Prevention: Diagnoses Decline

Between 2014 and 2018, the annual HIV diagnosis rate mostly flatlined or declined less among Black and Latino gay men, depending on age.

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Between 2014 and 2018, the annual HIV diagnosis rate among men who have sex with men declined by an average of 2.3% per year, according to a study from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. However, Black, Latino and younger gay and bisexual men saw small or no decreases. In 2014, there were 19,789 new HIV diagnoses among gay and bi men; that figure declined to 18,034 in 2018. Diagnoses fell by 4.8% per year on average among white gay and bi men overall but did not change for white teens or those age 55 and older. Diagnoses fell by 1.3% per year among Black men and did not change among Latino men overall, but in both groups, men ages 25 to 34 saw about a 2.0% increase. Rates of linkage to care and viral suppression increased in all racial and ethnic groups. The proportion of newly diagnosed gay and bi men who were linked to care rose from 66% in 2014 to 74% in 2018. The proportion who started treatment and achieved an undetectable viral load within six months rose from about half in 2014 to two thirds in 2018.

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