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Diagnoses in the first quarter

1 January - 31 March 2011

a total of 267 diagnoses of HIV infection, 30 diagnoses of AIDS and 5 deaths following AIDS were reported, by 30 June 2011, to have occurred in the first guarter of 2011

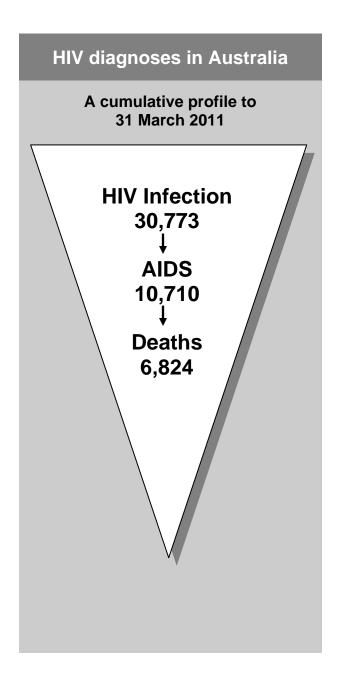
in comparison, 282 diagnoses of HIV infection, 34 diagnoses of AIDS and 7 deaths following AIDS were reported by 30 June 2011, to have occurred in the first quarter of 2010

New HIV infection

During the first quarter of 2011, 98 males were reported as having newly acquired HIV infection identified by a negative test within the 12 months prior to diagnosis, or the diagnosis of primary HIV infection. Men who had sex with men, with or without a history of injecting drug use, accounted for 90.8% (89) of cases.

Diagnoses in the year to 31 March 2011

1 038 diagnoses of HIV infection120 diagnoses of AIDS21 deaths following AIDS were reported by 30 June 2011



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Announcements

The **23rd annual ASHM Conference** will be held in Canberra, Australian Capital Territory, Australia, on 26 – 28 September 2011. The conference will be held at the National Convention Centre, Canberra. Further information may be obtained through the website http://www.hivaidsconference.com.au. The **2011 Australasian Sexual Health Conference** will also be held in Canberra, Australian Capital Territory, on 28 – 30 September 2011. Further information may be obtained through the website http://www.hivaidsconference.com.au

HIV diagnoses

People diagnosed with HIV infection in the year to 31 March 2011 had an average age of 38 years and 1.7% was in the age group 13 – 19 years

87.3% were male and 12.6% were female

of 849 cases of HIV infection, newly diagnosed among adult/adolescent males in the year to 31 March 2011 for which an exposure to HIV was reported, 704 (82.9%) were attributed to men who had sex with men, with or without a history of injecting drug use.

Total diagnoses to 31 March 2011

30 773 diagnoses of HIV infection10 710 diagnoses of AIDS6 824 deaths following AIDS were reported by 30 June 2011

HIV testing in sexual health clinics

Six sexual health clinics in Adelaide, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Melbourne and Sydney tested 7 078 people in the quarter 1 January – 31 March 2011 who were not previously known to have HIV infection.

- of 1 442 men reported as having been tested for the first time, 3 (0.2%) were found to have HIV infection
- of 3 364 men, reported as having been retested following a previous negative test, 20 (0.6%) were found to have HIV infection
- of 2 257 men who have sex with men, who were retested following a previous negative test, 19 (0.8%) were newly diagnosed with HIV infection

National AIDS Registry

Table 1.1 Cases of AIDS and deaths following AIDS by sex and State/Territory in which diagnosis of AIDS was made, cumulative to 31 March 2011, and for two previous yearly intervals

Cases

	1 Apr 09 –	31 Mar 10	1 Apr 10 –	31 Mar 11		Cumulative	to 31 Mar 11	
State/Territory	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total [†]	%
ACT	1	0	0	0	95	10	105	1.0
NSW	46	9	38	7	5 647	286	5 952	55.6
NT	3	1	2	0	52	6	58	0.5
QLD	13	2	14	1	1 114	80	1 196	11.2
SA	8	0	1	0	428	32	461	4.3
TAS	0	0	0	0	55	4	59	0.6
VIC	44	5	48	0	2 218	128	2 359	22.0
WA	9	2	8	1	469	49	520	4.9
Total	124	19	111	9	10 078	595	10 710	100.0

