

HIV, syphilis infection, and risky sexual behaviors among male university students who have sex with men in Beijing, China: a cross-sectional study

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Description:

Young male university students who have sex with men are at high risk of HIV and sexually transmitted infections (STIs). The authors conducted a cross-sectional survey to assess the prevalence of risky sexual behaviors, HIV, and syphilis among male university students who have sex with men in Beijing, China; and to identify risk factors for unprotected anal intercourse (UAI). Among 157 study participants, HIV and syphilis prevalence were 2.5% and 7.0%, respectively. The authors found a high prevalence of UAI in the study population. Multiple logistic regression analysis revealed two significant predictors of UAI: believing it is not necessary to use a condom with a regular sex partner and not feeling anxious about being gay. Not using a condom during first sexual experience with a man was a marginally significant predictor of UAI. Male university students who have sex with men are especially vulnerable to HIV and STIs. Intensified education and HIV testing programs are needed to reduce risk in this population.

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