

Australian HIV Surveillance Update

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From 1 October to 31 December 1995:

- 172 people were newly diagnosed with HIV infection.
- 120 people were newly diagnosed with AIDS.
- 129 people died following AIDS.

To 31 December 1995 there have been:

- 19,453 diagnoses of HIV infection.
- 6,567 diagnoses of AIDS.
- 4,723 deaths following AIDS.

From 1 October to 31 December 1994:

- 231 people were newly diagnosed with HIV infection.
- 234 people were newly diagnosed with AIDS.
- 169 people died following AIDS.

To 31 December 1994 there were:

- 18,626 diagnoses of HIV infection.
- 5,919 diagnoses of AIDS.
- 4,130 deaths following AIDS.

HIV diagnoses

People diagnosed with HIV infection in the year to 31 December 1995 had an average age of 35 years, and 1.8% were in the age group 13–19 years. 91% were male, 8% were female, and sex was not recorded for 1% of cases.

Of the 90% of cases of HIV infection in males newly diagnosed in the year to 31 December 1995 for which exposure to HIV was recorded, a history of homosexual/bisexual contact was reported in 80.5%.

New HIV infections

During the fourth quarter of 1995, 31 males and 1 female were reported as having newly acquired HIV infection, identified by a negative test within the 12 months prior to diagnosis or the diagnosis of HIV seroconversion illness.

Exposure to HIV was attributed to male homosexual/bisexual contact in 94% of cases.

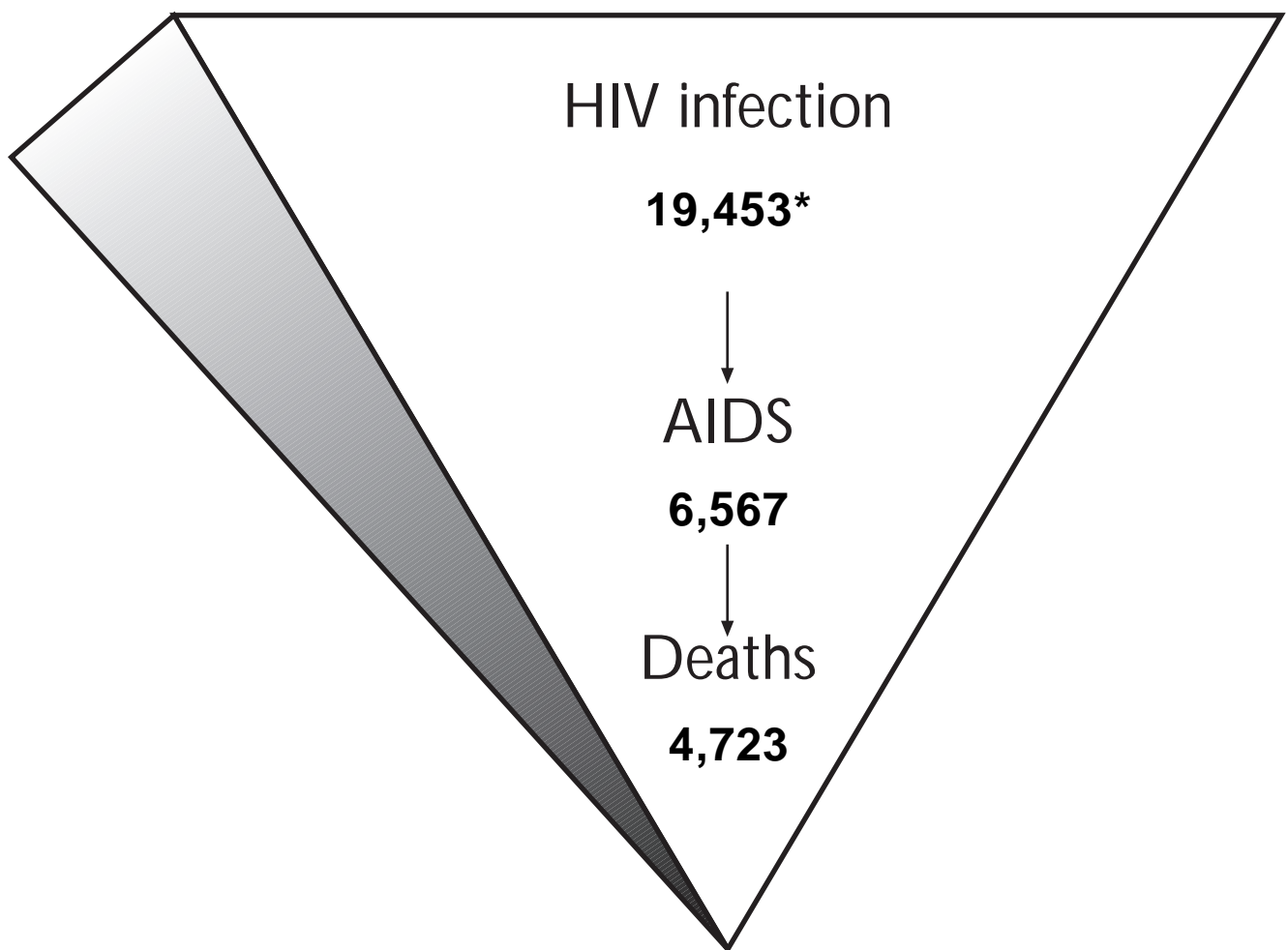
HIV Testing in Sexual Health Clinics

Five sexual health clinics in Adelaide, Brisbane, Darwin, Melbourne and Sydney tested 5,398 people in the period 1 October to 31 December 1995 who were not previously known to have HIV infection.

- Of 2,178 people reported as having been tested for the first time, 7 (0.3%) were found to have HIV infection.
- Of 3,063 people reported as having been retested following a previous negative test, 3 (0.1%) were found to have HIV infection.
- Of 174 males who reported a history of homosexual/bisexual contact and who were tested for HIV antibody for the first time, 3 males (1.7%) were newly diagnosed with HIV infection.

The HIV epidemic in Australia

A cumulative profile to 31 December 1995



* Estimated number of new diagnoses of HIV infection, adjusted for multiple reports, was 15,200 (range 14,300 to 16,100), cumulative to 31 December 1995.