Concerns: HIV Not on Young Gays' Radar

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A new nationally representative survey of American gay and bisexual men paints the image of a population largely unconcerned about HIV, unaware that antiretrovirals (ARVs) can prevent infection, and dismissive of men living with the virus as potential love or sexual interests. The respondents did list HIV/AIDS as the primary health concern facing the community. However, looking just at men who didn't identify as HIV positive, 62 percent said they weren't concerned about contracting the virus. Just 30 percent said they'd been tested for HIV in the past year. And only 27 percent said they were comfortable with the idea of being in a long-term sexual relationship with an HIV-positive partner. Out of all the men, just 26 percent knew about Truvada as pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP). Only 25 percent knew that taking ARVs greatly reduces the chance that someone with HIV will pass on the virus.

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