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#### Diagnoses in the third quarter

#### 1 July - 30 September 2012

a total of 321 diagnoses of HIV infection, 19 diagnoses of AIDS and 6 deaths following AIDS were reported by 31 December 2012, to have occurred in the third quarter of 2012

in comparison, 277 diagnoses of HIV infection, 32 diagnoses of AIDS and 12 deaths following AIDS were reported by 31 December 2012, to have occurred in the third quarter of 2011

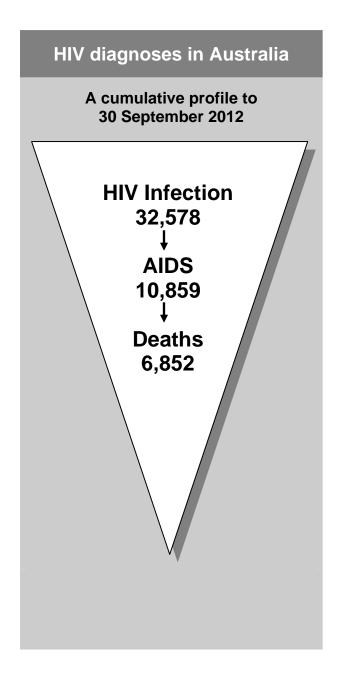
#### **New HIV infection**

During the third quarter of 2012, 92 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 92.4% (85) of cases.

## Diagnoses in the year to 30 September 2012

1 203 diagnoses of HIV infection

85 diagnoses of AIDS9 deaths following AIDS were reported by 31 December 2012



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#### **Announcements**

The **2013 Australasian HIV & AIDS Conference** will be held in Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia, on 21 – 23 October 2013. Further information may be obtained through the website <a href="https://www.hivaidsconference.com.au">www.hivaidsconference.com.au</a>

The **2013** Australasian Sexual Health Conference will be held back-to-back with the Australasian HIV & AIDS Conference (21-23 October 2013) in Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia, on 23 – 25 October 2013. Further information may be obtained through the website <a href="https://www.shconference.com.au">www.shconference.com.au</a>

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#### **HIV** diagnoses

People diagnosed with HIV infection in the year to 30 September 2012 had an average age of 37 years and 2.2% were in the age group 13 – 19 years

86.5% were male and 13.3% were female of 983 cases of HIV infection, newly diagnosed among adult/adolescent males in the year to 30 September 2012 for which an exposure to HIV was reported, 824 (83.8%) were attributed to men who had sex with men, with or without a history of injecting drug use.

## Total diagnoses to 30 September 2012

32 578 diagnoses of HIV infection10 859 diagnoses of AIDS6 852 deaths following AIDS were reported by 30 September 2012

## **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 30 September 2012, and for two previous yearly intervals

#### Cases

	1 Oct 10 - 3	0 Sep 11	1 Oct 11 - 3	0 Sep 12	С	umulative to	30 Sep 12	
State/Territory	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total <sup>†</sup>	%
ACT	0	0	0	0	95	10	105	1.0
NSW	46	6	20	5	5 690	293	6 002	55.3
NT	3	0	6	1	59	7	66	0.6
QLD	8	1	7	1	1 123	81	1 206	11.1
SA	1	1	0	0	428	33	462	4.3
TAS	1	0	4	0	60	4	64	0.6
VIC	50	5	25	5	2 267	139	2 419	22.3
WA	5	1	10	1	482	51	535	4.9
Total	114	14	72	13	10 204	618	10 859	100.0

#### Deaths

	1 Oct 10 - 3	0 Sep 11	1 Oct 11 - 3	0 Sep 12	С	umulative to	30 Sep 12	
State/Territory	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total <sup>†</sup>	%
ACT	0	0	0	0	73	7	80	1.2
NSW <sup>1</sup>	14	2	5	0	3 629	144	3 784	55.2
NT	0	0	1	0	34	1	35	0.5
QLD	3	0	0	0	687	44	733	10.7
SA	0	0	0	0	281	20	301	4.4
TAS	0	0	0	0	34	2	36	0.5
VIC	11	1	3	0	1 475	67	1 551	22.6
WA	0	0	0	0	301	30	332	4.8
Total	28	3	9	0	6 514	315	6 852	100.0

