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## Being naughty (critical):



- Australian-born vs. overseas-born Asian: COB (cultural)
- Recently arrived (e.g., within the first 3-4 years of stay) vs. long-term settlers (immigration patterns)
- Cultural or immigration impact?



## Key points

- Engaging with HIV/STI testing: the role of community-based peer testing sites
- Engaging with TasP and PrEP: a 'passport' to the biomedical citizenship
- Party drug use and group sex subcultures: segmentation and diversification



## Sydney Gay Asian Men Periodic Surveys

- Three rounds: 1999 (N=319), 2002 (N=457), 2015-6 (N=535); 2018 636 usual residence in Sydney
- 2018 community arm recruitment types (end of 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018)
  - Gay social venues and events, incl. unique Thai networks: 28%
  - SHC/a[Test]: 4%
  - SOPV: 32%
  - Online: 36%



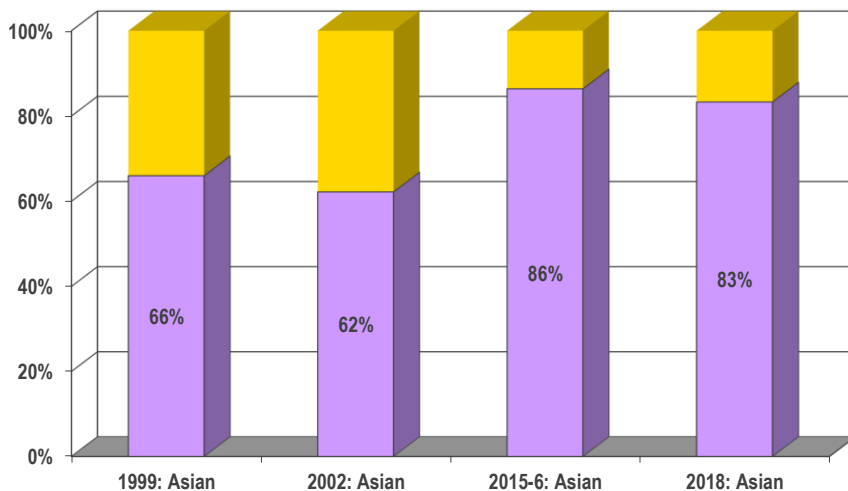
## Who is eligible?

### Priority populations

- NSW HIV notifications
- 83% being overseas born migrants gay men/MSM
  - Chinese (24%)
  - Thai (12%); Filipino (10%); Vietnamese (6%)
  - Other SE Asian men (26%)
  - 62% citizen/PR; 41% in Oz for <5 years
- Mean age: 31 years old



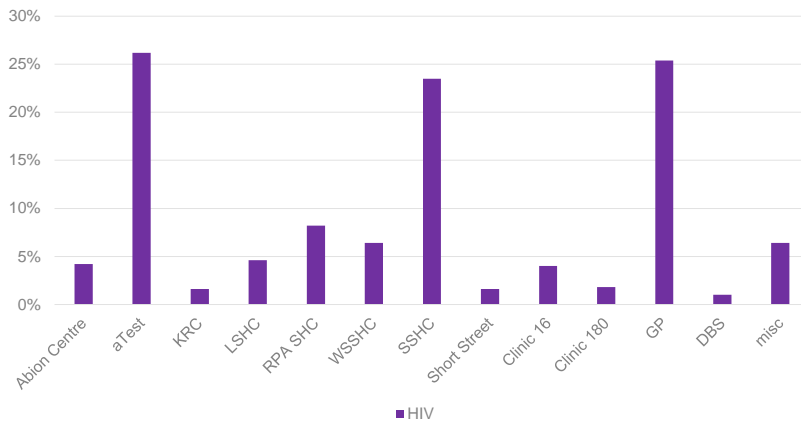
### non-HIV+ men who had ever tested: HIV testing within last 12 months: $p < 0.001$



