

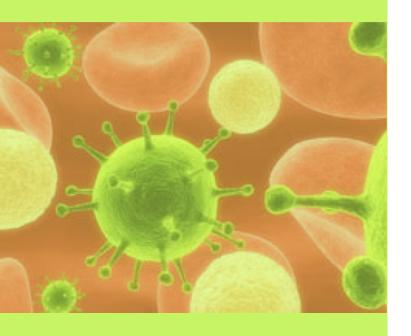
# Sexually Transmitted Infections

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# OUTLINE

- Definition
- Description
- Short and Long Term Effects
- Contribution to the Burden of Disease
- Risk Factors and Protective Factors





"According to the World Health Organisation (2018), sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and bacterial vaginosis (BV), a common infection of the vagina, are widespread globally."

(World Health Organisation, 2018, p. 1)

# Description

#### Aka - STIs, STDs & VD

#### **ACUTE**

Common Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)

#### Four curable infections:

- Syphilis
- Gonorrhoea
- Chlamydia
- Trichomoniasis

#### **CHRONIC**

#### Four incurable viral infections:

- Hepatitis B
- Herpes simplex virus (HSV or genital herpes)
- HIV
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV or female genital warts)



# Facts – What We Know

- More than 1 million sexually transmitted infections (STIs) are acquired every day worldwide.
- Each year, there are an estimated 357 million new infections with 1 of 4 STIs: chlamydia, gonorrhoea, syphilis and trichomoniasis.
- More than 500 million people are estimated to have genital infection with herpes simplex virus (HSV).
- More than 290 million women have a human papillomavirus (HPV) infection.
- More than 30 different bacteria, viruses and parasites are known to be transmitted through sexual contact. Eight of these pathogens are linked to the greatest incidence of sexually transmitted disease. Of these 8 infections, 4 are currently curable: syphilis, gonorrhoea, chlamydia and trichomoniasis. The other 4 are viral infections and are incurable: hepatitis B, herpes simplex virus (HSV or herpes), HIV, and human papillomavirus (HPV). Symptoms or disease due to the incurable viral infections can be reduced or modified through treatment.
- STIs are spread predominantly by sexual contact, including vaginal, anal and oral sex. Some STIs can also be spread through non-sexual means such as via blood or blood products.



# PHYSICAL HEALTH EFFECTS

#### **SHORT TERM**

Acute Disease – (short duration, maybe severe)

- Commonly asymptomatic
- Sores and ulcers around the genital area and/or mouth
- **Genital Warts**
- Flu-like symptoms
- Headaches
- **Tiredness**
- Pain passing urine
- Painful, irregular menstruation and/or bleeding between periods or after sex
- Pains in the bones, nerves, muscles, abdomen and joints



Chronic Disease – (long-lasting, difficult to eradicate)

- Chronic pain
- Infertility
- Impaired immune system
- Pelvic inflammatory disease
- Pregnancy or birth and foetal complications
- Cancer
- Death





# **PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS**

- Social Stigma
- Anxiety
- Embarrassment
- Lower sexual self-concept
- Stereotyped
- Negative outlook

- Relationships are non-existent
- Rejection
- Mental disorders
- Shame-based emotions
- Depression

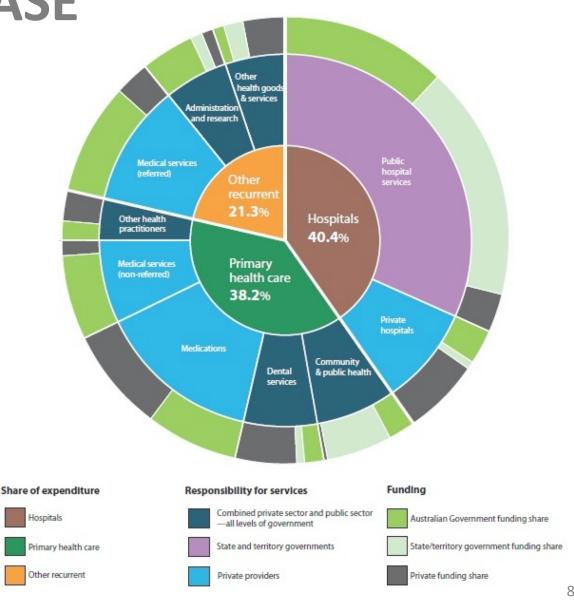
# **HEALTH CONCERNS – STATISTICS – BURDEN OF DISEASE**

