

Factors affecting HIV services utilization in a tertiary hospital in Manila (Amosup Seamen's Hospital Manila)

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Abstract

This study determined the significant psychological and structural factors affecting the utilization of HIV services among patient's ages 20-49 years old in Seamen's Hospital Manila. Factors were determined using a validated self-administered questionnaire. Statistical analyses were performed using STATA Statistical Software, Version 13, and College Station, TX: StataCorp LP. A p value ≤ 0.05 was considered statistically significant. Several factors were identified as significantly affecting their decision to seek for HIV care: Among the younger population (20-24 years old): "do not know where to go for an HIV test", "afraid of my privacy/anonymity" and "not sexually active". Among the older population (35-49 years old): "long queue in the health facility". Among the males, the following factors were noted: "have been tested in another facility" and "health facility opening hours".

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