<sup>†</sup> 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 population<sup>1</sup> by sex and State/Territory of diagnosis for the two most recent yearly intervals

	1 Oct	10 - 30 Sep 11		1 Oct	11 - 30 Sep 12	
State/Territory	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
ACT	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
NSW	12.9	1.7	7.2	5.5	1.4	3.4
NT	24.7	0.0	13.0	48.7	9.0	29.8
QLD	3.6	0.4	2.0	3.1	0.4	1.8
SA	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
TAS	3.9	0.0	2.0	15.7	0.0	7.8
VIC	18.3	1.8	9.9	9.0	1.8	5.3
WA	4.2	0.9	2.6	8.2	0.8	4.5
Total	10.3	1.2	5.7	6.4	1.1	3.7

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 30 September 2012, and for two previous yearly intervals

#### Cases<sup>1</sup>

	1 Oct 10 - 3	0 Sep 11	1 Oct 11 - 3	0 Sep 12	C	umulative to	30 Sep 12	
Age group (years)	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total <sup>†</sup>	%
0-2	0	0	1	0	11	12	23	0.2
2 – 12	0	0	0	0	22	12	34	0.3
0 – 12	0	0	1	0	33	24	57	0.5
13 – 19	0	0	0	0	28	7	35	0.3
20 – 29	12	1	10	0	1 505	133	1 654	15.2
30 – 39	27	6	13	6	4 075	228	4 315	39.7
40 – 49	35	5	20	5	2 981	124	3 110	28.6
50 – 59	22	1	21	1	1 150	58	1 212	11.2
60+	18	1	7	1	432	44	476	4.4
Total <sup>1</sup>	114	14	72	13	10 204	618	10 859	100.0

#### Deaths<sup>2</sup>

	1 Oct 10 - 30	0 Sep 11	1 Oct 11 - 3	0 Sep 12	C	umulative to	30 Sep 12	
Age group (years)	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total <sup>†</sup>	%
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	700	50	761	11.1
30 – 39	2	0	1	0	2 496	111	2 616	38.2
40 – 49	7	1	1	0	2 102	64	2 168	31.6
50 – 59	9	2	3	0	848	37	886	12.9
60+	8	0	4	0	330	38	368	5.4
Total <sup>1</sup>	28	3	9	0	6 514	315	6 852	100.0

<sup>1</sup> Cases are classified by age at diagnosis.

<sup>2</sup> Deaths are classified by age at death.

Table 1.4 Cases of AIDS by sex and exposure category, cumulative to 30 September 2012, and for two previous yearly intervals

	1 Oct 10 - 3	30 Sep 11	1 Oct 11 - 3	30 Sep 12	C	umulative to	30 Sep 12	
Exposure category	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total	%
Men who had sex with men	71		39		8 178		8 178	78.6
Men who had sex with men and injecting drug use	6		1		525		525	5.0
Injecting drug use	3	1	2	1	255	109	364	3.5
Heterosexual	3	1	1	1	157	83	240	
Not further specified	0	0	1	0	98	26	124	
Heterosexual contact	27	12	22	12	614	385	999	9.6
Sex with injecting drug user	0	0	0	0	10	32	42	
Sex with bisexual male		0		1		54	54	
From a high prevalence country	7	5	3	8	123	120	243	
Sex with person from a high prevalence country	4	1	3	0	102	28	130	
Sex with person with medically acquired HIV	0	0	0	0	2	11	13	
Sex with HIV infected person, other exposure	1	1	1	2	37	41	78	
Not further specified	15	5	15	1	340	99	439	
Haemophilia/coagulation disorder	0	0	0	0	124	3	127	1.2
Receipt of blood/tissue	0	0	0	0	85	67	152	1.5
Health care setting	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	0.0
Total Adults/ Adolescents	107	13	64	13	9 782	567	10 349	99.4
Children (under 13 years at AID	S diagnosis)	)						
Mother with/at risk for HIV infection	0	0	1	0	18	21	39	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	0	1	0	34	24	58	0.6
Sub-total	107	13	65	13	9 816	591	10 407	100.0
Other/undetermined <sup>1</sup>	7	1	7	0	388	27	452	
Total	114	14	72	13	10 204	618	10 859	