## **Australia's Health Care System:**

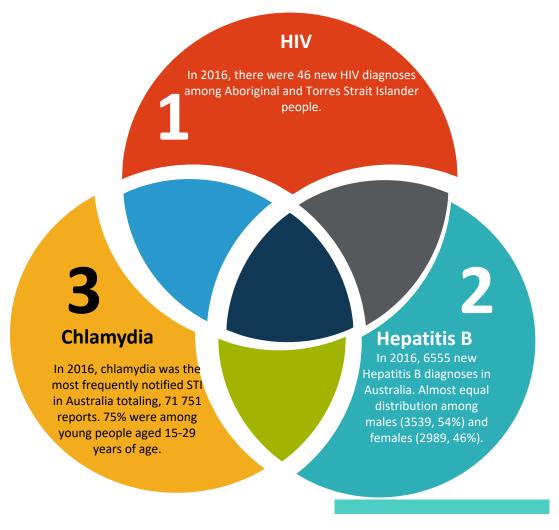
STIs are a significant health concern and are continuously costing Australia millions of dollars.

- Increased financial expenditure
- Uptake of resources
- Healthcare workers at risk
- Mental Health costs
- Community Health Services

The Department of Health. (2011). National Mental Health Commission. (2016).



# **STATISTICS**



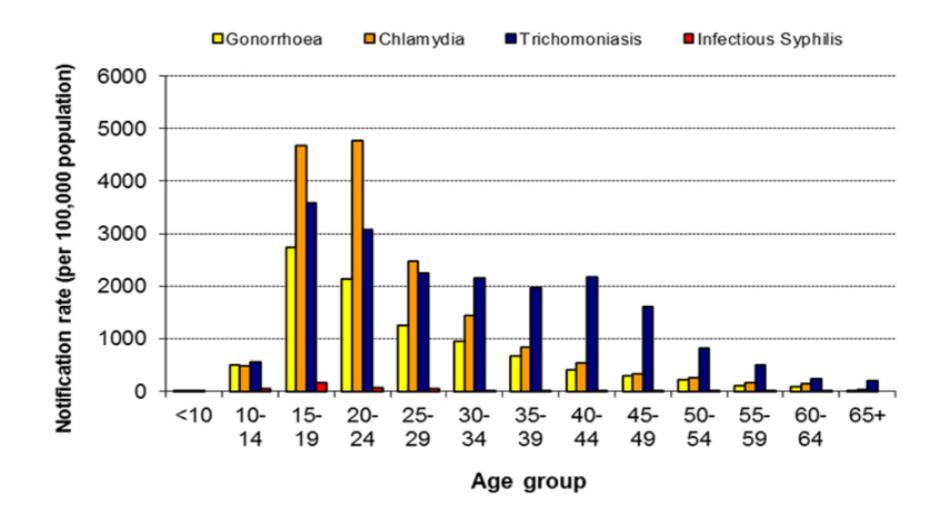
# \$59 billion is spent on Australian Hospitals

That's a lot of money

PBS expenditure for 2016-17 - \$12,058 million (increase of 11.3% from previous year)

And that's a lot of prescriptions

2013-14 - \$155 billion spent on HEALTH in Australia



Australian Bureau of Statistics. 2012.

# **Interesting Statistics**

# Mental ill-health in Australia cost approximately 4% GDP each year – that's about \$4000 p/tax payer

The largest burden of HPV (female genital warts) is attributed to cervical cancer