Deaths

	1 Apr 09 –	31 Mar 10	1 Apr 10 –	31 Mar 11		Cumulative	to 31 Mar 11	
State/Territory	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total [†]	%
ACT	0	0	0	0	73	7	80	1.2
NSW	3	0	4	1	3 612	143	3 766	55.2
NT	1	0	0	0	33	1	34	0.5
QLD	2	0	5	1	687	44	733	10.7
SA	1	0	0	0	281	20	301	4.4
TAS	0	0	0	0	34	2	36	0.5
VIC	8	1	10	0	1 467	66	1 542	22.6
WA	0	1	0	0	301	30	332	4.9
Total	15	2	19	2	6 488	313	6 824	100.0

[†] Totals include 37 AIDS cases and 23 deaths following AIDS in people whose sex was reported as transgender.

Table 1.2 Incidence of AIDS per million current population¹ by sex and State/Territory of diagnosis for the two most recent yearly intervals

	1 Apr	09 – 31 Mar 10		1 Apr	10 – 31 Mar 11	
State/Territory	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
ACT	5.7	0.0	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
NSW	13.0	2.5	7.7	10.6	1.9	6.2
NT	25.6	9.2	17.7	16.8	0.0	8.7
QLD	5.9	0.9	3.4	6.2	0.4	3.3
SA	10.0	0.0	4.9	1.2	0.0	0.6
TAS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
VIC	16.3	1.8	9.0	17.4	0.0	8.7
WA	7.9	1.8	4.9	6.9	0.9	3.9
Total	11.3	1.7	6.5	10.0	0.8	5.4

Population estimates by sex, State/Territory and calendar period from *Australian Demographic Statistics* (Australian Bureau of Statistics).

Table 1.3 Cases of AIDS and deaths following AIDS by sex and age group, cumulative to 31 March 2011, and for two previous yearly intervals

Cases¹

	1 Apr 09 –	31 Mar 10	1 Apr 10 –	31 Mar 11		Cumulative	to 31 Mar 11	
Age group (years)	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total [†]	%
0-2	0	2	0	0	10	12	22	0.2
2 – 12	0	0	0	0	22	12	34	0.3
0 – 12	0	2	0	0	32	24	56	0.5
13 – 19	0	0	0	1	28	7	35	0.3
20 – 29	11	2	10	1	1 490	131	1 637	15.3
30 – 39	35	8	30	2	4 048	217	4 277	39.9
40 – 49	40	4	34	3	2 942	117	3 064	28.6
50 – 59	28	3	22	1	1 124	56	1 184	11.1
60+	10	0	15	1	414	43	457	4.3
Total	124	19	111	9	10 078	595	10 710	100.0

Deaths²

	1 Apr 09 –	31 Mar 10	1 Apr 10 –	31 Mar 11		Cumulative	to 31 Mar 11	
Age group (years)	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total [†]	%
0-2	0	0	0	0	6	6	12	0.2
2 – 12	0	0	0	0	17	6	23	0.3
0 – 12	0	0	0	0	23	12	35	0.5
13 – 19	0	0	0	0	15	3	18	0.3
20 – 29	2	0	0	0	698	50	759	11.1
30 – 39	0	2	1	0	2 494	111	2 614	38.3
40 – 49	5	0	8	1	2 098	63	2 163	31.7
50 – 59	7	0	6	1	840	36	877	12.9
60+	1	0	4	0	320	38	358	5.2
Total	15	2	19	2	6 488	313	6 824	100.0

¹ Cases are classified by age at diagnosis.

² Deaths are classified by age at death.

