

Approach to HIV and Sexual Health among Trans



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Testing is by far the most important priority for Trans people

Compared with MSM only about 30% of Trans accept testing

This is often due to transphobia but not always. Even in very Trans friendly facilities, the majority rejects testing.



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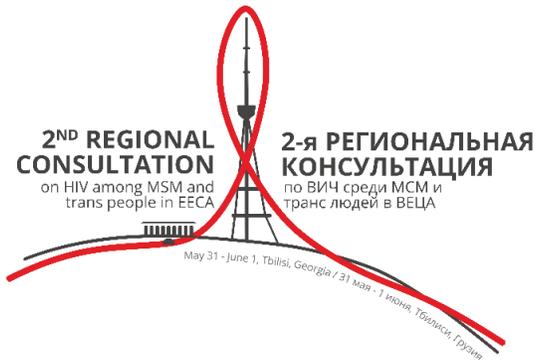
Today we find several cheap testing equipment at low cost.

It is also very important to document testing so it can be followed up scientifically and thus be used in the global documentation of HIV among Trans people.



Make use of PreP when available

- PreP is growing as a sexual health protection among MSM and should also be made available to all Trans people.
- In some countries PreP, or Pre Exposure Prevention is still not available and in some countries it comes with a very high price tag.
- But in countries where PreP is available to MSM it must also be made available to Trans people.



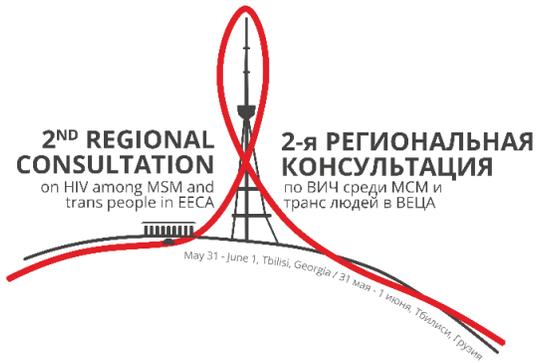
HIV among Trans people

- WHO, the World Health Organisation states that globally speaking around 19% of all Trans Women do in fact live with HIV. This is the highest number of any of the four key populations.
- Unfortunately the statistics are still rare, in Europe only three nations provide scientific researched figures, Italy with 24% and Spain and Holland with each around 18%.
- In Asia we find figures between around 12% in Thailand, 26% in Indonesia and up to 43% in India.
- In the USA figures are around 22% and in Brazil and Argentina we land on 33%.



HIV among Trans people

- We still lack figures for Trans Men and Non Identifying Trans persons.
- In 2015 a large number of scientists as well as UN agencies and Trans activists met in Bangkok to lay the last hand on TransIT, the Transgender Implementation tool. The work was led by IRGT, the Innovative Response to Global Trans Women and HIV.
- At the World AIDS Conference in Durban, South Africa in 2016 the first English version was presented.
- Funding for translations have been granted so the first Russian version is about to be published soon.



Recommendations

I recommend that as many as possible of the Trans community undergo testing for HIV. In the case no testing facilities exist or if Trans persons are denied access to testing, my suggestion is getting a small individual test kit and implement your own testing program.

My second recommendation is the rapid implementation of the TRANSiT, the Transgender Implementation Tool for HIV, which was introduced by IRGT, UNFDP, UNAIDS and other UN organizations in 2016.

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