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 30 September 2012, and for two previous yearly intervals

	1 Oct 10 - 3	30 Sep 11	1 Oct 11 - 3	80 Sep 12	C	umulative to	30 Sep 12	
Exposure category	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total	%
Men who had sex with men	18		4		5 426		5 426	82.1
Men who had sex with men and injecting drug use	2		1		322		322	4.9
Injecting drug use	2	0	0	0	142	67	209	3.2
Heterosexual	2	0	0	0	89	53	142	
Not further specified	0	0	0	0	53	14	67	
Heterosexual contact	4	2	1	0	217	156	373	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	0	0	0	21	22	43	
Sex with person from a high prevalence country	3	0	0	0	30	12	42	
Sex with person with medically acquired HIV	0	0	0	0	2	7	9	
Sex with HIV infected person, other exposure	0	1	0	0	21	18	39	
Not further specified	1	1	1	0	138	47	185	
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	26	2	6	0	6 284	287	6 571	99.4
Children (under 13 years at AID	S diagnosis)	1						
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	26	2	6	0	6 310	300	6 610	100.0
Other/undetermined <sup>1</sup>	2	1	3	0	204	15	242	
Total	28	3	9	0	6 514	315	6 852	

<sup>1</sup> 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 sex<sup>1</sup> and State/Territory, cumulative to 30 September 2012, and for two previous yearly intervals

	1 Oct 10 - 3	0 Sep 11	1 Oct 11 - 3	0 Sep 12	C	umulative to	30 Sep 12	
State/Territory	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total	Rate <sup>2</sup>
ACT	8	2	12	2	311	42	353	94.2
NSW <sup>3</sup>	339	27	386	43	15 496	1 112	16 871	231.4
NT	7	1	14	4	184	36	220	93.7
QLD	208	26	207	38	3 809	452	4 270	93.6
SA	45	15	29	10	1 175	155	1 331	80.4
TAS	12	3	12	1	163	26	189	36.9
VIC <sup>4</sup>	278	38	279	29	6 755	555	7 358	130.8
WA	63	31	101	33	1 622	357	1 986	81.7
Total⁵	960	143	1 040	160	29 515	2 735	32 578	143.6

<sup>1</sup> Seventy eight people (35 NSW, 9 QLD, 1 SA, 26 VIC and 7 WA) whose sex was reported as transgender are included in the total columns of Tables 2.1 – 2.3

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

<sup>3</sup> Cumulative total for NSW includes 228 people whose sex was not reported.

<sup>4</sup> Cumulative total for VIC includes 22 people whose sex was not reported.

<sup>5</sup> Cumulative total for Australia includes 250 people whose sex was not reported.

Table 2.2 Number of new diagnoses of HIV infection, by sex and exposure category, cumulative to 30 September 2012, and for two previous yearly intervals