Table 1.4 Cases of AIDS by sex and exposure category, cumulative to 31 March 2011, and for two previous yearly intervals

	1 Apr 09 –	31 Mar 10	1 Apr 10 –	31 Mar 11		Cumulative	lative to 31 Mar 11	
Exposure category	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total	%
Men who had sex with men	73		68		8 107		8 107	78.9
Men who had sex with men and injecting drug use	9		3		520		520	5.1
Injecting drug use	10	0	3	1	252	108	360	3.5
Heterosexual	5	0	3	1	155	82	237	
Not further specified	5	0	0	0	97	26	123	
Heterosexual contact	21	16	25	7	578	364	942	9.2
Sex with injecting drug user	0	0	0	0	10	32	42	
Sex with bisexual male		2		0		53	53	
From a high prevalence country	3	6	6	4	116	109	225	
Sex with person from a high prevalence country	4	2	3	1	96	28	124	
Sex with person with medically acquired HIV	0	1	0	0	2	11	13	
Sex with HIV infected person, exposure not specified	1	0	0	0	35	38	73	
Not further specified	13	5	16	2	319	93	412	
Haemophilia/coagulation disorder	0	0	0	0	124	3	127	1.2
Receipt of blood/tissue	0	0	1	0	85	67	152	1.5
Health care setting	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	0.0
Total Adults/Adolescents	113	16	100	8	9 667	545	10 212	99.4
Children (under 13 years at AID	S diagnosis))						
Mother with/at risk for HIV infection	0	2	0	0	17	21	38	0.4
Haemophilia/coagulation disorder	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0.0
Receipt of blood/tissue	0	0	0	0	11	3	14	0.1
Total children	0	2	0	0	33	24	57	0.6
Sub-total	113	18	100	8	9 700	569	10 269	100.0
Other/undetermined ¹	11	1	11	1	378	26	441	
Total	124	19	111	9	10 078	595	10 710	

The 'Other/undetermined' exposure category includes 37 AIDS cases in people whose sex was reported as transgender. The category was excluded from the calculation of the percentage of cases attributed to each exposure category.

Table 1.5 Deaths following AIDS by sex and exposure category, cumulative to 31 March 2011, and for two previous yearly intervals

	1 Apr 09 –	31 Mar 10	1 Apr 10 –	31 Mar 11		Cumulative	to 31 Mar 1	1
Exposure category	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total	%
Men who had sex with men	9		16		5 413		5 413	82.2
Men who had sex with men and injecting drug use	3		0		319		319	4.8
Injecting drug use	0	0	0	1	140	67	207	3.1
Heterosexual	0	0	0	0	87	53	140	
Not further specified	0	0	0	1	53	14	67	
Heterosexual contact	0	2	2	0	214	154	368	5.6
Sex with injecting drug user	0	0	0	0	5	14	19	
Sex with bisexual male		0		0		36	36	
From a high prevalence country	0	1	0	0	21	22	43	
Sex with person from a high prevalence country	0	0	1	0	28	12	40	
Sex with person with medically acquired HIV	0	0	0	0	2	7	9	
Sex with HIV infected person, exposure not specified	0	0	0	0	21	17	38	
Not further specified	0	1	1	0	137	46	183	
Haemophilia/ coagulation disorder	0	0	0	0	101	3	104	1.6
Receipt of blood/tissue	0	0	0	0	75	59	134	2.0
Health care setting	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0.0
Total Adults/Adolescents	12	2	18	1	6 263	285	6 548	99.4
Children (under 13 years at AID	S diagnosis)	ı						
Mother with/at risk for HIV infection	0	0	0	0	10	10	20	0.3
Haemophilia/ coagulation disorder	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0.1
Receipt of blood/tissue	0	0	0	0	11	3	14	0.2
Total children	0	0	0	0	26	13	39	0.6
Sub-total	12	2	18	1	6 289	298	6 587	100.0
Other/undetermined ¹	3	0	1	1	199	15	237	
Total	15	2	19	2	6 488	313	6 824	

¹ The 'Other/undetermined' exposure category includes 23 deaths following AIDS in people whose sex was reported as transgender. The category was excluded from the calculation of the percentage of cases attributed to each exposure category.

