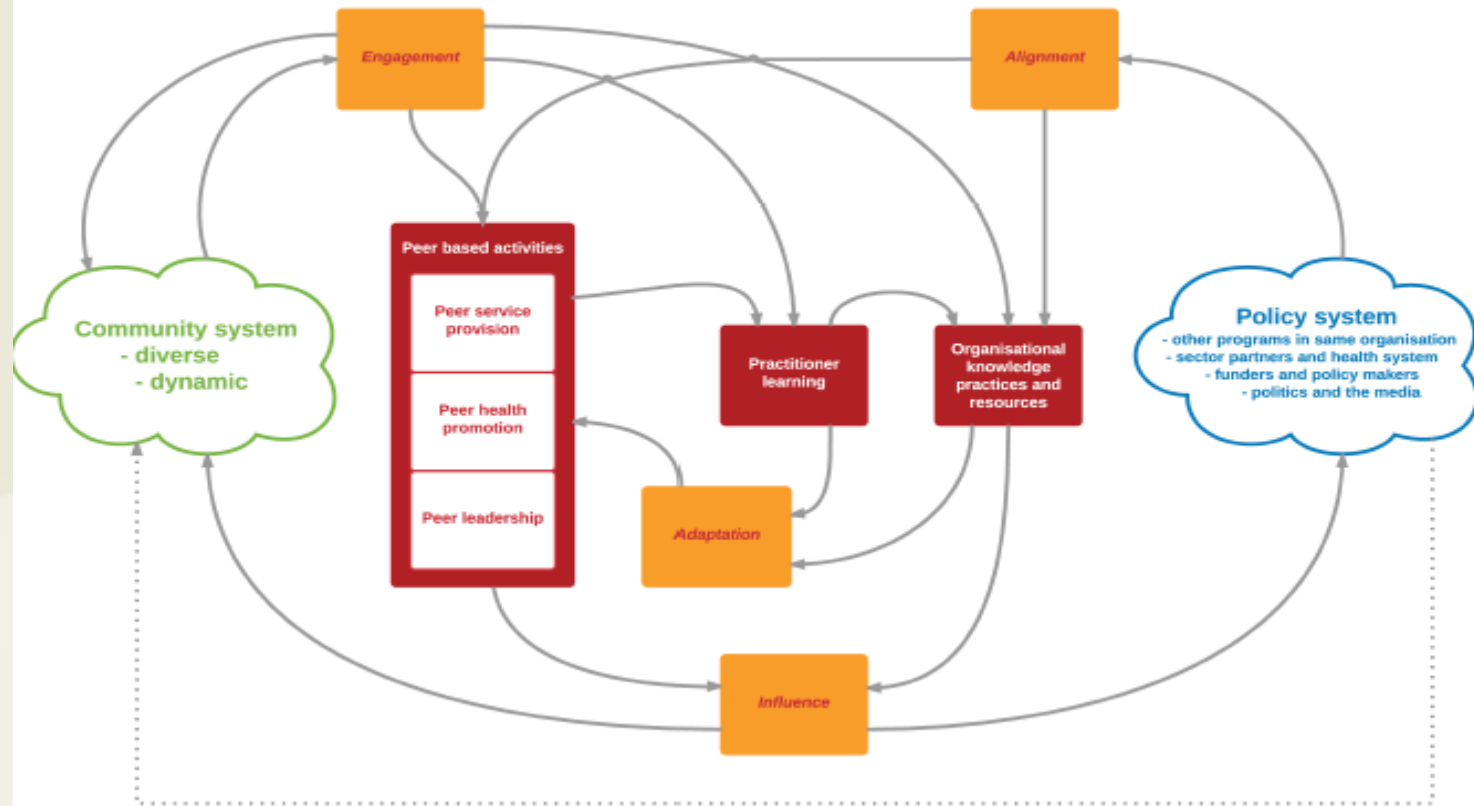
People living with HIV advocate law reform, inclusion in the research agenda and access to services, including treatment, care and support; and for resource mobilization for networks of people living with HIV and for the broader response.

Figure 1:
How can people living with HIV be involved?

The W3 Framework – What Works & Why

Four key functions for effective and sustainable peer based programs

Arrows represent regular flows of knowledge or influence that constitute the program as a system



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The W3 Framework – What Works & Why

Definitions of the four functions

Engagement

The quality of the program's mental models of the diversity and dynamism of needs, experiences and identities in the networks and cultures it engages.

Learning & Adaptation

The effectiveness of the program in capturing insights from practice learning, refining mental models and planning for action.

