



The M-Track Survey

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS

In the summer of 2007, over 220 gay, bisexual, transgendered and other men who have sex with men, living in South Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands, volunteered to do an anonymous and confidential questionnaire and blood test.




“Hey, did you hear about the results of the M-Track blood tests?”

- ☆ 13% were HIV (+)
- ☆ 3% had been infected with syphilis
- ☆ 31% had herpes 2 virus (*the main cause of genital herpes*)”

Remember to get tested and counselled for HIV and other STIs whenever you have:

- ☆ unprotected sex with someone who is HIV (+)
- ☆ unprotected sex with someone whose HIV status you don't know
- ☆ penile soreness, abnormal discharge, genital lesions or discomfort
- ☆ new partner(s)
- ☆ any time you are concerned that you may have been exposed to a sexually transmitted infection



“29% of the guys who did the survey said they had unprotected anal sex with at least one casual partner during the past 6 months.”

Gee, I better get tested.

Don't risk it. Get tested and wear a condom!

This survey was conducted by the Vancouver Island Health Authority in partnership with the Public Health Agency of Canada

M-TRACK SURVEY: WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Part of a national survey for gay, bisexual, transgendered and other men who have sex with men about:

- ★ Emotional and physical well-being
- ★ Sex (what are we doing)
- ★ Substance use (what are we using and when?)
- ★ Attitudes and ideas about HIV and sexually transmitted infections (STIs)

WHY?

DURING THE PAST DECADE NATIONAL RATES OF HIV AND STIs HAVE BEEN INCREASING AMONG MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH OTHER MEN.

We want to know what is happening in Victoria so we can better understand how to prevent this trend from continuing.

By surveying members of our community we can estimate the number of people infected (and not infected) in Victoria, as well as the risk behaviours that result in disease transmission.

WHERE TO GET TESTED:

VICTORIA CLINIC

1947 Cook Street
388-2225

VICTORIA YOUTH CLINIC

James Bay Location

547 Michigan Street
388-7841

Downtown Location

533 Yates Street
383-3552

ISLAND SEXUAL HEALTH SOCIETY

#200-1770 Fort Street
592-3479

or

See your own doctor or visit a walk-in clinic.

*Any questions?
Please call 592-0570*