National HIV Registry

Table 2.1 Number of new diagnoses of HIV infection by sex¹ and State/Territory, cumulative to 31 March 2011, and for two previous yearly intervals

	1 Apr 09 –	31 Mar 10	1 Apr 10 –	31 Mar 11		Cumulative		
State/Territory	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total	Rate ²
ACT	9	2	11	2	295	39	334	93.1
NSW ³	339	44	309	26	14 915	1 047	16 224	224.3
NT	13	3	3	1	165	31	196	85.3
QLD	198	35	212	31	3 508	405	3 922	86.9
SA	44	9	33	4	1 111	131	1 243	75.6
TAS	14	3	7	2	142	23	165	32.5
VIC ⁴	254	27	261	33	6 329	509	6 884	124.1
WA	71	22	71	32	1 493	305	1 805	78.7
Total ⁵	942	145	907	131	27 958	2 490	30 773	137.8

¹ Seventy six people (35 NSW, 9 QLD, 1 SA, 24 VIC and 7 WA) whose sex was reported as transgender are included in the total columns of Tables 2.1 – 2.3

² Rate per one hundred thousand current population. Population estimates by sex, State/Territory and calendar interval from *Australian Demographic Statistics* (Australian Bureau of Statistics).

³ Cumulative total for NSW includes 227 people whose sex was not reported.

⁴ Cumulative total for VIC includes 22 people whose sex was not reported.

⁵ Cumulative total for Australia includes 249 people whose sex was not reported.

Table 2.2 Number of new diagnoses of HIV infection, by sex and exposure category, cumulative to 31 March 2011, and for two previous yearly intervals

	1 Apr 09 –	31 Mar 10	1 Apr 10 –	31 Mar 11		Cumulative	e to 31 Mar	11
Exposure category	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total ¹	%
Men who had sex with men	669		680		20 002		20 002	74.9
Men who had sex with men and injecting drug use	31		24		1 117		1 117	4.2
Injecting drug use	28	4	13	4	783	246	1 029	3.9
Heterosexual	17	3	9	2	350	181	531	
Not further specified	11	1	4	2	433	65	498	
Heterosexual contact	165	128	131	114	2 045	1 855	3 900	14.6
Sex with injecting drug user	1	0	0	5	43	141	184	
Sex with bisexual male		3		3		170	170	
From a high prevalence country	73	61	36	71	534	726	1 260	
Sex with person from a high prevalence country	31	13	44	10	456	182	638	
Sex with person with medically acquired HIV	0	2	0	0	6	25	31	
Sex with HIV infected person, exposure not specified	9	13	6	8	121	223	344	
Not further specified	51	36	45	17	885	388	1 273	
Haemophilia/ coagulation disorder	0	0	0	0	219	4	223	0.8
Receipt of blood/tissue	0	0	1	0	109	104	213	0.8
Health care setting ²	0	0	0	0	4	9	13	0.0
Total Adults/ Adolescents ¹	893	132	849	118	24 279	2 218	26 497	99.2
Children (under 13 years at HIV d	iagnosis)							
Mother with/at risk for HIV infection ³	4	7	3	5	61	59	120	0.4
Haemophilia/ coagulation disorder	0	0	0	0	65	0	65	0.2
Receipt of blood/tissue	0	1	1	0	14	10	24	0.1
Total children	4	8	4	5	140	69	209	0.8
Sub-total	897	140	853	123	24 419	2 287	26 706	100.0
Other/undetermined ⁴	45	5	54	8	3 539	203	4 067	
Total ¹	942	145	907	131	27 958	2 490	30 773	

¹ Total column includes people whose sex was not reported.

^{2 &#}x27;Health care setting' includes 5 cases of occupationally acquired HIV infection and 4 cases of HIV transmission in surgical

A total of 600 children were notified as having been born to women with HIV infection, cumulative to 31 March 2011.

The 'Other/undetermined' exposure category includes 4 040 adults/adolescents and 27 children. Seventy six people whose sex was reported as transgender were included in the 'Other/undetermined' category. The 'Other/undetermined' category was excluded from the calculation of the percentage of cases attributed to each exposure category.