Alignment

The program's effectiveness in picking up signals about what's happening in the policy system to support program adaptation and identification of priorities for influence.

Influence

How effectively the program mobilises influence within its target community and within its policy environment.

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Are We Working Together?



We will
look after
you



Nothing
about us
without us

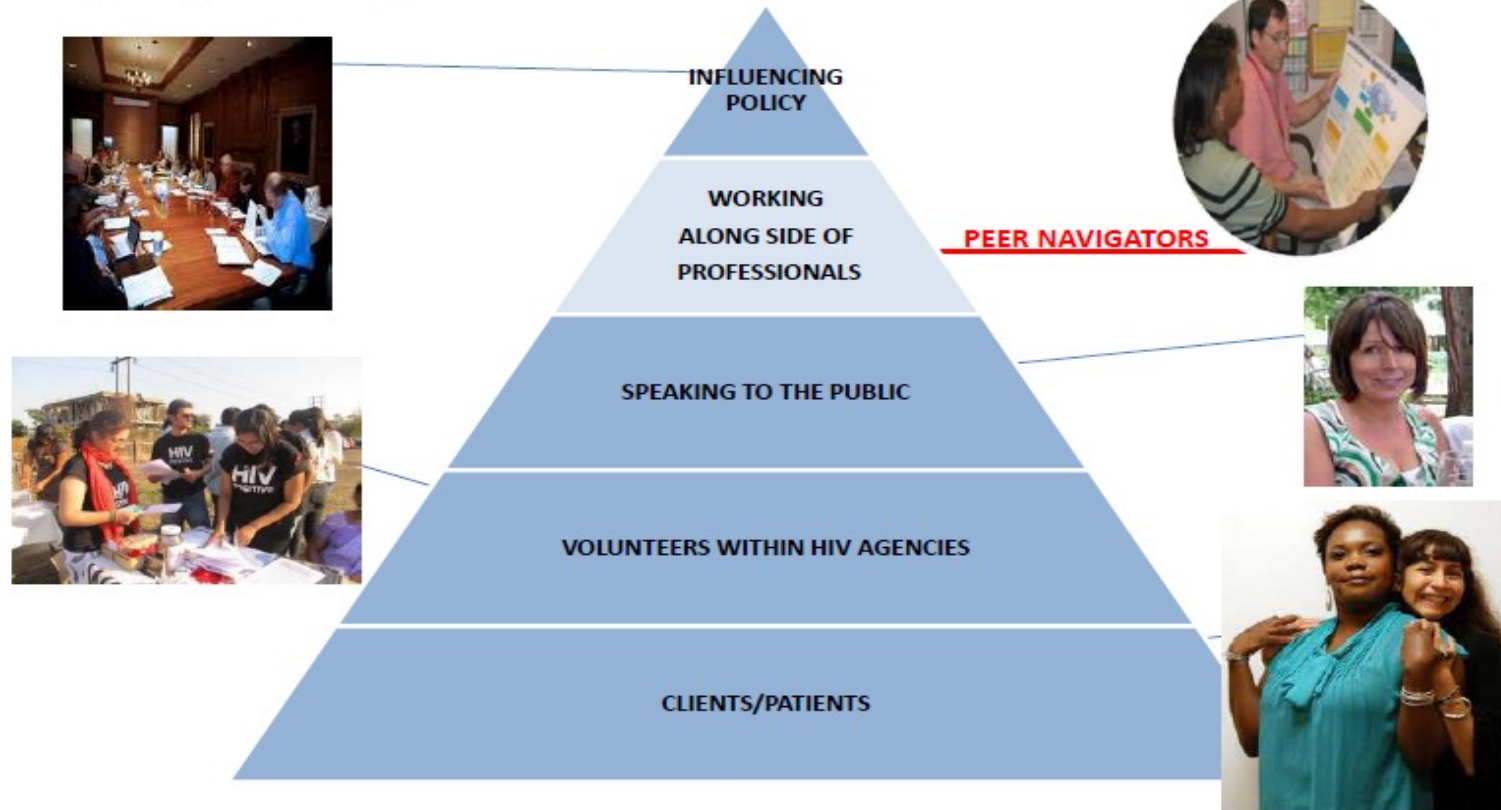


I know
what's best
for me



Greater Involvement of People Living With HIV/AIDS

This pyramid models the increasing levels of involvement of people living with HIV.



What Story Are We Telling Ourselves?