cf 2018 SGCPs: 76.8%

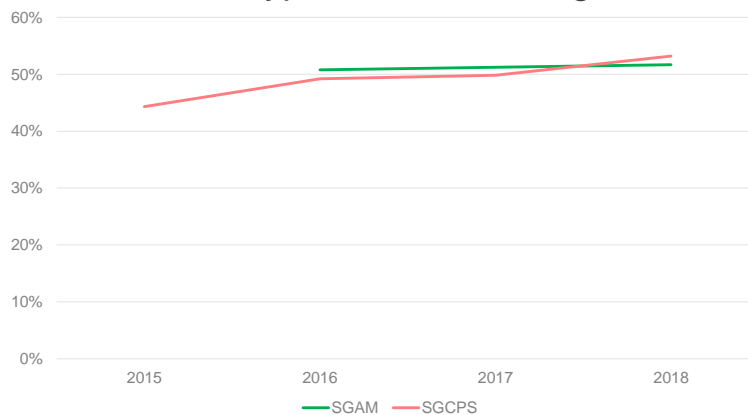


## Recent HIV testing sites (non-pos, tested previous 12 months, n=497)



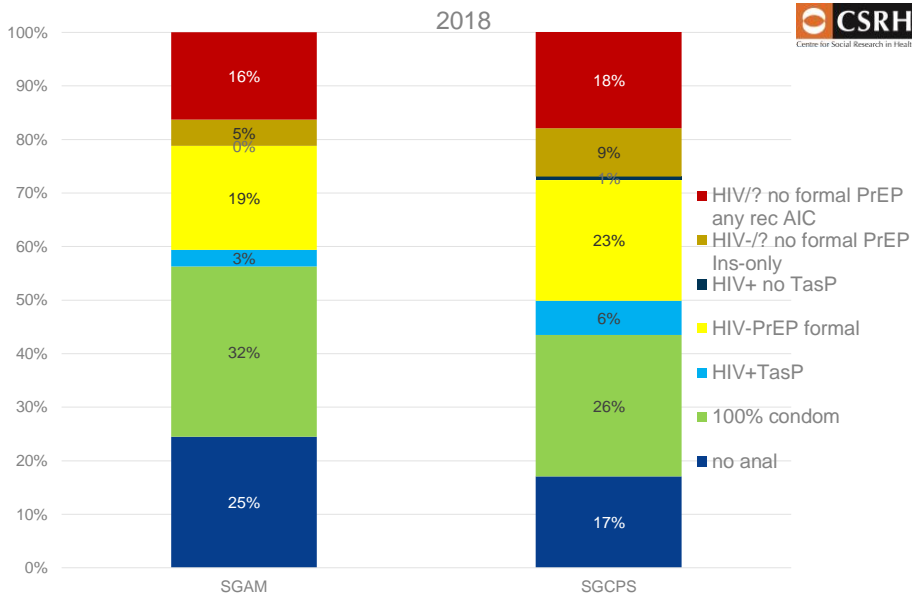
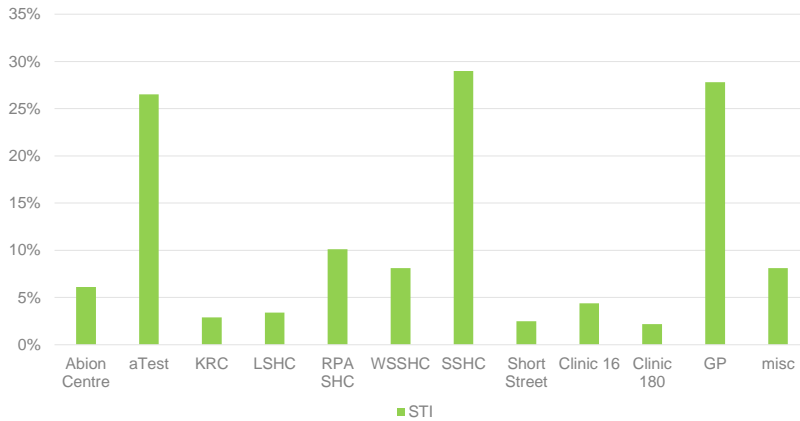
## Comprehensive STI testing

- Definition: at least one anal swab, throat swab, urine test and syphilis blood testing



