



FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH HIV TESTING FROM AN ONLINE SURVEY OF GAY, BISEXUAL, AND OTHER MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN LIVING IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY, ONTARIO: THE HEALTH IN MIDDLESEX MEN MATTERS (HIMMM) PROJECT

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Background

- Men who have sex with men (MSM) remain the largest group affected by HIV/AIDS in Ontario
- Middlesex-London, Ontario
- Lack of “locally-relevant” information about factors associated with not testing



Background

- The Health in Middlesex Men Matters (HiMMM) Project
 - LGBT2SQ Health Forum – November 2006
 - Formation of the HiMMM Project



Methods

- Objective
 - An exploratory analysis, examining the associations between several socio-demographic, community-related, health-related variables and whether participants had not accessed HIV testing services within the past 6 months



Methods


- Online survey
 - Survey development & measures
 - Eligibility
 - Recruitment



Methods


- Conceptual Framework guided by the Gelberg-Andersen Model of Health Care Access for Vulnerable populations

Figure 1. Model exploring factors predicting GB-MSM access to HIV testing services




Methods


- Statistical analyses
 - Descriptive statistics
 - Predictive associations using modified Poisson regression
 - Crude associations
 - Three step modeling procedure
 - Backward elimination @ $p=0.30, 0.20, 0.15$




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Model: Predicting RPHCP Access (Crude Associations)		
	RR (95% CI)	p-value
Age (5-year increase)	1.09 (1.05, 1.13)	<0.0001
Born in Canada		0.035
Yes	1.00	
No	1.44 (1.03, 2.02)	
Education		0.037
High school not complete	1.09 (0.67, 1.80)	
High school graduate	0.25 (0.07, 0.92)	
Some postsecondary	0.66 (0.45, 0.99)	
Postsecondary graduate	1.00	
Marital & relationship status		0.008
Single	1.00	
Married/Common-law with a man	1.82 (1.30, 2.54)	
Married/Common-law with a woman	1.17 (0.50, 2.75)	
Unmarried, in a monogamous relationship	1.37 (0.88, 2.14)	
Unmarried, in a non-monogamous relationship	1.17 (0.59, 2.32)	



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Model: Predicting RPHCP Access (Crude Associations)		
Associations	RR (95% CI)	p-value
Internalized Homonegativity Every 1 standard deviation increase	1.17 (1.03, 1.33)	0.018
Social Connection to GLBT communities With increasing connection	0.88 (0.81, 0.95)	0.001
Childhood religiosity/spirituality vs. current		0.0001
Less	0.51 (0.35, 0.75)	
No change	1.00	
More	1.22 (0.92, 1.62)	
HIV Risk Level		<0.0001
No risk	1.00	
Negligible/low risk	0.55 (0.42, 0.71)	
High risk	0.55 (0.46, 0.66)	

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Model-building process: Predicting RPHCP Access						
Predictors	Model 1 PR (95% CI)	P- value	Model 2 PR (95% CI)	P- value	Model 1 PR (95% CI)	P- value
Age (5-year increase)	1.07 (1.03, 1.12)	0.001*				
Born in Canada		0.466				
Yes	1.00					
No	1.12 (0.82, 1.54)	0.098				
Education						
High school not complete	1.17 (0.70, 1.94)					
High school graduate						
Some postsecondary						
Postsecondary graduate						
Marital & relationship status	0.33 (0.09, 1.21)	0.027*				
Single						
Married/Common-law with a man	0.73 (0.51, 1.05)					
Married/Common-law with a woman	1.00					
Unmarried, in a monogamous relationship	1.00					
Unmarried, in a non-monogamous relationship	1.61 (1.18, 2.19)					
	1.11 (0.43, 2.90)					

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Age (5-year increase)	1.07 (1.03, 1.12)	0.001*	1.05 (1.01, 1.10)	0.029		
Born in Canada		0.466		0.042		
Yes	1.00		1.00			
No	1.12 (0.82, 1.54)	0.098	1.32 (1.01, 1.73)	0.062		
Education						
High school not complete	1.17 (0.70, 1.94)		1.32 (0.88, 1.97)			
High school graduate						
Some postsecondary						
Postsecondary graduate						
Marital & relationship status	0.33 (0.09, 1.21)	–	0.19 (0.03, 1.18)	0.114		
Social Support (from a significant other)	0.73 (0.51, 1.05)		0.79 (0.55, 1.14)			
Every 1 standard deviation increase	1.00		1.00			
Social Connection to GLBT communities	– (–, –)		1.16 (0.97, 1.39)			
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Discussion



Discussion

- Limitations of the current study



Conclusions

- Implications for promotion of HIV Testing
 - Working closely with gay men’s HIV prevention
 - Religious organizations
 - Ethnocultural and newcomer groups
 - HIV stigma and internalized homonegativity



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