

HIV MONITORING QUARTERLY REPORT

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Foreword

As part of the BC Centre for Excellence (BC-CFE) in HIV/AIDS's mandate to evaluate the outcomes of STOP HIV/AIDS programming in BC, we have developed quarterly HIV/AIDS monitoring reports. These reports provide up-to-date data on a variety of key HIV-related surveillance and treatment indicators. Selection of these indicators was achieved through a collaborative process with various Health Authority (HA) representatives. There are six reports in total, one for each HA and one for the province of BC as a whole. In addition, there is a technical report which explains how each HIV indicator is calculated. Data used in these reports come from the British Columbia Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC), MSP billings, hospitalization data from the Discharge Abstract Database, the Sunquest Laboratory database at the Provincial Public Health Microbiology and Reference Laboratory, Providence Health Care laboratory and the BC-CFE Drug Treatment Program (DTP) Database.

The objectives of these reports are to:

- 1. Provide timely HA-specific information on key HIV indicators which will guide and inform HIV leaders and innovators in the development of future HIV interventions and programs which will ultimately lead to decreasing the burden of HIV in BC. The indicators will reflect ongoing or past successful public health interventions and highlight areas in the HIV care spectrum which require further attention and support.
- 2. Highlight limitations in our current data due to incomplete or time lagged data and to develop future strategies to improve complete and timely data capture.

These reports are produced for the benefit of individual HA's. As such, we are enthusiastic about your involvement and cooperation regarding the development of these monitoring reports. Please forward your comments and queries to Irene Day, Director of Operations at the BC-CFE at iday@cfenet.ubc.ca.

* The HIV Monitoring Quarterly Report for the third quarter of 2015 had a data error on Indicator 5 (HIV Cascade of Care). The data have been updated and the error fixed to reflect the actual numbers (Indicator 5, page 22–27).

A recent update of the POC Numbers was used in this report, as a result, 2015 Q3 data may differ from previous version. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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Other Data Sources:

The above databases were supplemented with:

- (I) The BC Vital Statistics database which was used to calculate Indicator 5. The HIV Cascade of Care and Indicator 13. HIV-Related Mortality.
- (II) Linkage and preparation of the de-identified individual-level database used for calculating Indicator 5. The HIV Cascade of Care was facilitated by the British Columbia Ministry of Health.
- (III) The Statistics Canada database: BC and HIV-positive population counts were acquired through the statistics Canada website to calculate HIV-specific mortality rates for Indicator 13. HIV-Related Mortality.

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The Seek and Treat for Optimal Prevention (STOP) HIV/AIDS BC Provincial Program: A Note on Monitoring and Interpreting HIV Indicators

The Seek and Treat for Optimal Prevention (STOP) of HIV/AIDS programme is a provincial initiative to improve HIV diagnosis and care delivery in BC through increased HIV-specific funding to all HSDA's across BC. The STOP provincial programme is an expansion of a four-year STOP pilot project which was implemented in two Health Service Delivery Areas in March 2010; the Vancouver HSDA which bears the largest burden of the HIV epidemic in the province and the Northern Interior HSDA which bears a high burden of HIV-related mortality. The STOP pilot project demonstrated the urgent need for improved efforts in early diagnosis of HIV and timely initiation of antiretroviral therapy (ART) initiation.

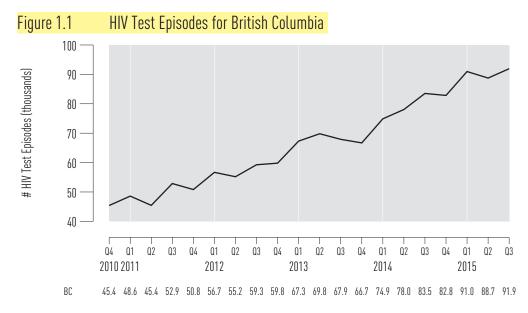
The expansion to a province-wide programme was announced on November 30th 2013 by the BC Ministry of Health with roll out of funding beginning on April 1st, 2013. This funding is intended to be used in the implementation and evaluation of HIV-related diagnosis and care initiatives within individual HA's. Goals of the project include: 1. A reduction in the number of new HIV infections in BC; 2. Improvements in the quality, effectiveness, and reach of HIV prevention services; 3. An increase in early diagnosis of HIV; 4. A reduction in AIDs cases and HIV-related mortality.

The goals of HA-led STOP-funded initiatives are to work toward achieving these goals. To these ends some outcome measures or indicators of progress have been drafted that should be considered in the design and implementation phases of these initiatives.

HIV Testing Episodes and Rates

In this section, the number of HIV test episodes and point of care (POC) HIV tests conducted each quarter in BC is shown. In general terms the goal is to increase the number of tests performed and to maximize testing efficiency. Test episodes are allocated by region according to where the test is performed.

Indicator 1. HIV Testing Episodes



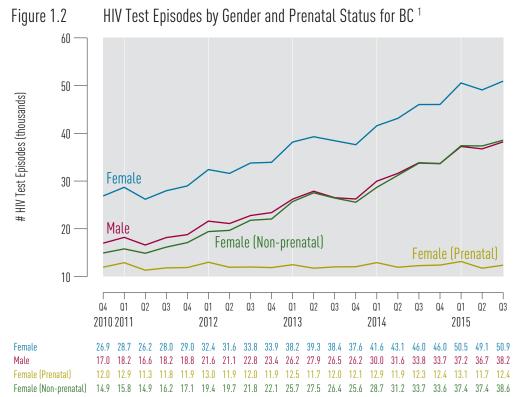


Figure 1.3 HIV Test Episodes by Age Category for BC 1,2 30 24 # HIV Test Episodes (thousands) < 30 18 30-39 12 ≥ 50 Q2 Q4 Q1 02 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 01 02 03 Q4 Q1 Q2 Q1 Q3 Q3 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 < 30 $17.5 \quad 17.5 \quad 16.5 \quad 18.1 \quad 18.2 \quad 18.9 \quad 18.2 \quad 20.0 \quad 19.7 \quad 20.4 \quad 21.1 \quad 21.6 \quad 21.3 \quad 21.9 \quad 22.0 \quad 23.8 \quad 23.8 \quad 24.2 \quad 24.1 \quad 26.1 \quad 21.2 \quad 22.2 \quad 23.8 \quad 24.2 \quad 24.2 \quad 24.1 \quad 26.1 \quad 24.2 \quad$ 15.9 13.9 14.8 14.8 17.3 16.3 16.8 16.6 19.2 19.2 18.9 18.4 21.4 20.6 21.5 20.9 23.8 22.8 23.8 40-49 7.5 7.7 9.7 10.1 9.4 9.1 10.5 10.9 11.3 11.2 12.6 12.2 12.5 8.2 ≥ 50 9.1 10.8 11.7 15.2 16.9 15.2 15.2 17.9 21.4 23.5 24.0 27.4 26.9 26.9 Figure 1.4 Point-of-Care HIV Tests for BC # Point-of-Care HIV Tests 6 (thousands) 3 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015

Data Source: The BC Public Health Microbiology and Reference Laboratory (BCPHMRL) courtesy of the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC). HIV screening tests conducted by the VIHA Laboratory are not included.

Limitations:

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i Repeat tests in individuals who test using various identifiers may not be identified and these individuals may be counted more than once.