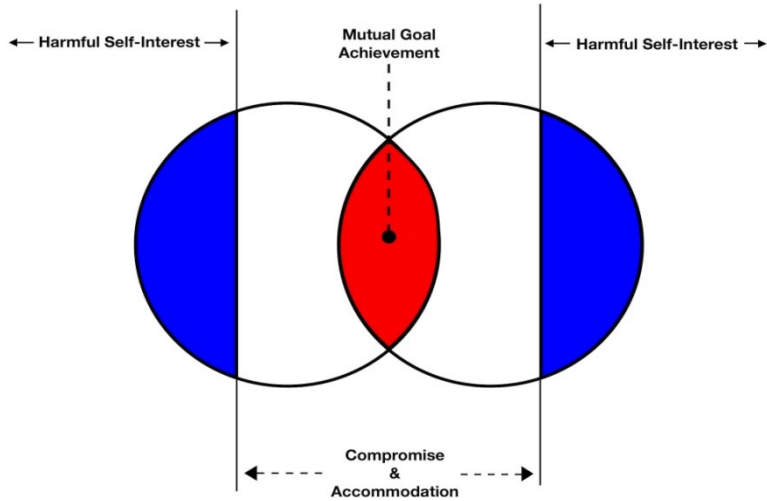
I now have HIV , I will survive and grow through this experience, I can still flourish.....



I am HIV Positive, what a stuff up, there's no coming back from this, life will now be a constant struggle, I am alone with this, the future can only get worse.....

How Do We Optimise Collaboration ?

Collaboration & Shared Values



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From



Organizations loosely collaborating while pursuing their own goals and metrics

To



Entities pursuing aligned goals and metrics to multiply their collective impact

By Focusing on Interests

POSITION 1
I want this orange



POSITION 2
I want this orange

WHY?!