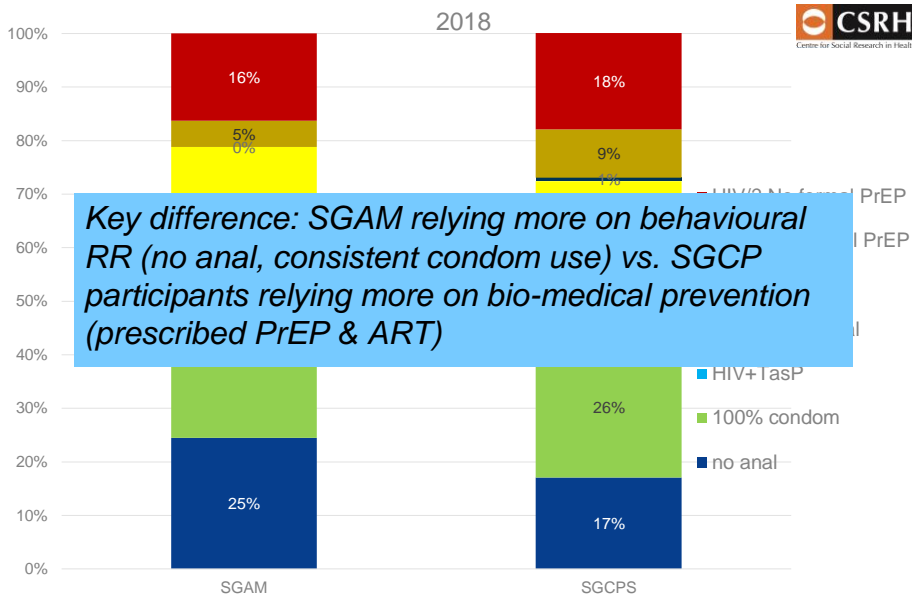


## Recent STI testing sites (tested previous 12 months, n= 407)



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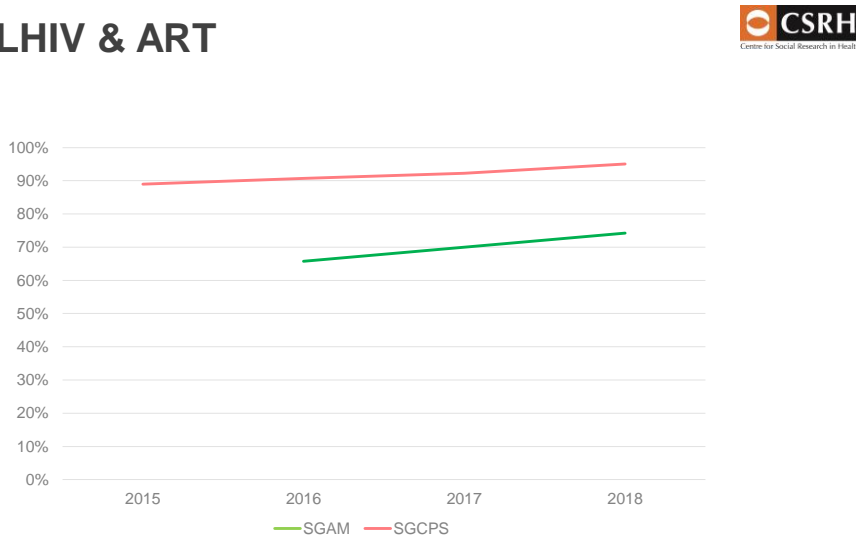




behavioural- and biomed- based risk reduction strategies among men with casual partners in the previous six months: SGAM (left column) vs. SGCP (right column)

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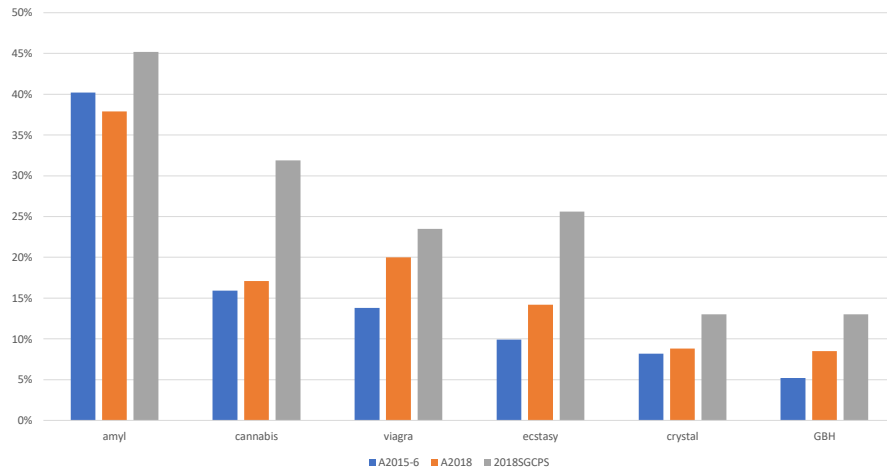
### PLHIV & ART