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- ii In Fraser Health, POC testing data are available from March 2011 forward. In Interior Health, POC testing data are available for May 2011 forward. For all other health authorities, POC testing data are available from the fourth quarter of 2010 forward.
- 2 Testing does not include point of care tests.

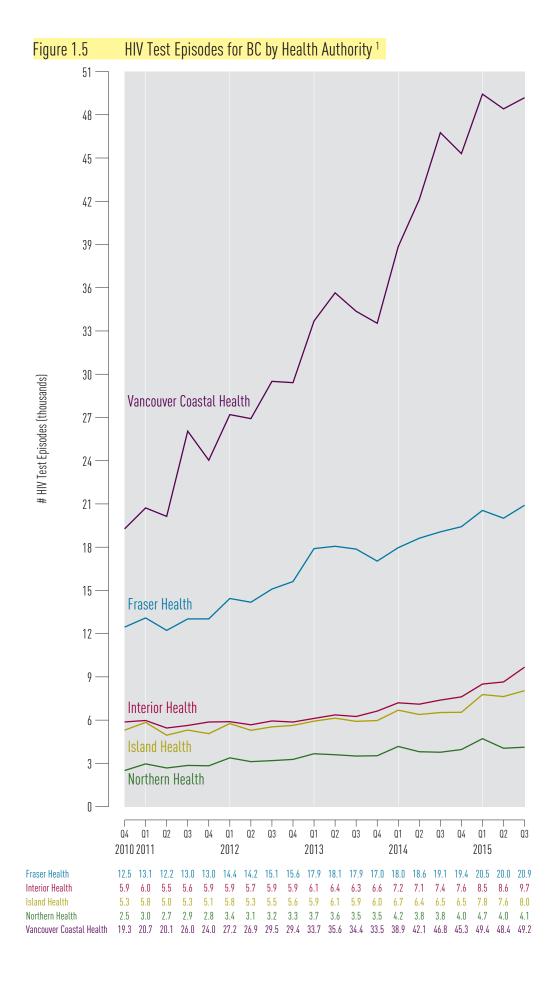
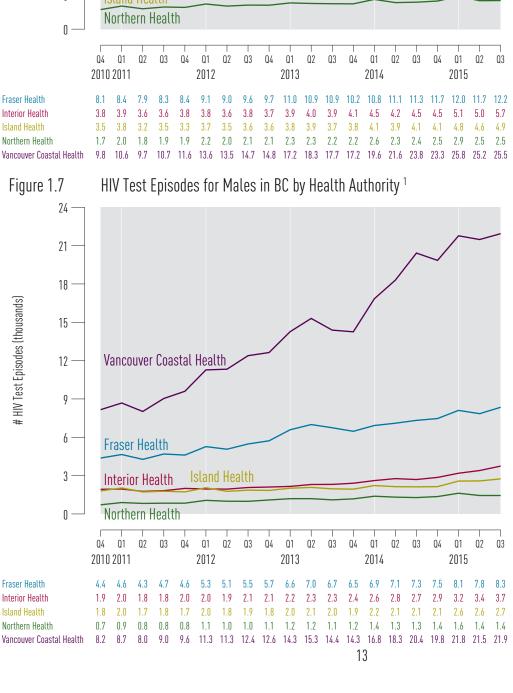


Figure 1.6 HIV Test Episodes for Non-prenatal Females in BC by Health Authority ¹ 27 24 21 # HIV Test Episodes (thousands) 18 -15 -Vancouver Coastal 12 -Health 9 Fraser Health 6 . Interior Health Island Health 3 -Northern Health Q4 Q3 Q3 Q2 Q1 Q2 Q1 Q2 Q2 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 Fraser Health 8.4 9.1 9.0 9.6 8.4 7.9 8.3 Interior Health 3.6 3.6 3.8 3.8 3.6 3.8 3.7 3.9 4.0 3.9 4.1 4.5 4.2 4.5 Island Health 3.2 3.5 3.3 3.7 3.5 3.6 3.6 3.8 3.9 3.7 3.8 4.1 3.9 4.1 4.1 4.8 4.6 Northern Health 2.0 1.8 1.9 1.9 2.2 2.0 2.1 2.1 2.3 2.3 2.2 2.2 2.6 2.3 2.4 2.5 2.5 2.9 Vancouver Coastal Health 9.8 Figure 1.7 HIV Test Episodes for Males in BC by Health Authority ¹ 24



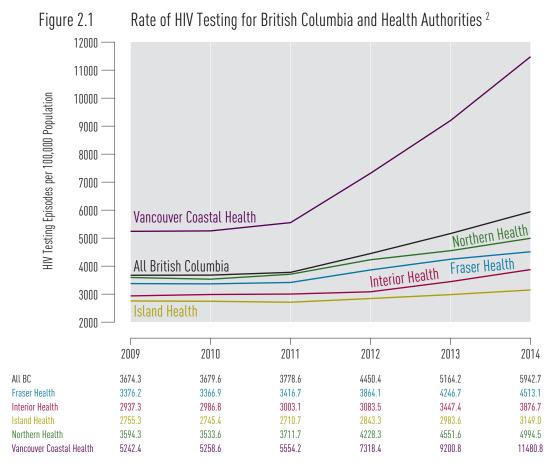


Figure 2.2 Rate of HIV Testing by Gender for British Columbia ²

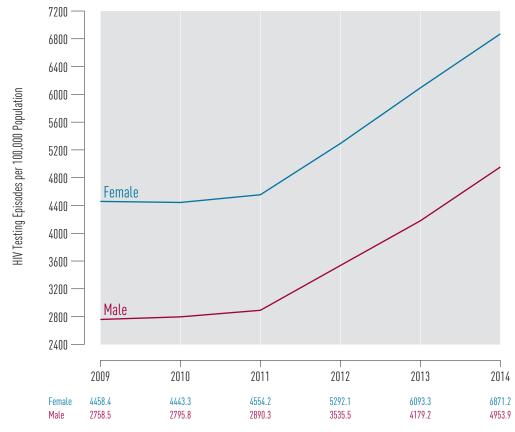


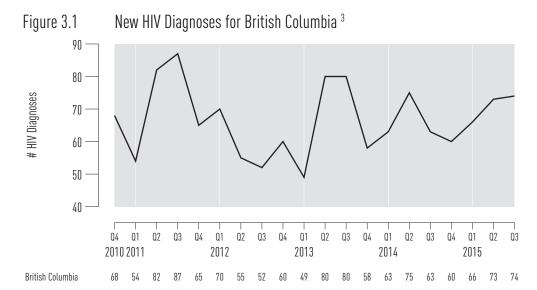
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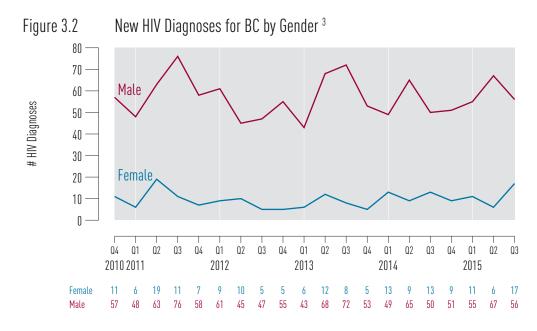
² Testing does not include point of care tests.