Table 2.3 Number of new diagnoses of HIV infection by sex and age group, cumulative to 31 March 2011, and for two previous yearly intervals

	1 Apr 09 –	31 Mar 10	1 Apr 10 –	31 Mar 11		Cumulative	to 31 Mar 11	
Age group (years)	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total ¹	%
0-2	0	3	1	0	49	32	82	0.3
3 – 12	3	6	3	5	108	44	152	0.5
0 – 12	3	9	4	5	157	76	234	0.8
13 – 19	9	3	16	2	507	124	639	2.1
20 – 29	222	46	213	49	8 551	945	9 621	31.3
30 – 39	312	59	262	43	10 250	795	11 153	36.2
40 – 49	249	19	256	19	5 536	307	5 888	19.1
50 – 59	113	8	108	10	2 084	123	2 220	7.2
60+	34	1	48	3	736	88	828	2.7
Not reported	0	0	0	0	137	32	190	0.6
Total ¹	942	145	907	131	27 958	2 490	30 773	100.0

¹ See footnotes Table 2.1

Table 2.4 Number of new diagnoses of HIV infection in the year 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011 for which primary HIV infection was diagnosed or the date of a prior negative test was within one year of diagnosis of HIV infection, by sex and State/Territory and for two six month intervals of HIV diagnosis

	1 Apr 10 –	- 30 Sep 10	1 Oct 10 –	· 31 Mar 11	1 A	pr 10 – 31 Ma	ır 11
State/Territory	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total
ACT	2	0	2	0	4	0	4
NSW	68	2	70	0	138	2	140
NT	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
QLD	28	0	29	2	57	2	59
SA	3	1	1	0	4	1	5
TAS	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
VIC	55	2	44	3	99	5	104
WA	10	0	6	0	16	0	16
Total	167	5	153	5	320	10	330

Table 2.5 Number of new diagnoses of HIV infection in the year 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011 for which primary HIV infection was diagnosed or the date of a prior negative test was within one year of diagnosis of HIV infection, by sex and exposure category and for two six month intervals of HIV diagnosis

	1 Apr 10 –	30 Sep 10	1 Oct 10 -	31 Mar 11	1 Apr 10 – 31 Mar 11		
Exposure category	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total
Men who had sex with men	149		134		284		284
Men who had sex with men and injecting drug use	6		2		8		8
Injecting drug use (female and heterosexual male)	0	0	2	0	2	0	2
Heterosexual contact	6	5	13	5	19	10	29
Health care setting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other/undetermined	6	0	1	0	7	0	7
Total	167	5	152	5	320	10	330

Table 2.6 Number of new diagnoses of HIV infection in the year 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011 for which primary HIV infection was diagnosed or the date of a prior negative test was within one year of diagnosis of HIV infection, by sex and age group and for two six month intervals of HIV diagnosis

	1 Apr 10 –	1 Apr 10 - 30 Sep 10		1 Oct 10 - 31 Mar 11		1 Apr 10 – 31 Mar 11	
Age Group (years)	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total
13 – 19	4	0	6	0	10	0	10
20 – 29	59	0	42	2	101	2	103
30 – 39	42	1	41	1	83	2	85
40 – 49	39	3	52	0	91	3	94
50 – 59	20	1	9	2	29	3	32
60+	3	0	3	0	6	0	6
Total	167	5	153	5	320	10	330

Sentinel surveillance of HIV infection in sexual health clinics

Table 3.1 Number of people seen, number of people tested for HIV antibody and number of people newly diagnosed with HIV infection, by sex and sexual health clinic, during the quarter 1 January to 31 March 2011

	Seen at Clinic		Tested for HIV antibody		Newly diagnosed with HIV infection		
Sexual health clinic	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total
Sydney Sexual Health Centre	2 121	1 250	892	442	8	0	8
RPA Sexual Health Centre, NSW	607	242	275	134	0	0	0
Brisbane Sexual Health Clinic, QLD	1 004	610	308	126	0	0	0
Gold Coast Sexual Health Clinic, QLD	776	453	289	151	3	0	3
Clinic 275, Adelaide, SA	1 511	863	1 238	688	3	0	3
Melbourne Sexual Health Centre, VIC	2 937	2 172	1 804	731	9	2	11
Total	8 956	5 590	4 806	2 272	23	2	25