For The Juice

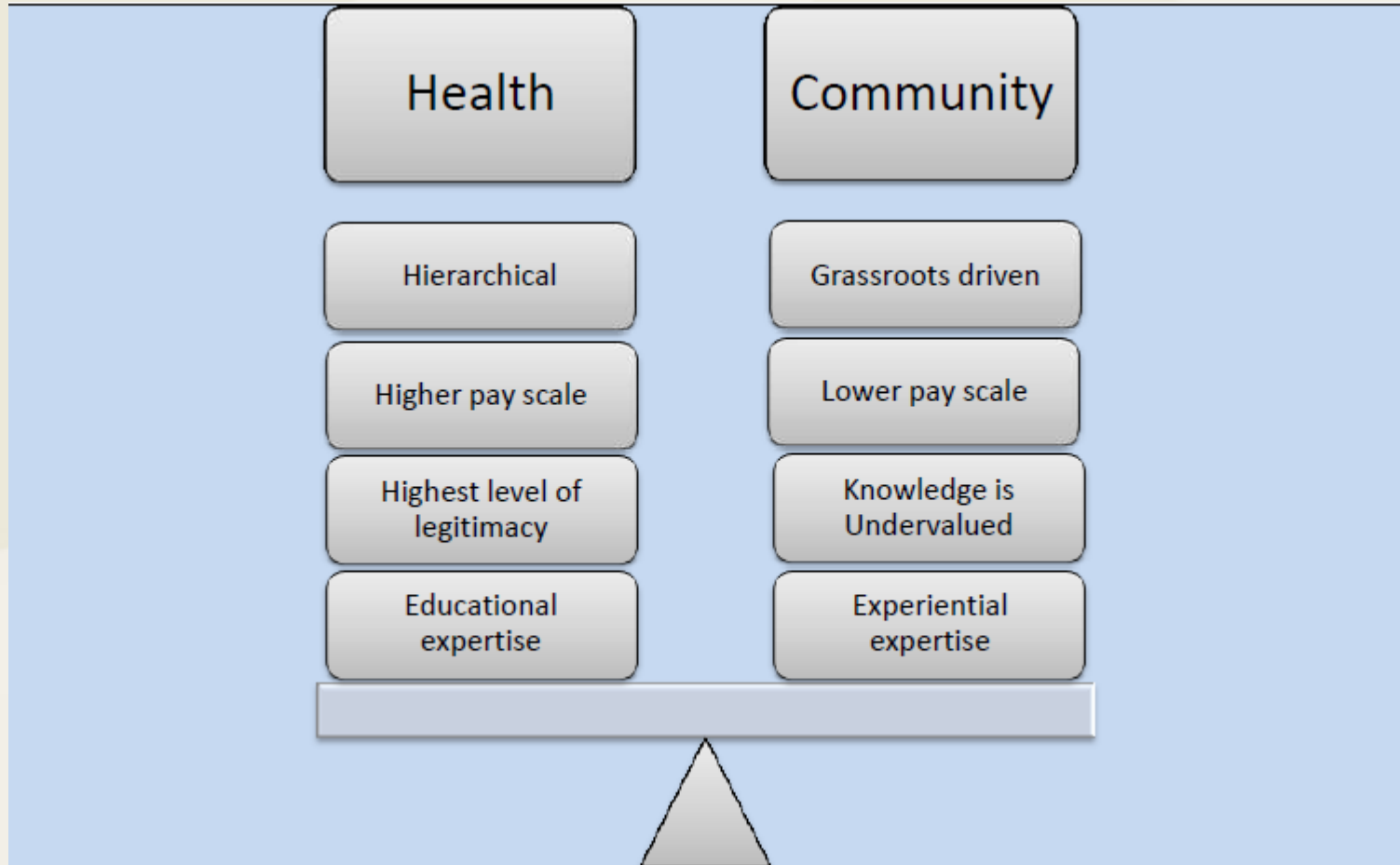


To use the rind for cake



Everyone Wins

Community Response & Structural Inequality



Program Approaches With Community

Table 1.2 Characteristics of programme approaches

Done for men who have sex with men

Prescriptive: Programmes sometimes focus on telling men who have sex with men what to do and how to do it.

Paternalistic: Often assume that knowledge, skills and power reside with the programme staff and managers and not with community members.

Tokenistic: Involve men who have sex with men in programme implementation mainly as volunteers, not as equal partners.

Commodity-oriented: Monitoring mainly focuses on goods and services delivered and targets to be achieved.

Top-down: Focus on building relationships mainly within the health system with health-care providers. Less emphasis on building relationships among groups of men who have sex with men.

Done with or led by men who have sex with men

Collaborative: Programmes listen to men who have sex with men's ideas about what to do and how to do it.

Participatory: Honour and actively seek to leverage the knowledge, skills and power that reside with the community of men who have sex with men.

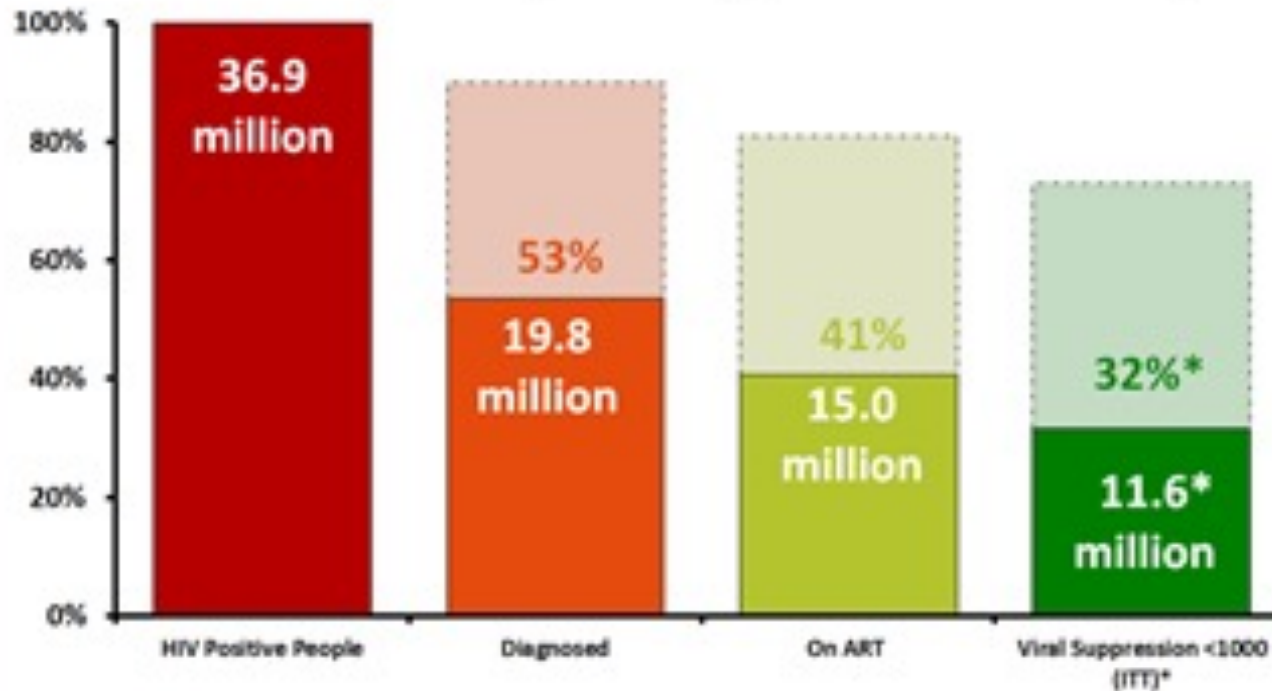
Inclusive: Involve men who have sex with men as equal partners in programme design, implementation and evaluation, more commonly as paid employees working with the community, not for an external organization.