New HIV Diagnoses

Trends in HIV diagnoses by gender and exposure category are described. Interpreting HIV diagnoses must be done with consideration that trends are influenced by both changes in testing rate as well as changes in transmission rates. It is important to note that new HIV diagnoses cases and rates are not synonymous with HIV incidence as a person may have become infected with HIV long before they tested positive for HIV. However, as there is no reliable method for measuring HIV incidence we follow trends in HIV diagnoses.

Indicator 3. New HIV Diagnoses

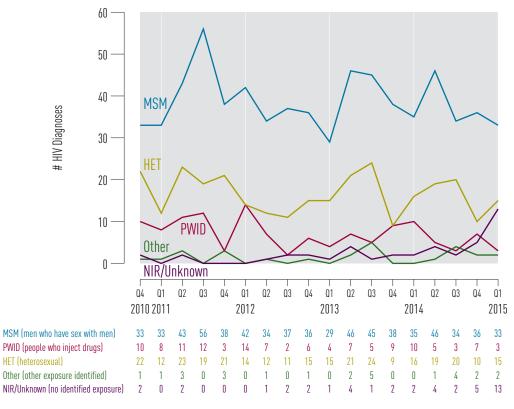




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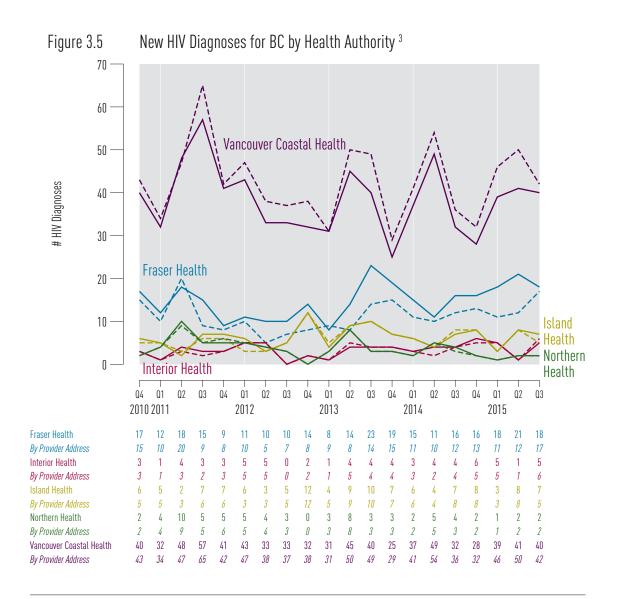
Figure 3.3 New HIV Diagnoses for BC by Age Category $^{\rm 3}$ 30 30-39 # HIV Diagnoses 20 10 0 -Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q4 02 Q3 Q4 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q2 Q3 Q1 Q1 Q1 2013 2014 2015 2010 2011 2012 < 30 23 30-39 30 16 25 19 40-49 22 22 19 19 19 14 21 14 13 11 23 11 20 ≥ 50 13 12 18 15 16 13 13 13 12 23 18 12 15 25 18

Figure 3.4 New HIV Diagnoses for BC by Exposure Category 3.4



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⁴ MSM=men who have sex with men; PWID=people who inject drugs; HET=heterosexual. NIR=No identified risk/exposure.



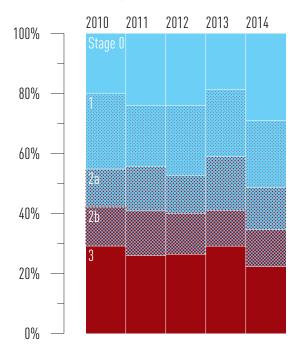
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Stage of HIV infection at diagnosis

Classification of stage of HIV infection, in the absence of information regarding recent testing history, is reliant on clinical information available at the time of diagnosis, including first CD4+ cell count, laboratory results suggestive of acute HIV infection, and clinical presentation with an AIDS-defining illness (Table 1). The benefits of Treatment as Prevention (TasP) are maximized when antiretroviral therapy (ART) is initiated at high CD4 cell counts. Accordingly, it is preferable that individuals newly diagnosed with HIV be in the early stages of HIV infection (stage 0 or 1) to allow for early ART initiation.

N.B. Interpretation of stage of HIV infection at diagnosis should proceed with caution. Early increases in diagnosis at late stage (i.e., low CD4 counts) may represent a "catching up" of previously missed long term infected individuals rather than a trend toward diagnosis at later stage of infection.

Figure 4.1 Stage of HIV Infection at Diagnosis for BC, 2010–2014 ⁵

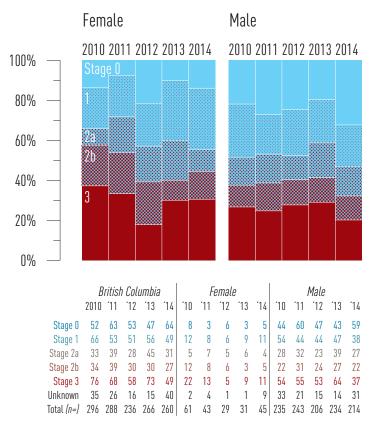


Indicator 4. Stage of HIV Infection at Diagnosis

Table 1 Staging Classifications of Infection at Time of HIV Diagnosis Based on CDC HIV Surveillance Case Definitions

Stage	Criteria													
0	previous	Laboratory criteria met for acute HIV infection, or previous negative or indeterminate HIV test within 180 days of first confirmed positive HIV test.												
1			CD4 ≥500		N AIDO									
2a			CD4 350-499	and	No AIDS case report									
2b	Stage 0		CD4 200-349		Торогс									
3	not met	and	(CD4 <200	or	AIDS case report									
Unknown			No available CD4	and	No AIDS case report									

Figure 4.2 Stage of HIV Infection at Diagnosis by Gender for BC, 2010–2014 ⁵



Data Source: BCCDC

Figure 4.3 Stage of HIV Infection at Diagnosis by Age Category for BC, 2010–2014 ⁵

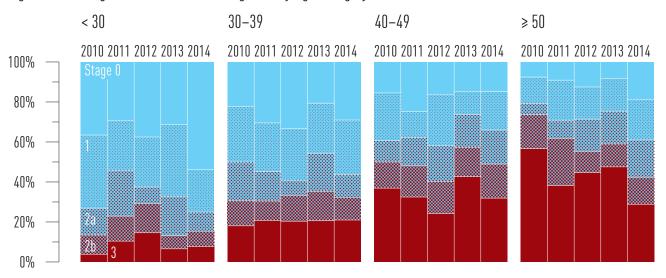
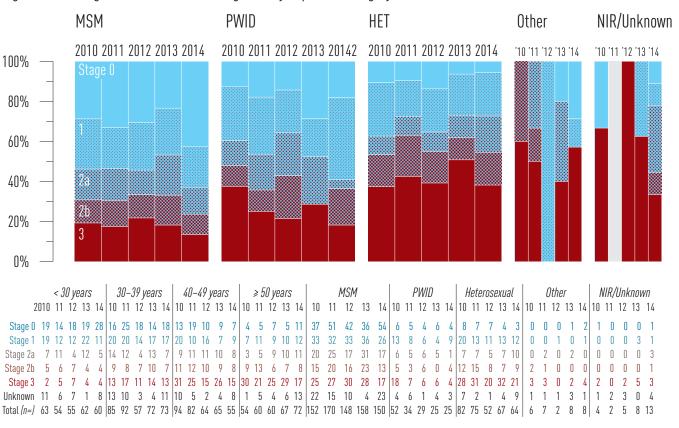


