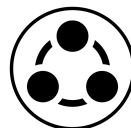




HIV and HCV Primary Prevention Indicators

Indicator 2: Sexual Health Capacity Scale scores before and after participation in education session	
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Sexual Health Capacity Scale measures knowledge and confidence in preventive sexual practices for HIV and STIs (Bavinton, et al., 2013). Higher scores would indicate greater perceived knowledge and confidence in maintaining sexual health.
Significance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HIV education programs have demonstrated to be effective in decreasing risk behaviour and increasing contraceptive use (Kirby et al., 2006).
Scale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scale: 1 (strongly disagree), 2, 3, 4 5 (strongly agree) Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have a good understanding of how HIV is transmitted. I have a good understanding of how HCV is transmitted (ADDED). I would be able to recognize the symptoms of a sexually transmissible infection (STI). I know where to get to get a full sexual health check-up. I know how to put a condom on properly. I know that I am at increased risk for HIV if I have multiple sexual partners (ADDED). I know that I am at increase risk for HIV if I have, or have recently had, a sexually transmitted infection (ADDED). I know that I am at increase risk for hepatitis C by sharing needles and other equipment used to inject drugs (ADDED). I feel confident that I can negotiate the use of condoms with sexual partners.
Measurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants should complete the scale both before and after participation in education session. Participation should be voluntary. Compare participants' mean scores on the items before and after participation.
Data source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education session participants





Possible disaggregation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Target population
Limitations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Survey questions focused on sexual health.

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