Table 3.2 Number of people seen who had a *previous negative HIV antibody test*, percent retested for HIV antibody and number (percent) newly diagnosed with HIV infection, by sex and exposure category, during the quarter 1 January to 31 March 2011

	neg	revious ative HIV body test	% retested for HIV antibody			Newly diagnosed with HIV infection		
Exposure category	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total	%
Men who have sex with men	2 875		76.0		16		16	0.7
Men who have sex with men and injecting drug use	113		63.7		3		3	4.2
Injecting drug use (female and heterosexual male)	96	56	63.5	48.2	0	0	0	0.0
Heterosexual contact	2 225	1 812	46.5	39.2	1	1	1	0.1
outside Australia	662	446	56.9	49.3	0	0	0	0.0
within Australia only	1 563	1 366	42.1	36.5	1	1	1	0.2
Sex worker		1 268		52.7		1	0	0.1
Sex worker and injecting drug use		55		57.9		0	0	0.0
Other/undetermined	33	75	33.3	52.3	0	0	1	1.7
Total	5 342	3 266	63.0	48.8	20	2	22	0.2

Table 3.3 Number of people seen with *no previous HIV antibody test*, percent tested for HIV antibody for the first time, and number (percent) newly diagnosed with HIV infection, by sex and exposure category, during the quarter 1 January to 31 March 2011

		vious HIV ody test	% tested for HIV Nev antibody		Newly diagnosed with HIV infection			
Exposure category	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total	%
Men who have sex with men	675		63.9		2		2	0.5
Men who have sex with men and injecting drug use	23		39.1		0		0	0.0
Injecting drug use (female and heterosexual male)	35	31	40.0	38.7	0	0	0	0.0
Heterosexual contact	1 887	1 721	51.2	34.2	1	0	1	0.1
outside Australia	569	460	59.8	32.8	0	0	0	0.0
within Australia only	1 318	1 261	47.5	34.7	1	0	1	0.1
Sex worker		155		28.4		0	0	0.0
Sex worker and injecting drug use		11		9.1		0	0	0.0
Other/undetermined	516	379	4.3	8.4	0	0	0	0.0
Total	3 136	2 297	46.0	29.5	3	0	3	0.1

Table 3.4 Number of people seen, number tested for HIV antibody and number newly diagnosed with HIV infection, by sex and age group, during the quarter 1 January to 31 March 2011

	Seen	Seen at Clinic		Tested for HIV antibody		Newly diagnosed with HIV infection		
Age group (years)	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total	
13 – 19	330	448	199	177	0	0	0	
20 – 29	4 081	3 030	2 232	1 128	7	1	8	
30 – 39	2 425	1 480	1 342	678	9	1	10	
40 – 49	1 259	477	618	230	7	0	7	
50 – 59	554	120	263	50	0	0	0	
60+	307	35	152	9	0	0	0	
Total	8 956	5 590	4 806	2 272	23	2	25	

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Notes

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The National HIV Registry is maintained by the Kirby Institute on behalf of the National Blood Borne Virus and Sexually Transmissible Infections Surveillance Committee. It is based on reports of new diagnoses of HIV infection from HIV Reference Laboratories (ACT, NSW, TAS, VIC), or from a combination of Reference Laboratory and diagnosing doctors (NT, QLD, SA, WA). In order to avoid counting the same case more than once, only diagnoses which are determined to be new by the diagnosing laboratory or doctor are reported for the purposes of national surveillance.

Sentinel surveillance is carried out by six sexual health clinics in five Australian cities, which send quarterly reports on HIV antibody testing to the Kirby Institute. Tabulations from the National AIDS Registry, the National HIV Registry and Sentinel HIV Surveillance in sexual health clinics are based on data available three months after the end of the reporting interval indicated, to allow for reporting delay and to incorporate newly available information.

Abbreviations: HIV is the human immunodeficiency virus, and unless otherwise specified, refers to HIV-1 only. AIDS is the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome and STI stands for sexually transmissible infection. High prevalence countries are those of sub-Saharan Africa, the Caribbean and specific countries in South East Asia (Cambodia, Myanmar and Thailand), where HIV prevalence is above 1% and transmission is believed to be predominantly heterosexual. The Australian States and Territories are: Australian Capital Territory (ACT), New South Wales (NSW), Northern Territory (NT), Queensland (QLD), South Australia (SA), Tasmania (TAS), Victoria (VIC) and Western Australia (WA).

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