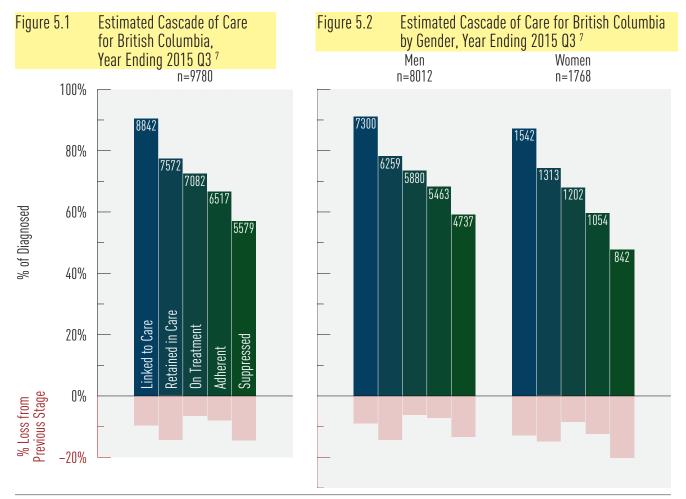
Figure 4.4 Stage of HIV Infection at Diagnosis by Exposure Category for BC, 2010–2014 5.6



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Indicator 5. HIV Cascade of Care

The success of seek, test, treat and retain (STTR) strategies like STOP is reliant on early diagnosis of HIV, linking newly diagnosed HIV-positive persons with ongoing care, retaining persons in HIV-care; initiating ART based on best evidenced practices and maintaining optimal ART adherence to ensure a suppressed viral load. These stages of HIV-care can be summarized as: 1. HIV diagnosis, 2. Linked to HIV care, 3. Retained in HIV care, 4. On ART, 5. Adherent to ART and 6. Achieving a suppressed VL; collectively, they are referred to as the cascade of care. Leakage between any of these stages of HIV-care means a reduction in the potential of ART as a benefit to the HIV-positive individual and as an HIV transmission prevention method on a population level. Thus, when interpreting trends in the cascade of care, we strive to see increases along each step of the cascade of care (i.e. reduced attrition) with the ultimate goal being 100% within each stage of the cascade. Monitoring the Cascade of Care provides a picture as to where deficiencies lie in the delivery and uptake of HIV-care. In this section we present the cascade of care for the period 2014 Q4–2015 Q3 in BC overall and stratified by sex and age for each Health Authority.

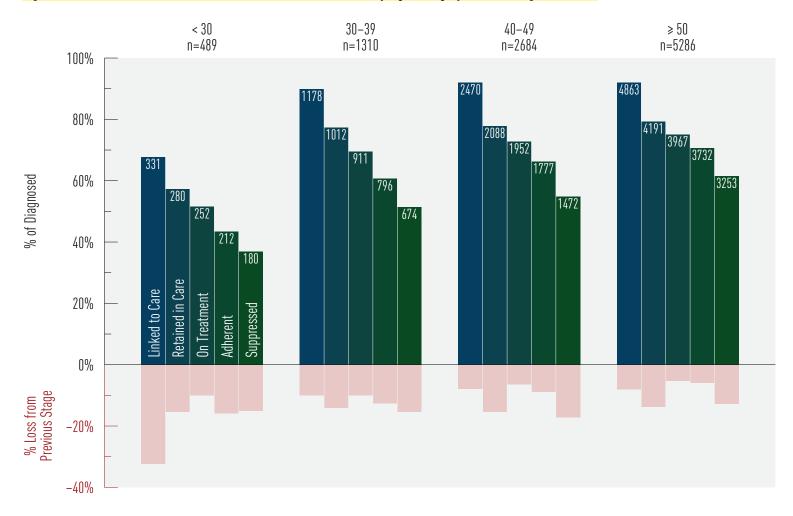


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 - i British Columbia Centre for Excellence Drug Treatment Program (DTP) Database (ARV use, VL and CD4 count).
 - ii Administrative data (ex. MSP billings; hospitalization data from the Discharge Abstract Database (DAD)).

Limitations: HA assignment is based on the most recent HA of residence of the patient, if not available of the HIV-care provider. If the most recent HA of residence is not updated then the designated HA may be incorrect.

NB: Transgender has been assigned to their biological sex.

Figure 5.3 Estimated Cascade of Care for British Columbia by Age Category, Year Ending 2015 Q3 8



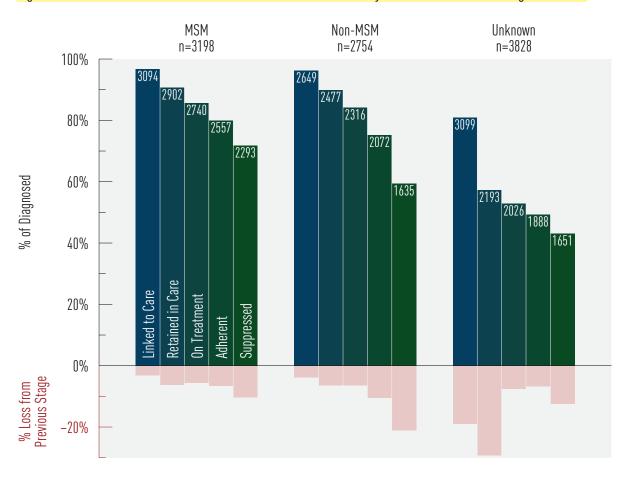
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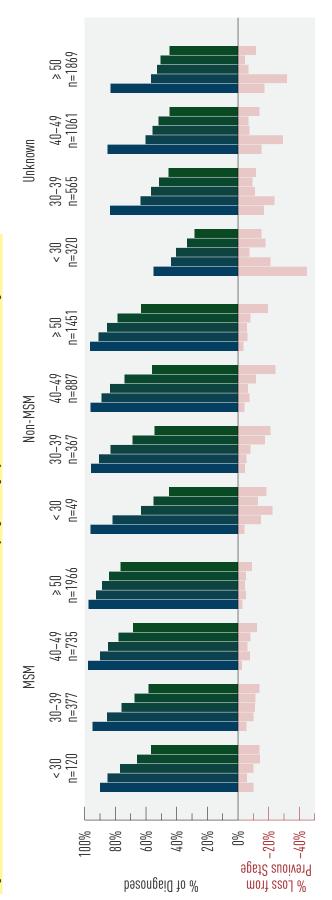
Recent updates to the DTP database have allowed for more comprehensive information on HIV risk group category. As a result, 2014 Q4 data may differ significantly from preceding reports in terms of total numbers ascribed to each risk group.