	1 Oct 10 - 3	80 Sep 11	1 Oct 11 - 3	30 Sep 12	C	umulative to	to 30 Sep 12	
Exposure category	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total <sup>1</sup>	%
Men who had sex with men	730		794		21 196		21 196	74.5
Men who had sex with men and injecting drug use	26		30		1 166		1 169	4.1
Injecting drug use	12	5	22	6	813	259	1 072	3.8
Heterosexual	9	5	10	6	366	193	559	
Not further specified	3	0	12	0	447	66	513	
Heterosexual contact	142	127	132	142	2 251	2 072	4 323	15.2
Sex with injecting drug user	0	4	2	2	45	145	190	
Sex with bisexual male		5		5		178	178	
From a high prevalence country	38	65	35	79	587	839	1 426	
Sex with person from a high prevalence country	48	10	43	18	527	206	733	
Sex with person with medically acquired HIV	0	0	0	1	6	26	32	
Sex with HIV infected person, other exposure	10	18	7	15	133	252	385	
Not further specified	46	25	45	22	953	426	1 379	
Haemophilia/coagulation disorder	0	0	0	0	219	4	223	0.8
Receipt of blood/tissue	1	1	3	1	112	106	218	0.8
Health care setting <sup>2</sup>	0	0	0	0	4	9	13	0.0
Total Adults/Adolescents <sup>1</sup>	911	133	981	149	25 761	2 450	28 214	99.2
Children (under 13 years at HIV d	liagnosis)							
Mother with/at risk for HIV infection <sup>3</sup>	3	6	4	2	67	64	131	0.5
Haemophilia/ coagulation disorder	0	0	0	0	65	0	65	0.2
Receipt of blood/tissue	0	0	1	0	14	10	24	0.1
Total children	3	6	5	2	146	74	220	0.8
Sub-total	914	139	986	151	25 907	2 524	28 434	100.0
Other/undetermined <sup>4</sup>	46	4	54	9	3 608	211	4 144	
Total <sup>1</sup>	960	143	1 040	160	29 515	2 735	32 578	

<sup>1</sup> Total column includes people whose sex was not reported.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;Health care setting' includes 5 cases of occupationally acquired HIV infection and 4 cases of HIV transmission in surgical rooms.

A total of 688 children were notified as having been born to women with HIV infection, cumulative to 30 September 2012.

The 'Other/undetermined' exposure category includes 4 115 adults/adolescents and 29 children. Seventy eight 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 30 September 2012, and for two previous yearly intervals

	1 Oct 10 - 3	0 Sep 11	1 Oct 11 - 3	0 Sep 12	C	umulative to	30 Sep 12	
Age group (years)	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total <sup>1</sup>	%
0-2	0	1	1	0	50	33	84	0.3
3 – 12	3	5	2	1	112	48	160	0.5
0 – 12	3	6	3	1	162	81	244	0.7
13 – 19	14	4	16	10	529	137	674	2.1
20 – 29	241	40	295	43	8 983	1 009	10 117	31.1
30 – 39	301	56	310	62	10 738	890	11 738	36.0
40 – 49	233	26	229	31	5 868	357	6 270	19.2
50 – 59	120	8	129	10	2 281	137	2 432	7.5
60+	48	3	58	2	818	91	913	2.8
Not reported	0	0	0	1	136	33	190	0.6
Total <sup>1</sup>	960	143	1 040	160	29 515	2 735	32 578	100.0

<sup>1</sup> See footnotes Table 2.1

Table 2.4 Number of new diagnoses of HIV infection in the year 1 October 2011 to 30 September 2012 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 Oct 11 - 3	31 Mar 12	1 Apr 12 - 3	0 Sep 12	1 Oct	1 Oct 11 - 30 Sep 12		
State/Territory	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total	
ACT	3	0	3	0	6	0	6	
NSW	82	1	84	5	166	6	172	
NT	1	1	1	0	2	1	3	
QLD	27	3	25	0	52	3	55	
SA	0	0	3	0	3	0	3	
TAS	0	0	3	0	3	0	3	
VIC	51	2	38	1	89	3	92	
WA	19	4	12	1	31	5	36	
Total	183	11	169	7	352	18	370	

Table 2.5 Number of new diagnoses of HIV infection in the year 1 October 2011 to 30 September 2012 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 Oct 11 - 3	1 Mar 12	1 Apr 12 - 3	0 Sep 12	1 Oct	11 - 30 Sep 1	2
Exposure category	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total
Men who had sex with men	163		155		318		318
Men who had sex with men and injecting drug use	6		4		10		10
Injecting drug use (female and heterosexual male)	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
Heterosexual contact	9	9	8	7	17	16	33
Health care setting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other/undetermined	3	1	1	0	4	1	5
Total	183	11	169	7	352	18	370