Male-to-male sex continues to be the major HIV risk exposure in Australia



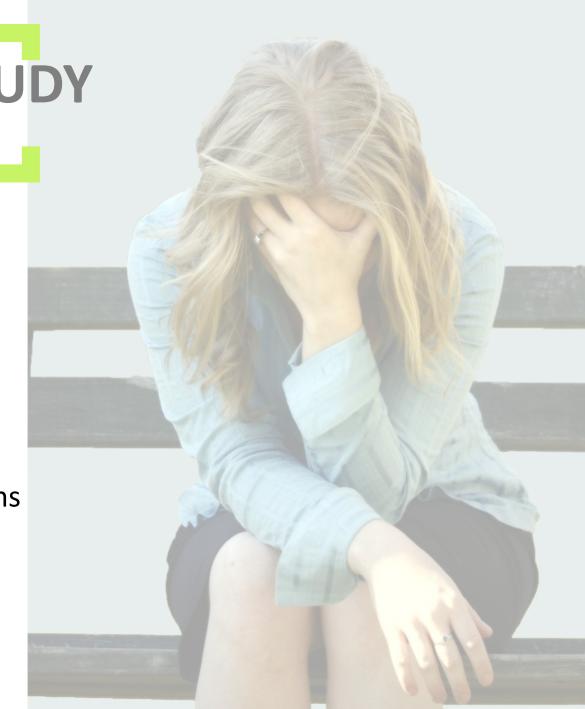




Physocological impacts – depression

BOD – expenditure to the health systems

Summary – preventable



# Who is at RISK?

#### **ACUTE & CHRONIC Infections mostly effect:**

- Indigenous population
- Young people
- Gay Community
- Babies
- Sex workers



# Why?

#### **GAY COMMUNITY**

- Unprotected anal
- Casual partners
- Poor education

#### **BABIES**

- Undiagnosed mother
- Result in: stillbirth, neonatal death, low-birth-weight and premature, sepsis, pneumonia, neonatal conjunctivitis and deformities

#### YOUNG PEOPLE

- Unsafe sex
- Risky behaviours
- Lack of sexual education
  - Determinants: behavioural, psychological, social biological and institutional factors.

#### **SEX WORKERS**

- Lack of health services
- Lack of sexual health knowledge

#### INDIGENOUS POPULATION

- Poor health
- Less access to health clinics
- Moving population
- Remote Communities
- Unsafe sex
- Mistrust of mainstream social marketing messages
- Short one-off education sessions



## **RISK FACTORS**

- Unprotected Sex
- Lack of sexual health knowledge
- Limited access to Health Clinics
- Remote communities
- Culture
- Multiple sex partners
- Easy access to relationships
- Expense

# PROTECTIVE FACTORS

STI & HIV testing & counselling

Condom promotion

Sexual health education programs:

- Community-based
- Clinical & behavioural
- School-based
- STI Control:
- Monitoring
- Training
- Policy, Planning Management
- Research

# **Health Literacy**

## **OTTAWA CHARTER**

#### **Health Promotion Approach**

- Strengthen Community Action
- Develop personal skills
- Re-orient health services
- Build public health policy
- Create supportive environments
- Provide positive values and attitudes

World Health Organisation. 2018. Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. 2013.

# **INFORMATION**

#### **RISK FACTORS**

#### **BUILDING PROTECTIVE FACTORS**

#### **5** Determinants

- Social
- Culture
- Individual Skills & Knowledge
- Environment
- Health Care

#### **Ottawa Charter**

- HEALTH PROMOTION:
- Build healthy public policy
- Create supportive environments for health
- Strengthen community action for health
- Develop personal skills
- Re-orient health services
- HP Strategies Enable, Mediate & Advocate



# **QUESTION**







# **SEEKING HELP**





**LOCAL GP (DOCTOR)** OR **NURSE/PHARMACIST** 



Sexual Health & **Family Planning** 









#### FOR INFORMATION OR ADVICE

1300 22 4636 www.beyondblue.org.au



kidshelpline.com.au

1800 55 1800



Clinic



headspace

**National Youth Mental Health Foundation** 

# **Queensland** Government

Queensland Health

13 HEALTH (13 43 25 840)—Health advice

over the phone 24/7



# **CONDOMS**

- Condoms can be a simple form of contraception that is available for both men and women. They can be internal or external and both protect against STI's and unwanted pregnancy.
- Internal condoms can be inserted into the vagina or even used for anal sex.
- External condoms are a basic condom where they are to fit over an erect penis and can come in all sizes, shapes, colours and flavours.





# **CONDOM PRESENTATION**

# Information and Fun Stuff



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