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Estimated Cascade of Care for British Columbia by Age Category and MSM Status, Year Ending 2015 Q3 $^{\circ}$ Figure 5.5

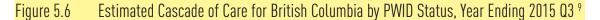


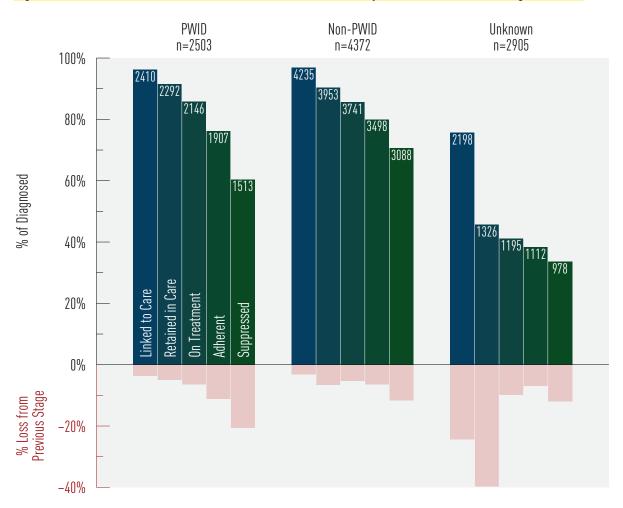
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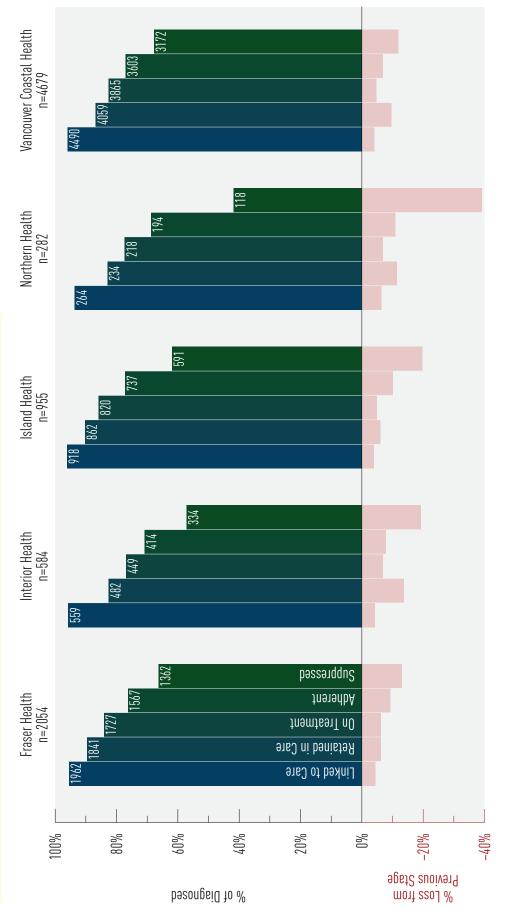
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Estimated Cascade of Care for British Columbia by Health Authority, Year Ending 2015 Q3 ? Figure 5.7



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Indicator 6. The Programmatic Compliance Score (PCS)

The Programmatic Compliance Score (PCS) is a summary measure of risk of future death, immunologic failure and virologic failure from all causes for people who are starting ART for the first time. It is composed of patient- and physician-driven effects. PCS scores range from o−6 with higher scores indicative of poorer health outcomes and greater risk of death. Table 1 provides mortality, immunologic failure and virologic failure probabilities for given PCS scores. We interpret an individual with a PCS≥4 as being 22 times more likely to die, almost 10 times more likely to have immunologic failure and nearly 4 times as likely to demonstrate virologic failure compared to those individuals with a PCS score of o. A detailed description of how the PCS score is calculated and its validation can be found in the technical report. In short, PCS scores are calculated by summing the results (yes=1, no=0) of six un-weighted non-performance indicators based on IAS−USA treatment guidelines:

- having <3 CD4 cell count tests in the first year after starting antiretroviral therapy (ART);
- 2. having <3 plasma viral load (VL) tests in the first year after starting ART;
- not having drug resistance testing done prior to starting ART;
- 4. starting on a non-recommended ART regimen;
- 5. starting therapy with CD4<200 cells/μL; and
- 6. not achieving viral suppression within 9 months since ART initiation.

In this section we provide PCs scores and their components over time for the province of BC. A decline to 0%, (i.e., all individuals having a score of o) is the eventual goal.

Table 2. The Probability of Mortality, Immunologic Failure and Virologic Failure based on the Programmatic Compliance Score

Programmatic Compliance Score	Mortality Risk Ratio (95% Confidence Interval)	Immunologic Failure Risk Ratio (95% CI)	Virologic Failure Risk Ratio (95% CI)
O (Best score)	1 (-)	1 (-)	1 (-)
1	3.81 (1.73-8.42)	1.39 (1.04–1.85)	1.32 (1.05–1.67)
2	7.97 (3.70–17.18)	2.17 (1.54-3.04)	1.86 (1.46–2.38)
3	11.51 (5.28–25.08)	2.93 (1.89-4.54)	2.98 (2.16-4.11)
4 or more (Worst score)	22.37 (10.46–47.84)	9.71 (5.72–16.47)	3.80 (2.52–5.73)

Reference: Lima VD, Le A, Nosyk B, Barrios R, Yip B, et al. (2012) Development and Validation of a Composite Programmatic Assessment Tool for HIV Therapy. PLoS ONE 7(11): e47859. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0047859

Figure 6.1 PCS Components for BC, 2013 Q4-2015 Q3 10

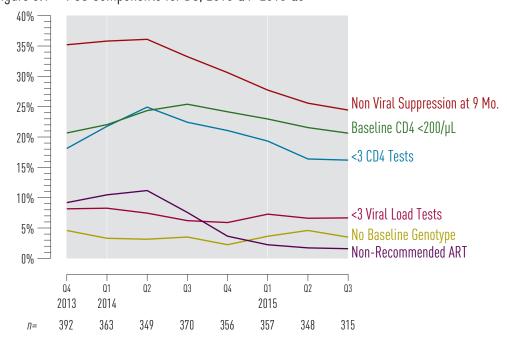
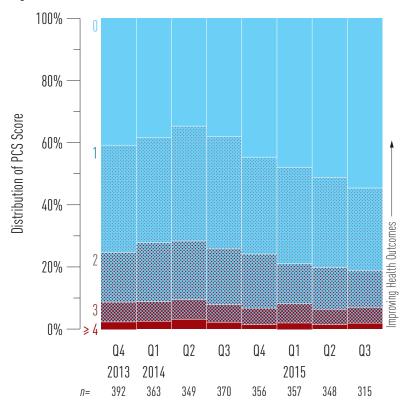


Figure 6.2 Historical Trends for PCS Score for BC, 2013 Q4-2015 Q3 10,11



Data Source: British Columbia Centre for Excellence Drug Treatment Program (DTP) Database. Limitations: CD4 cell count capture is approximately 80%.

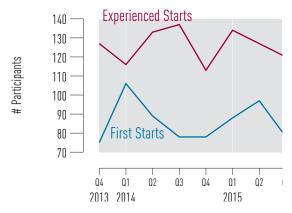
¹¹ Each quarter's data is calculated as the sum of the 4 quarters leading up to it. e.g. 2013 Q1 is calculated from 2012 Q2 – 2013 Q1. NB: A score of o is the best score and a score of 4 or more is the worst score.

Antiretroviral Uptake

In this section we present trends in ART uptake, the number and proportion of new HIV treatment initiations and the number of active and inactive DTP participants. Trends in ART uptake should be interpreted under the consideration of changing BC HIV treatment guidelines. BC HIV treatment guidelines are updated regularly by the BC-CFE Therapeutic Guidelines Committee and reflect those of the International AIDS Society. Most recent changes were made in 2012 and HIV treatment is now recommended for all HIV-positive adults regardless of CD4 cell count; as evidence demonstrates that early initiation of HIV treatment maximizes both the individual's health outcomes as well as the potential of ART as a form of HIV transmission prevention at a population level. As such, trends in the number and proportion of persons on ART and new ART starts (in both naïve and experienced persons) are expected to increase over time at higher CD4 cell counts.

