Concerns: Trans Testing

A CDC report found that despite their high overall risk of HIV, transgender individuals get tested only as often as cisgender heterosexuals.

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Transgender individuals likely aren't getting tested for HIV frequently enough considering that they have the highest rate of annual positive test results among all gender groups, at 2.7 percent. A recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report analyzed 2014 and 2015 surveys about HIV testing habits conducted in 27 U.S. states plus Guam. The surveys collected responses from approximately 730 trans women, 450 trans men, 3,800 cisgender men who have sex with men (MSM) and 300,000 cisgender heterosexual men and women. After adjusting the data for various factors, the investigators found that among trans women, the respective proportions reporting ever having been tested for HIV and testing in the past year were 36 percent and 10 percent. The corresponding figures for trans men were 32 percent and 10 percent; for cisgender MSM, they were 62 percent and 22 percent; and for cisgender heterosexuals, they were 35 percent and 9 percent.

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