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Would gay men change their sexual behavior to reduce syphilis rates?

This Australian research aimed to gather information on the acceptability of behavior change interventions among gay men for reducing syphilis transmission. The findings suggest that reducing the number of partners and increasing condom use would be unlikely to be adopted, particularly on a long-term basis, by those men at greatest risk of syphilis.

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Assessing perceived risk and STI prevention behavior: A national population-based study with special reference to HPV – Swedish study

This study is a national population-based survey on human papillomavirus (HPV) and sexual habits of young adults aged 18–30 conducted in Sweden in 2007, with 1712 men and 8855 women participating. Researchers found that men's condom use was not associated with STI risk perception while women's was. Correlates to STI risk perception were found to differ considerably between sexes. The number of reported casual partners was the only factor associated for both men and women with condom use and STI risk perception.

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The association of depression, risky sexual behaviours and herpes simplex virus type 2 in adults in NHANES, 2005–2008

This research examined the associations between current depression and self-reported risky sexual behaviours in a nationally representative sample of US adults aged 20–59 years. The authors also examined the association between depression and infection with herpes simplex virus type 2 (HSV-2), a biological marker of risky sexual behaviours. The research found that risky sexual behaviour is related to current depression in adult women.

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Gollow Lecture 2011

Click here for the [Gollow Lecture 2011](#) presented by James Ward, Program Head of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Research Program at the Kirby Institute at the recent Australasian HIV and Sexual Health Conference in Canberra.