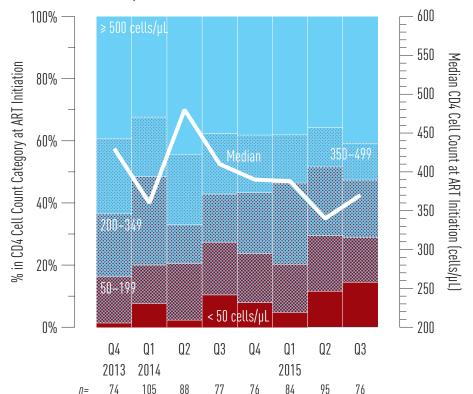
Indicator 7. New Antiretroviral Therapy Starts in BC

Figure 7 BC-CfE Drug Treatment Program Enrollment: New ART Participants in BC, 2013 Q4-2015 Q3 12



Indicator 8. CD4 Cell Count at ART Initiation

Figure 8 CD4 Cell Count at ART Initiation of ART-Naïve DTP Participants in BC, 2013 Q4–2015 Q3 ¹³



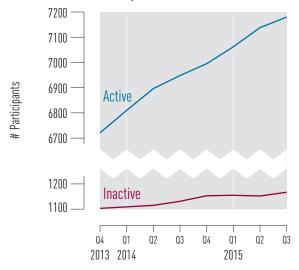
- Data Source: Drug Treatment Program Database Limitation: DTP participants are designated to an HA based on most current residence provided by the participant.
- 3 Data Source: Drug Treatment Program Database Limitations: CD4 cell count data is approximately 80% complete.

Indicator 9. Active and Inactive DTP Participants

Table 3. Distribution of People on ART for BC, 2015 Q3 14

		Fraser	Interior	Island	Northern	Vancouver Coastal	Total BC
Age	< 30	86	16	28	13	143	287
	30-39	265	55	89	50	520	979
	40-49	533	107	228	66	1095	2030
	≥ 50	867	277	486	90	2163	3884
Gender	Male	1343	360	672	138	3462	5978
	Female	408	95	159	81	459	1202
Exposure	MSM	548	135	221	29	1863	2799
	PWID	469	146	276	120	1117	2128
Total		1751	455	831	219	3921	7180

Figure 9 Active and Inactive DTP Participants for BC, 2013 Q4–2015 Q3 ¹⁵



14 Data Source: Drug Treatment Program Database Limitation: DTP participants are designated to an HA based on most current residence provided by the participant.

Recent updates to the DTP database provides for improved classification allowing some individuals previously classified as 'unknown' to be reclassified into specific risk groups. This update is in effect from 2014Q4 and may result in noticeable changes of numbers in each risk group category compared to previous reports.

Definitions:

'On antiretroviral therapy' defined as being on treatment in the current quarter

'Unknown/not stated' defined as being on treatment in the current quarter, and city of residence unknown

15 Active DTP participants: An individual who has had medication prescribed at least once in the preceding quarter.

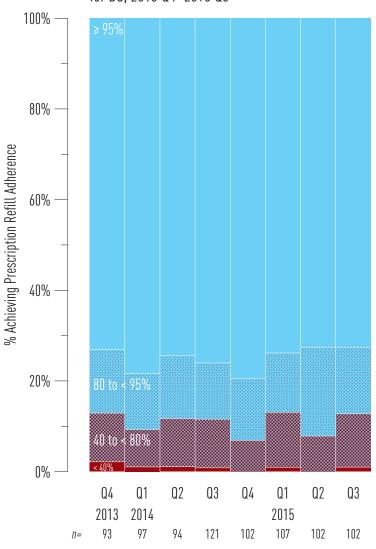
Inactive DTP participants: Persons no longer prescribed drugs through the HIV/AIDS Drug Treatment Program in the last quarter.

Antiretroviral Adherence Level

In this section we present trends in prescription refill adherence levels for individuals in their first year of treatment. Given that the benefits of ART are compromised in the presence of imperfect ART adherence, we expect to see the proportion of persons on ART achieving near perfect adherence (ie. $\geq 95\%$) to increase with time. Furthermore, it is important that trends in the proportion of ART users achieving prescription refill adherence of $\geq 95\%$ keep pace with new ART starts and increase among those continuing on ART.

Indicator 10. Antiretroviral Adherence

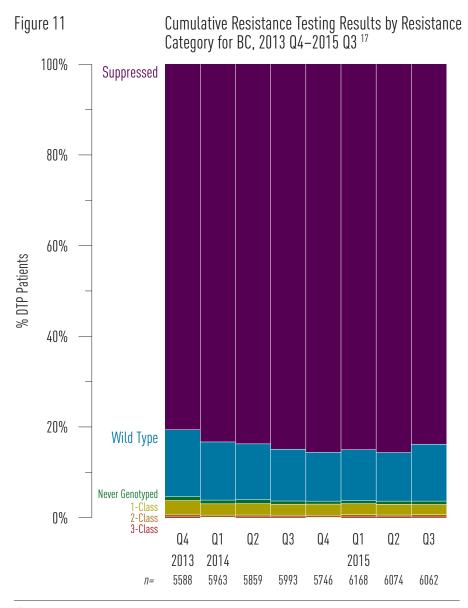
Figure 10 Distribution of Individuals by Adherence Level in 1st Year of Therapy, Based on Pharmacy Refill Compliance for BC, 2013 Q4-2015 Q3 ¹⁶



¹⁶ Data Source: Drug Treatment Program Database Limitation: Prescription refill adherence is used as a proxy for patient adherence.

Indicator 11. Resistance Testing and Results

In this section, we present trends in cumulative resistance testing by resistance category: Suppressed (where a DTP participant's viral load is too low to be genotyped); Wild Type (where no HIV treatment resistances were discovered), Never Genotyped, and Resistances to one, two or three HIV treatment classes. Resistance testing prior to ART initiation is recommended in the BC HIV treatment primary care guidelines. Thus, it is expected that trends over time should find all persons enrolled in the DTP to have been genotyped. Trends over time should also show an increase in the proportion of DTP participants achieving a suppressed status and an increase in resistance testing should not lead to an increase in the number of ART resistances occurring.



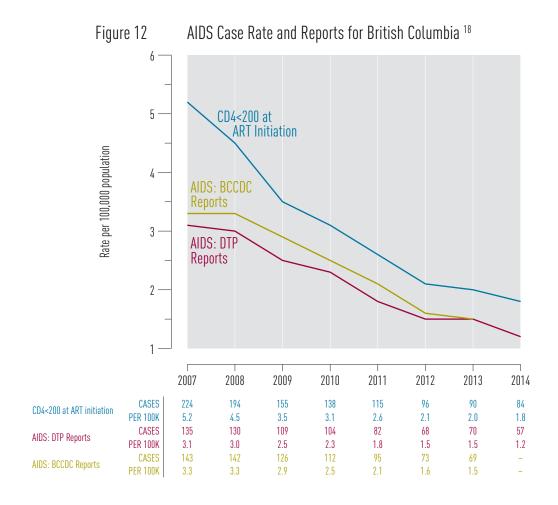
¹⁷ Data Source: Drug Treatment Program Database

Limitation: DTP participants are designated to an HA based

on most current residence provided by the participant.