Quality assurance-oriented: Monitoring mainly focuses on quality, safety, accessibility and acceptability of services and programmes, community engagement, community cohesion and community connectedness, as well as adequacy of service coverage.

Bottom-up: Focus on building relationships within communities of men who have sex with men as well as between men who have sex with men and other organizations, service-providers, human-rights institutions and similar groups.

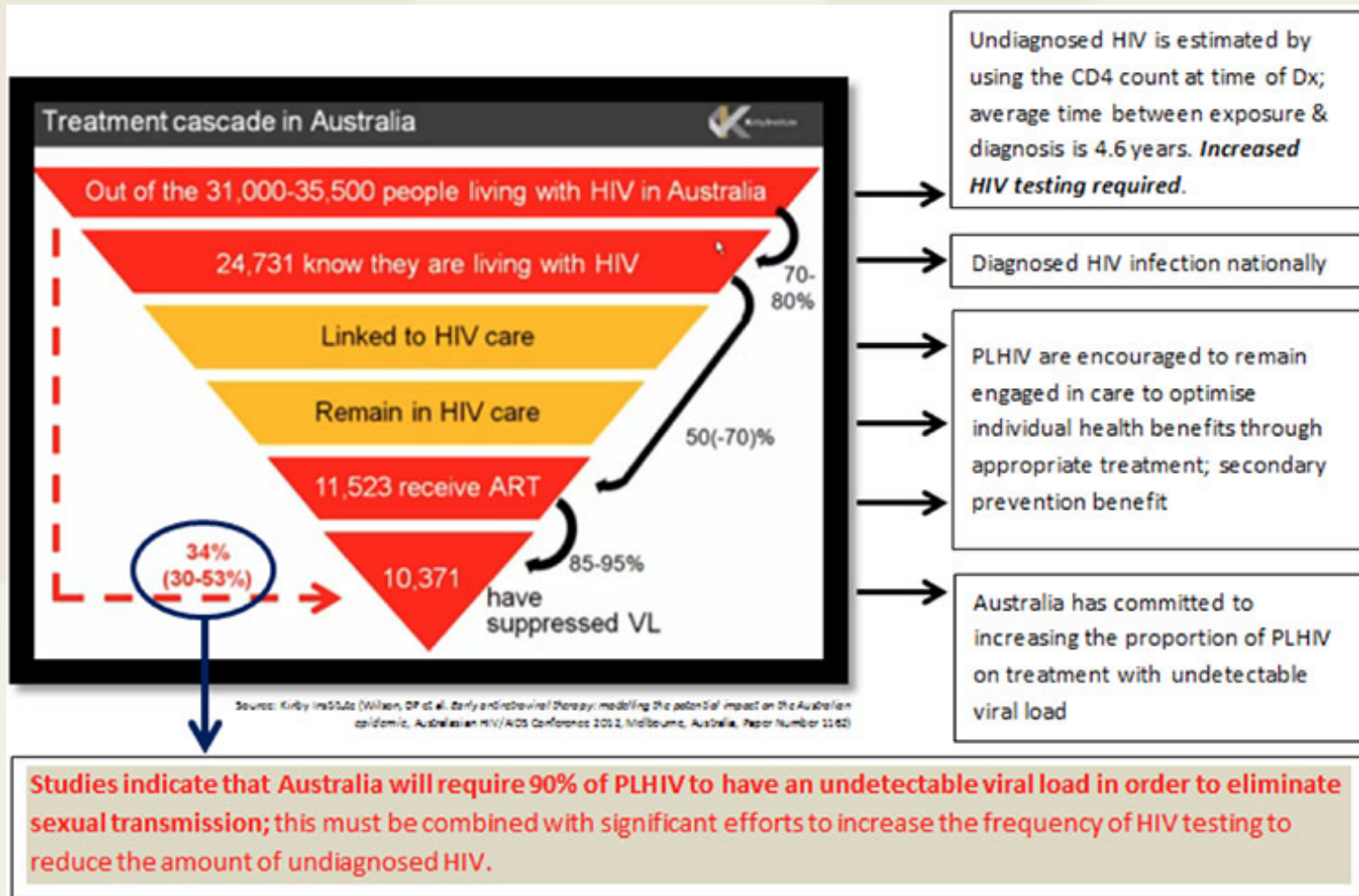
IAS 2015

Global Estimates (2014-15) vs the Gap to reach 90-90-90 Targets



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A View Of The Problem



HIV Treatment Cascade

Between 4262 and 4932 people are living with HIV in Queensland

HIV is most commonly transmitted by people who do not know they have HIV.