SGAM: 30-35 PLHIV  
SGPCS: 200-250 PLHIV

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## Recreational drug use



## Party drugs, sex and R&R?

	2015-2016 n (%)	2018 n (%)	Reference 2018 SGCPs n (%)
Used party drugs for sex	71 (13.3)	156 (24.5)	596 (20.8)
Engaged in group sex during or after drug use	41 ( 7.7)	78 (12.3)	401 (14.0)
<b>Total (not mutually exclusive)</b>	<b>535 (100)</b>	<b>636 (100)</b>	<b>2,860 (100)</b>



## Key points

- The role of Public-funded SHCs: get clinicians on board!
- Translation: gay-friendly languages
- Partnership: leadership provided by LHD HARP/HP units



## Public funded SHC collaboration

- RPA SHC
- SSHC
- Short St. SHC
- Clinic 16
- Liverpool SHC
- Parramatta/WSSHC
- a[Test] (Oxford, Surry Hills, Newtown)
- 2018 new: Albion Street C





## In ethnic languages: respect & empowerment



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Survei Pria Asia di Sydney yang berhubungan seks dengan sesama pria



悉尼亚裔男男同性行为的问卷调查



Khảo sát những nam giới người châu Á sinh sống tại Sydney có quan hệ tình dục đồng giới

**New in 2018!**



## Multi-agency & interdisciplinary partnership



- Sydney metro LHD HARP  
– SLHD, SESLHD, NSLHD, SWSLHD & WSLHD
- ACON
- MHAHS
- UNSW (CSRH, KI) & USyd

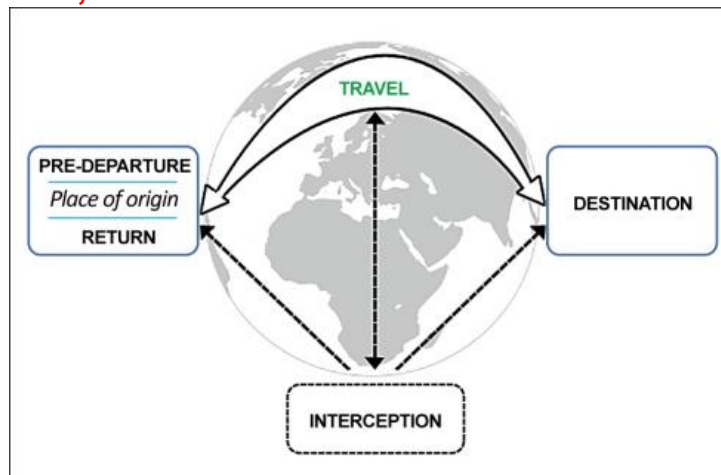


## Researchers' reflection

- The 'migratory' element: a global citizenship

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## Migration phases framework: circular, trans-cultural




(Zimmerman, Kiss, Hossain, 2011)

**Local & overseas connections!**

Phases of migration movement	Related issues
Pre-departure phase	Existing understandings of HIV, sexual health, and related services at their home countries?
Travel phase	Is Australia their final destination? How long have they stayed, and will they stay in Australia?
Destination phase	Factors affecting service uptake and HIV risks in Australia?  Information sources, networking patterns?
Return (temp or perm) phase	How care is maintained?

**Key structural facilitators & barriers to SH service access**


**Researchers' reflection**

- Generalisability/representativeness vs replicability
- The missing jigsaw pieces:
  - non-gay identified MSM
  - 'Asian-ness'
  - Online vs on-site recruitment: the opportunity to engage & the value of face-to-face engagement

## Researchers' reflection



- Building 'virtual' communities/networks: time, costs, yields



## Researchers' reflection



Rome is not built in a day!

Without further translation, adaptation and monitoring, a stand-alone research has the lowest yield for people in real life and us social behavioural researchers nowadays.