Indicator 12. AIDS-Defining Illness

Improvements in ART and the expansion of ART province-wide has led to very low numbers of recorded AIDS cases across BC. However, interpreting trends in AIDS cases is challenging as AIDS reporting is passive in BC and it is likely that they are under reported across all Health Authorities. In addition to under reporting, methods of reporting AIDS cases are inconsistent across HA's and do not truly reflect the current reality of new AIDS diagnoses. Efforts will need to be made to improve under and inconsistent reporting of AIDS cases across all HA's. The table below shows AIDS cases using three definitions. First, AIDS cases were defined as the number of physician-reported AIDS defining illness (ADI) in a given year. AIDS case reporting is a passive process and physicians can voluntarily report AIDS cases to the BCCDC or DTP. As such, we have plotted both BCCDC reports and DTP reported AIDS cases. We also show the proportion of persons initiating ART with a CD4<200 cells/μL.

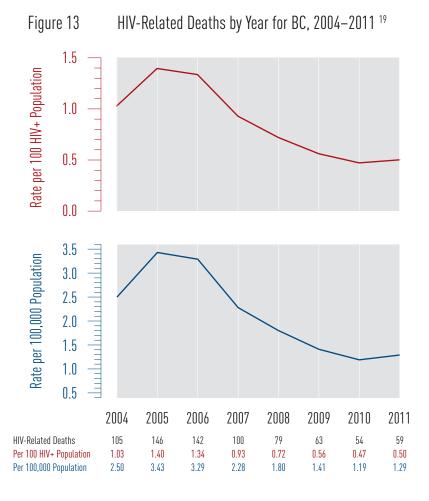


Data Source: DTP AIDS cases are obtained from the Drug Treatment Program Database; BCCDC AIDS cases are obtained from the BCCDC; CD4<200 at ART initiation data came from the DTP database.

Limitation: AIDs case reporting was investigated using 3 definitions: First, using AIDs cases reported in AIDs case report forms from the DTP; Second, using AIDs cases reported via the BCCDC and third, using a CD4 cell count of <200 cells/µL at time of ART initiation using DTP data. AIDs case reporting is passive in BC, thus; AIDs case reporting is not well captured. The DTP sends out AIDs reporting forms to physicians annually. The BCCDC uses DTP AIDs case reports as well as physician AIDs case reports made directly to the BCCDC. Interpreting AIDs case reports should be done with these limitations in mind. AIDs data is updated annually as very few AIDs cases reports are reported in general and trends would be difficult to notice if reported quarterly.

Indicator 13. HIV-Related Mortality

Evidence indicates that individuals who initiate treatment with recommended ART in a timely fashion may live near normal lifespans. Excess mortality among HIV positive persons is, therefore, an important measure of HIV care with a goal of minimizing HIV-related mortality in British Columbia.



Limitation:

¹⁹ Data Source: BC Vital Statistics

^{1.} DTP participants are designated to an HA based on most current residence provided by the participant.

^{2.} Mortality data is updated annually.

^{3.} The most recent available data was used.

Appendices

Indicator 1: Test Episodes (thousands)		2010 Q4	2011 O1	Q2	Q3	O4	2012 O1	Q2	O3	Q4	2013 Q1	Q2	Q3	O4	2014 Q1		Q3	Q4	2015 Q1	Q2	O3
British Columbia			48.6	_	_	_	_	_						_		_	_		_	88.7	
Gender	Female	26.9	28.7	26.2	28.0	29.0	32.4	31.6	33.8	33.9	38.2	39.3	38.4	37.6	41.6	43.1	46.0	46.0	50.5	49.1	50.9
	Male	17.0	18.2	16.6	18.2	18.8	21.6	21.1	22.8	23.4	26.2	27.9	26.5	26.2	30.0	31.6	33.8	33.7	37.2	36.7	38.2
	Other	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3
Female (P	renatal)	12.0	12.9	11.3	11.8	11.9	13.0	11.9	12.0	11.9	12.5	11.7	12.0	12.1	12.9	11.9	12.3	12.4	13.1	11.7	12.4
Female (N	lon-prenatal)	14.9	15.8	14.9	16.2	17.1	19.4	19.7	21.8	22.1	25.7	27.5	26.4	25.6	28.7	31.2	33.7	33.6	37.4	37.4	38.6
Age	< 30	17.5	17.5	16.5	18.1	18.2	18.9	18.2	20.0	19.7	20.4	21.1	21.6	21.3	21.9	22.0	23.8	23.8	24.2	24.1	26.1
	30-39	14.1	15.9	13.9	14.8	14.8	17.3	16.3	16.8	16.6	19.2	19.2	18.9	18.4	21.4	20.6	21.5	20.9	23.8	22.8	23.8
	40-49	6.2	6.8	6.3	6.5	6.6	7.8	7.5	7.7	8.2	9.7	10.1	9.4	9.1	10.5	10.9	11.3	11.2	12.6	12.2	12.5
	≥ 50	5.7	6.2	5.7	6.3	7.0	8.8	9.1	10.8	11.7	15.2	16.9	15.2	15.2	17.9	21.4	23.5	24.0	27.4	26.9	26.9
POC HIV	Tests	1.0	1.1	2.1	6.1	2.5	2.3	2.1	2.3	2.2	2.6	2.4	2.7	2.6	3.0	3.0	3.3	2.9	2.8	2.6	2.5
Fraser He	alth	12.5	13.1	12.2	13.0	13.0	14.4	14.2	15.1	15.6	17.9	18.1	17.9	17.0	18.0	18.6	19.1	19.4	20.5	20.0	20.9
Female ((Non-prenatal)	3.9	4.0	3.9	4.3	4.3	4.7	4.9	5.4	5.7	6.6	6.8	6.8	6.1	6.5	6.9	7.2	7.4	7.5	7.6	8.1
Male		4.4	4.6	4.3	4.7	4.6	5.3	5.1	5.5	5.7	6.6	7.0	6.7	6.5	6.9	7.1	7.3	7.5	8.1	7.8	8.3
Interior H	Iealth	5.9	6.0	5.5	5.6	5.9	5.9	5.7	5.9	5.9	6.1	6.4	6.3	6.6	7.2	7.1	7.4	7.6	8.5	8.6	9.7
Female ((Non-prenatal)	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.8	3.2	3.4	3.9
Male		1.9	2.0	1.8	1.8	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.8	2.7	2.9	3.2	3.4	3.7
Island Hea	alth	5.3	5.8	5.0	5.3	5.1	5.8	5.3	5.5	5.6	5.9	6.1	5.9	6.0	6.7	6.4	6.5	6.5	7.8	7.6	8.0
Female ((Non-prenatal)	1.8	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.9	3.0	3.2
Male		1.8	2.0	1.7	1.8	1.7	2.0	1.8	1.9	1.8	2.0	2.1	2.0	1.9	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.6	2.6	2.7
Northern	Health	2.5	3.0	2.7	2.9	2.8	3.4	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.5	4.2	3.8	3.8	4.0	4.7	4.0	4.1
Female ((Non-prenatal)	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.9	1.6	1.6
Male		0.7	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.6	1.4	1.4
Vancouver	r Coastal Health	19.3	20.7	20.1	26.0	24.0	27.2	26.9	29.5	29.4	33.7	35.6	34.4	33.5	38.9	42.1	46.8	45.3	49.4	48.4	49.2
Female ((Non-prenatal)	6.3	6.8	6.4	7.1	8.0	9.5	9.8	11.1	11.2	13.6	14.8	14.0	13.6	15.8	17.9	20.0	19.6	21.8	21.6	21.8
Male		8.2	8.7	8.0	9.0	9.6	11.3	11.3	12.4	12.6	14.3	15.3	14.4	14.3	16.8	18.3	20.4	19.8	21.8	21.5	21.9

