Rapid HIV testing is highly acceptable and preferred among high-risk gay and bisexual men after implementation in Sydney sexual health clinics

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Supplemental information file S1

Sydney Rapid HIV Test Study – Patient acceptability questionnaire

PART ONE

1. Do you think of yourself as

1 □ Gay/homosexual 2 □ Bisexual 3 □ Heterosexual
4 □ Other (please specify) __________________________________________

2. How old are you?

□ □ Years

3. Have you ever had an HIV test?

1 □ Yes 2 □ No 3 □ Don’t know/Unsure

4. When did you last test for HIV?

1 □ Less than a week ago 2 □ 1–4 weeks ago 3 □ 1–6 months ago 4 □ 7–12 months ago
5 □ 1–2 years ago 6 □ 2–4 years ago 7 □ More than 4 years ago 8 □ Never tested
5. If you have a **regular** male partner, do you know the result of his HIV antibody test?
   - Positive
   - I don't know/he hasn't had a test
   - Negative
   - No regular partner

6. Which of the following best describes your usual frequency of HIV testing?
   - Every 3 months (or more)
   - Twice a year
   - Once a year
   - Less than once a year
   - I have never been tested before

7. Do you have any concerns regarding the accuracy or reliability of rapid HIV testing?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Don't know/Unsure

8. Would the availability of rapid HIV testing affect the frequency with which you have an HIV test?
   - Yes, I would test more often
   - No, I would not test more often
   - Don't know/Unsure

9. Where would you most prefer to have a **rapid** HIV test performed (if it was available)?
   - Sexual health clinic
   - GP clinic
   - Community site e.g. ACON
   - Gay venue
   - Pharmacy
   - At home

10. Which of the following make it less likely for you to have a HIV test? (choose the most important reasons for you and leave those that do not apply to you blank)
   - I am scared of getting a HIV positive test result
   - I have been tested recently
   - I haven’t done anything to put me at risk of HIV
   - I don’t know where to go for a HIV test
   - It’s difficult to find the time to get tested
   - It’s difficult to get an appointment
   - It costs too much to get tested
   - I don’t like showing my Medicare card when I get tested
   - I don’t like having a discussion with the doctor/nurse/counsellor about getting tested
   - I don’t like having blood taken for the test
   - I don’t like needles/syringes
   - It’s stressful waiting for the test result
   - It’s annoying to have to return for the test result

11. Do you **currently** have sex with **casual** male partners?
   - Yes
   - No

12. Do you **currently** have sex with a **regular** male partner (or partners)?
   - Yes
   - No
13. How would you describe your sexual relationship with your current regular male partner?
   (choose one)

1. I have no current regular male partner
2. We are monogamous – neither of us has casual sex
3. Both my partner and I have casual sex with other men
4. I have casual sex with other men but my partner doesn’t
5. My partner has casual sex with other men but I do not
6. I have several regular male partners

14. How many different men have you had sex with in the last 6 months?

1. None 2. One 3. 2-5 men 4. 6-10 men 5. 11-20 men 6. 21-50 men 7. More than 50 men

15. In the last 6 months, how often did you use condoms for anal sex with casual male partners?

1. Never 2. Sometimes 3. Always
4. No anal sex with casual partners in the last 6 months
5. No casual partners in the last 6 months

16. In the last 6 months, how often did you use condoms for anal sex with your regular male partner(s)?

1. Never 2. Sometimes 3. Always
4. No anal sex with regular partners in the last 6 months
5. No regular partners in the last 6 months

PART TWO

17. Compared with the last time you had a HIV test, how long was your clinic visit today?

1. Today’s visit was shorter 2. It took about the same time 3. Today’s visit was longer
4. I haven’t been tested for HIV before

18. How much stress and anxiety did you experience today having a rapid HIV test compared with the last time you had a conventional HIV test (before this visit)?

1. Much less stress and anxiety than with conventional testing
2. Less stress and anxiety than with conventional testing
3. Similar stress and anxiety to conventional testing
4. More stress and anxiety than with conventional testing
5. Much more stress and anxiety than with conventional testing
6. I haven’t been tested for HIV before
19. Compared to having blood drawn from your arm today, how comfortable or uncomfortable was the **finger prick puncture** for the rapid HIV test?

1. The finger prick was much more uncomfortable
2. The finger prick was more uncomfortable
3. They were about the same
4. The finger prick was more comfortable
5. The finger prick was much more comfortable

20. I was satisfied with the **discussion** about rapid HIV testing **before** being tested

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Neutral
4. Disagree
5. Strongly disagree

21. I was satisfied with the **delivery** of my rapid HIV test **result**

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Neutral
4. Disagree
5. Strongly disagree

22. Overall, I was satisfied with the way the rapid HIV test was conducted by the staff at the clinic

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Neutral
4. Disagree
5. Strongly disagree

23. I would prefer to have a rapid HIV test rather than a conventional HIV test the **next time** (if available)

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Neutral
4. Disagree
5. Strongly disagree

24. I would **recommend** rapid HIV testing to someone else

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Neutral
4. Disagree
5. Strongly disagree

25. What is the most you would be prepared to **pay** for a rapid HIV test in a private clinic if it became available, but was not covered by Medicare? (choose one option only)

1. Nothing
2. $15
3. $20
4. $30
5. $50