

## National Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day — September 27, 2017

National Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is observed each year on September 27 to direct attention to the ongoing and disproportionate impact of human immunodeficiency virus infection (HIV) and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) on gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men (MSM) (<https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/risk/gender/msm>) in the United States. MSM represent approximately 2% of the U.S. population (1); however, in 2015, MSM accounted for 69.8% of all new diagnoses including 3.0% who were also persons who inject drugs (2).

In 2014, among all persons living with HIV infection, an estimated 615,400 were MSM (3). Of these MSM, an estimated 17% had undiagnosed HIV infection. Among 358,151 MSM living with diagnosed HIV in 38 jurisdictions with complete reporting of CD4 and viral load data at year-end 2014, 58% were retained in continuous care, and 61% were virally suppressed (<200 copies of HIV RNA/mL detected at the most recent viral load test) (3).

CDC supports a range of measures to reduce HIV infection among MSM (<https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/group/msm/index.html>). Information about National Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is available at <https://www.cdc.gov/features/ngmhaad>.

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## HIV Care Outcomes Among Men Who Have Sex With Men With Diagnosed HIV Infection — United States, 2015

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Gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men (collectively referred to as MSM) represent approximately 2% of the U.S. population (1), yet in 2015, MSM accounted for 70% of all diagnoses of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection, including 3% who also were persons who inject drugs (2). During 2008–2014, incidence of HIV infection decreased for groups in all transmission categories except MSM (3).

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