Indicator 2: Rate of HIV Testing per 100,000

		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
British Columbia		3674.3	3679.6	3778.6	4450.4	5164.2	5942.7
Fraser Heal	lth	3376.2	3366.9	3416.7	3864.1	4246.7	4513.1
Interior He	alth	2937.3	2986.8	3003.1	3083.5	3447.4	3876.7
Island Heal	lth	2755.3	2745.4	2710.7	2843.3	2983.6	3149.0
Northern F	Health	3594.3	3533.6	3711.7	4228.3	4551.6	4994.5
Vancouver	Coastal Health	5242.4	5258.6	5554.2	7318.4	9200.8	11480.8
Gender	Female	4458.4	4443.3	4554.2	5292.1	6093.3	6871.2
	Male	2758.5	2795.8	2890.3	3535.5	4179.2	4953.9
Age	< 30	4042.8	4006.2	4038.9	4382.6	4783.5	5116.1
	30-39	8807.3	9005.9	9211.0	10183.2	11248.3	12227.1
	40-49	3356.3	3369.3	3506.4	4241.6	5321.2	6109.5
	≥ 50	1243.3	1284.7	1399.0	2181.8	3306.0	4418.6

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British Colum	bia		9780	8842	7572	,	7082	6517	5579
Age Category	< 30		489	331	280		252	212	180
	30-39		1310	1178	1012		911	796	674
	40-49		2684	2470	2088		1952	1777	1472
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and MSM		30-39	377	357	321		286	254	219
Status		40-49	735	717	661		622	573	503
		≥ 50	1966	1913	1818		1740	1651	1503
	Non-MSM	< 30	49	47	40		31	27	22
		30-39	367	351	332		305	252	199
		40-49	887	852	789		740	654	496
		≥ 50	1451	1400	1316		1240	1139	918
	Unknown	< 30	320	176	139		129	106	90
		30-39	565	471	359		320	290	256
		40-49	1061	901	637		590	550	473
		≥ 50	1869	1550	1057		987	942	832
Gender	Male		8012	7300	6259		5880	5463	4737
	Female		1768	1542	1313		1202	1054	842
Injection	PWID		2503	2410	2292		2146	1907	1513
Drug Use	Non-PWID		4372	4235	3953		3741	3498	3088
	Unknown		2905	2198	1326		1195	1112	978
MSM Status	MSM		3198	3094	2902		2740	2557	2293
1410141 Otatao	Non-MSM		2754	2649	2477		2316	2072	1635
	Unknown		3828	3099	2193		2026	1888	1651
Health	Fraser Health		2054	1962	1841		1727	1567	1362
Authority	Interior Health	h	584	559	482		449	414	334
·	Island Health		955	918	862		820	737	591
	Northern Hea	lth	282	264	234		218	194	118
	Vancouver Co		4679	4490	4059		3865	3603	3172
				1170	4037	•	3003	3003	31/2
Indicator 6: Pr	ogrammatic C	_							
		2013 Q4	2014 Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2015 Q1	Q2	Q3
< 3 CD4 Tests		18.1%	21.8%	24.9%	22.4%	21.1%	19.3%	16.4%	
	Tests	8.2%	8.3%	7.4%	6.2%	5.9%	7.3%	6.6%	
		4.6%	3.3%	3.2%	3.5%	2.2%	3.6%	4.6%	
	7.1	20.7%	22.0%	24.4%	25.4%	24.2%	23.0%	21.6%	
	•	9.2%	10.5%	11.2%	7.6%	3.7%	2.2%	1.7%	
	pression at 9 Mo		35.8%	36.1%	33.2%	30.6%	27.7%	25.6%	
PCS Score: 0	r - 4001011 at > 1410	160	139	121	141	159	171	178	
PCS Score: 1		135	123	129	133	111	111	101	
PCS Score: 2		63	69	66	67	62	46	47	
PCS Score: 3		25	23	22	21	19	22	17	
PCS Score: 4 o	r more	9	9	11	8	5	7	5	
Total (n=)	i illoic	392	363	349	370	356	357	348	
Indicator 7: No	ew DTP ARV P	articipants							
First Starts		75	106	89	78	78	88	97	78
Experienced S	tarts	127	116	133	137	113	134	127	120

Indicator 8: CD4 Cell Count at ART Initiation for ARV-Naïve DTP Participants													
	2013 Q4	2014 Q1	Q2	Q3	(Q4	2015 Q1	Q2	Q3				
CD4 ≥ 500	29	34	39	29		29	32	34	31				
CD4 350-499	18	20	20	15		14	13	12	9				
CD4 200-349	15	30	11	12		15	22	21	14				
CD4 50-199	11	13	16	13		12	13	17	11				
CD4 < 50	1	8	2	8		6	4	11	11				
CD4 Median (cells/µL)	430	360	480	410	3	90	388	340	370				
Total (n=)	74	105	88	77		76	84	95	76				
Indicator 9: Active and	l Inactive DTP Partici	ipants											
Active DTP Participan	ts 6721	6810	6896	6948	69	95	7062	7138	7180				
Inactive DTP Participa	nts 1103	1109	1115	1131	11	53	1155	1152	1167				
Indicator 10: Antiretro	viral Adherence												
≥ 95%	68	76	70	92		81	79	74	74				
80% to < 95%	13	12	13	15		14	14	20	15				
40% to < 80%	10	8	10	13		7	13	8	12				
< 40%	2	1	1	1		0	1	0	1				
Total (n=)	93	97	94	121	1	02	107	102	102				
Indicator 11: Resistance	ce Testing and Results												
Suppressed	4505	4968	4906	5090	49	19	5244	5203	5081				
Wild Type	824	765	721	684	6	19	692	651	761				
Never Genotyped	48	49	51	42		37	42	43	44				
1-Class	170	149	148	145	1	41	151	143	138				
2-Class	33	27	26	25		27	31	26	31				
3-Class	8	5	7	7		3	8	8	7				
Total (n=)	5588	5963	5859	5993	57	16	6168	6074	6062				
Indicator 12: AIDS-De	efining Illness	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014				
CD4 < 200 at	Cases	224	194	155	138	115	96	90	84				
ART initiation	Rate per 100,000	5.2	4.5	3.5	3.1	2.6	2.1	2.0	1.8				
AIDS Cases	Cases	135	130	109	104	82	68	70	57				
(DTP Reports)	Rate per 100,000	3.1	3.0	2.5	2.3	1.8	1.5	1.5	1.2				
AIDS Cases	Cases	143	142	126	112	95	73	69	_				
(BCCDC Reports)	Rate per 100,000	3.3	3.3	2.9	2.5	2.1	1.6	1.5	_				
Indicator 13: HIV-Rela	ated Mortality	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011				
British Columbia		105	146	142	100	79	63	54	59				
Per 100 HIV+ Populat	ion	1.03	1.40	1.34	0.93	0.72	0.56	0.47	0.50				
Per 100,000 Population	1	2.50	3.43	3.29	2.28	1.80	1.41	1.19	1.29				