Table 2.6 Number of new diagnoses of HIV infection in the year 1 October 2011 to 30 September 2012 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 Oct 11 - 3	1 Oct 11 - 31 Mar 12		1 Apr 12 - 30 Sep 12		1 Oct 11 - 30 Sep 12	
Age group (years)	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total
13 – 19	4	2	3	1	7	3	10
20 – 29	60	3	58	5	118	8	126
30 – 39	63	3	48	0	111	3	114
40 – 49	32	2	38	1	70	3	73
50 – 59	19	1	16	0	35	1	36
60+	5	0	6	0	11	0	11
Total	183	11	169	7	352	18	370

### 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 July to 30 September 2012

	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	2 471	1 161	785	331	7	0	7
RPA Sexual Health Centre, NSW	668	223	345	95	6	0	6
Brisbane Sexual Health Clinic, QLD	1 074	602	402	134	1	0	1
Gold Coast Sexual Health Clinic, QLD	943	610	300	172	3	0	3
Clinic 275, Adelaide, SA	1 463	648	1 220	511	8	0	8
Melbourne Sexual Health Centre, VIC	3 957	2 114	2 529	1 151	8	0	8
Total	10 576	5 358	5 581	2 394	33	0	33

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 July to 30 September 2012

	neg	revious ative HIV body test	% retested for Newly diagnose HIV antibody with HIV infectio					
Exposure category	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total	%
Men who have sex with men	3 659		73.0		18		18	0.7
Men who have sex with men and injecting drug use	149		73.2		5		5	4.6
Injecting drug use (female and heterosexual male)	98	69	62.2	55.1	0	0	0	0.0
Heterosexual contact	2 545	1 822	45.7	44.6	1	0	1	0.1
outside Australia	801	572	56.6	50.2	1	0	1	0.1
within Australia only	1 744	1 250	40.7	42.1	0	0	0	0.0
Sex worker		945		66.5		0	0	0.0
Sex worker and injecting drug use		41		65.9		0	0	0.0
Other/undetermined	38	66	44.7	63.6	0	0	0	0.0
Total	6 489	2 943	62.0	52.6	24	0	24	0.4

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 July to 30 September 2012

		vious HIV ody test	% tested for HIV Ne antibody			ly diagnosed with HIV infection		
Exposure category	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total	%
Men who have sex with men	797		57.6		8		8	1.7
Men who have sex with men and injecting drug use	34		35.3		1		1	8.3
Injecting drug use (female and heterosexual male)	40	21	72.5	33.3	0	0	0	0.0
Heterosexual contact	2 199	1 812	47.4	37.9	0	0	0	0.0
outside Australia	659	460	56.4	48.5	0	0	0	0.0
within Australia only	1 540	1 352	43.6	34.3	0	0	0	0.0
Sex worker		188		62.8		0	0	0.0
Sex worker and injecting drug use		11		63.6		0	0	0.0
Other/undetermined	548	351	3.1	7.7	0	0	0	0.0
Total	3 618	2 383	43.1	35.5	9	0	9	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 July to 30 September 2012

	Seen at Clinic		Tested for HIV antibody		Newly diagnosed with HIV infection		
Age group (years)	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total
13 – 19	401	495	207	162	0	0	0
20 – 29	4 834	2 948	2 628	1 232	16	0	16
30 – 39	2 820	1 273	1 502	662	13	0	13
40 – 49	1 486	462	720	254	4	0	4
50 – 59	687	149	336	75	0	0	0
60+	348	31	188	9	0	0	0
Total	10 576	5 358	5 581	2 394	33	0	33

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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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Sexually Transmitted Diseases in South Australia www.stdservices.on.net/publications

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