Around 3453 people know they are living with HIV (70–80 per cent of all people with HIV)

The goals for QLD are 90 – 90 – 90:

90% of PLHIV know their *status*

90% of PLHIV on *treatment*

90% of people on treatment have an *undetectable* viral load

1553 people receive antiretroviral therapy (between 45 and 70 per cent of all people who know they are infected)

1288 people have suppressed viral load (90–95 per cent of all the people on treatment)

Queensland Positive People - Rapid Testing



**FREE RAPID HIV
TESTING WITHOUT
THE FULL Q&A.**

RAPID



RAPID is a new trial site using trained community members who understand the diverse communities of men who have sex with men. RAPID staff are not doctors or nurses, and do not keep clinical files that document sexual behaviour or injecting practices.

It offers rapid HIV and syphilis testing without the full Q&A.

You will still have an opportunity to ask questions and explore risk reduction strategies with a RAPID staff member who will respect your situation, and has a lot of knowledge about HIV and sexual health.

- No Appointments
- No Judgements
- No Notes

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Queensland Positive People - Rapid Testing

Table 1 Client characteristics

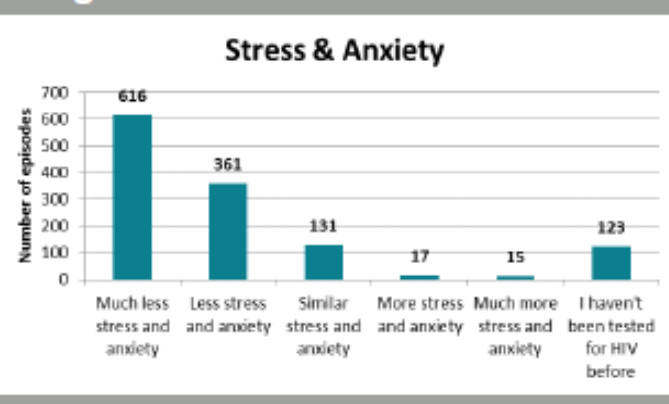
		All RAPID Clients (N=1483)	SOPV Clients (n=298)	Never tested (n=191)	Tested positive (n=21)
Age	Mean	35	44	31	35
	Range	17-83	18-78	18 - 83	19-70
	%	%	%	%	(n)
Gender	Male	96.2	99.7	11	1.4 (21)
	Female	3.7	.3	89	0
	Transgender	.1	0	0	0
Indigenous		2.2	1.7	1.1	0
Sexuality	Gay	77.4	84.9	54.5	90.4 (19)
	Straight	13.8	2.7	30.4	4.8 (1)
	Bi-sexual	8.7	12.4	15.1	4.8 (1)
Medicare ineligible		18.5	16.1	29.8	28.6 (6)
Country of Birth					
	Australia	60.9	66.8	50.2	47.6 (10)
	NZ	3.2	3.7	2.6	9.5 (2)
	UK	4.2	4	5.2	9.5 (2)
	USA	1.7	1	10.5	4.8 (1)
	China	3.2	1	6.3	0
	India	2.3	1.3	5.2	4.8 (1)
	Other	24.3	29.5	46.6	19.0 (4)
Residential location					
	South East Qld	93.4	88.6	90	71.4 (15)
	Rural	2.9	5.5	2.6	4.8 (1)
	Interstate	3.6	5.9	3.7	9.5 (2)
Repeat RAPID Clients		20	17.1	0	0

Note: % may not add to 100 and numbers may not add to total due to rounding up and missing data

Table 2 Testing patterns

	All RAPID Clients (N=1483)	SOPV Clients (n=298)	Never tested (n=191)	Tested positive (n=21)
Frequency of testing	%	%	n	n %
At least once a year	63.8	58.9	4	4 (19%)
A year or more ago	22.5	28.2		
Never	13.7	12.9	191	
Reactive HIV test	1.4% (21)	1.3% (4)	0	21 (1.4%)
Reactive Syphilis test	8.6% (21)	0	1	2 (9.5%)

Diagram 3 Stress level with RHT test



Queensland Positive People - Peer Navigators

- Awareness has been raised that certain CALD communities in Australia experience limited access to health care and services, resulting in poor health outcomes.
- To address this issue, the Community Navigator Model was developed and implemented in four CALD communities in Logan, Queensland, through a partnership between government and non-government organisations.
- The model draws on local natural leaders selected by community members who then act as a conduit between the community and health service providers. The navigators were trained and employed at one of two local non-government organisations
- The navigators' role included assessing client needs, facilitating health promotion, supporting community members to access health services, supporting general practitioners (GPs) to use interpreters and making referrals to health services.

'Community navigators': making a difference by promoting health in culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities in Logan, Queensland

Saras Henderson ^{A C} and Elizabeth Kendall

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Common Themes - Peer Navigators

- (1) commitment to an altruistic attitude of servility allowing limitless community access to their services;
- (2) becoming knowledge brokers, with a focus on the social determinants of health; and
- (3) 'walking the walk' to build capacity and achieving health outcomes for the community.

community navigators have the potential to make a difference to health equity in our communities, thus contributing to ending the HIV epidemic.

Community Dispensing HIV Medication Resources Information

- Brochure, tear-off pad, eBanner adverts, shout-outs, news items
- Pharmacists resource Booklet – ASHM / PSA

Collecting HIV treatments from chemists
The choice is yours

Australian Government is expanding options for dispensing HIV medications.

From 1 July 2015, people living with HIV (PLHIV) will be able to access HIV medications from chemists as well as pharmacies.

For more information visit: positivelife.org.au

PositiveLifeNSW
the voice of people with HIV since 1988

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What do I need to do?
If you want to collect your HIV medications from a hospital pharmacy, you can continue with that arrangement.

Will it cost more?
We understand the cost will remain the same whether from a chemist or hospital pharmacy.

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What is your preferred way to access HIV treatment?

72%
CHEMIST



23%
HOSPITAL
PHARMACY



22%
POSTAL SCHEME

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The Problem With 19A

Section 19A of the *Crimes Act 1958* (Vic) establishes the criminal offence of ‘intentionally causing a very serious disease’—with ‘very serious disease’ defined exclusively to mean HIV infection.

This is the only HIV-specific criminal offence in force in any Australian jurisdiction.

19A Intentionally causing a very serious disease

(1) A person who, without lawful excuse, intentionally causes another person to be infected with a very serious disease is guilty of an indictable offence.

Penalty: Level 2 imprisonment (25 years maximum).

(2) In subsection (1), **very serious disease** means HIV within the meaning of section 3(1) of the **Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008**.²

What's The Problem ?

- treats the intentional infliction of HIV infection as inherently more serious or repugnant than other forms of violence, reinforcing the stigma around HIV;
- reinforces negative stereotypes suggesting that people living with HIV are dangerous to the community;
- discourages HIV testing, by providing an incentive for individuals to not know their HIV status;
- has never been used in the circumstances for which it was originally enacted (the deliberate transmission of HIV by a blood-filled syringe);
- ignores the significant medical advances which have been made in HIV treatment since its enactment;
- is redundant, as offences of general application exist that could be applied in a case of intentional HIV transmission; and
- fails to meet internationally-accepted standards for the application of the criminal law to HIV transmission.

Living Positive Victoria - Repeal 19A



Result



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19A FINALLY REPEALED IN VICTORIA



PLDI is a unique community service partnership that aims to build the resilience and leadership capacities of people living with HIV (PLHIV) in Australia and New Zealand and was borne as a community response to HIV stigma identified in the NAPWHA Stigma Audit (2012).



We understand the profoundly negative effect that HIV stigma has upon the response to HIV we need to support strong and confident leaders to challenge stigma and exemplify resilience.

Supporting an emerging generation of PLHIV leaders is vital to continuing the partnership approach to HIV in Australia and beyond

The 3-day residential workshop aims to enhance emotional intelligence, psychological resilience, and leadership skills. All planning, delivery and evaluation of the courses are led by PLHIV.





At the World AIDS Conference in 2014, PLDI graduates took part in the planning and organisation of the conference.



The synergy created in this workshop enables emerging and long term leaders to work collaboratively. The power and passion then enhances the performance of the HIV sector, addressing a concern of the decline of meaningful involvement in and commitment to, the sector of PLHIV.

With over 70 graduates from across Australasia and a leadership team of 8 facilitators.

From this alumni, PLDI is now offered across the country with a waiting list of over 100 PLHIV.

Over 25 businesses and organisations in every state/territory in Australia have committed over \$100,000 per annum in sponsorship to this remarkable effort.

Leadership workshops such as PLDI are crucial in reinvigorating involvement in the sector and community more broadly

How Will NZ End HIV First ?

90%

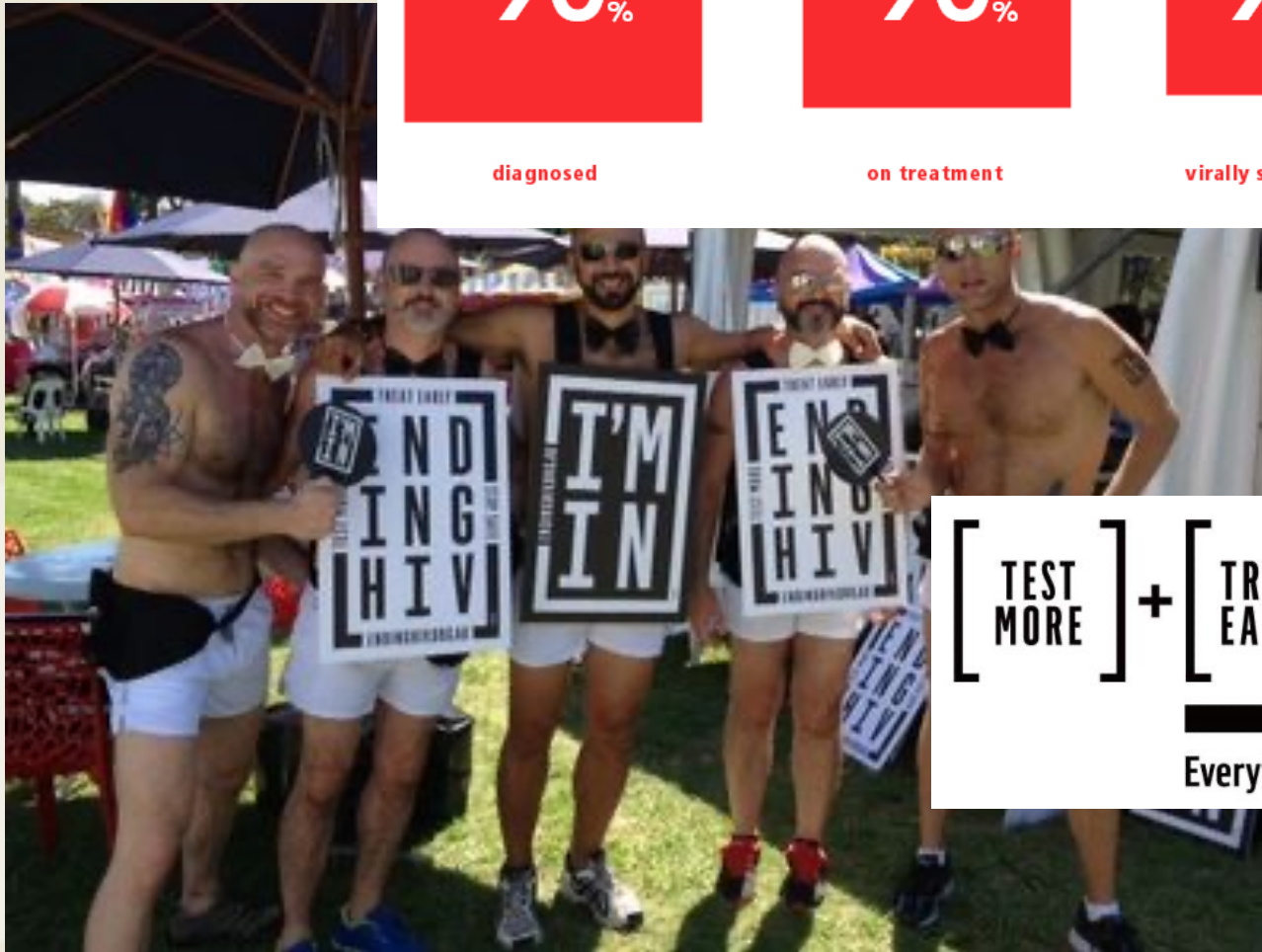
diagnosed

90%

on treatment

90%

virally suppressed



[TEST MORE] + [TREAT EARLY] + [STAY SAFE] = [ENDING HIV]

Everything has changed. We can end HIV.

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Thank You Collaborators



Community Conversations ?

