

AUSTRALIAN HIV SURVEILLANCE UPDATE

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From 1 October to 31 December 1993:

- 215 people were newly diagnosed with HIV infection.
- 143 people were newly diagnosed with AIDS.
- 156 people died following AIDS.

To 31 December 1993 there have been:

- 17,737 diagnoses of HIV infection.
- 4,753 diagnoses of AIDS.
- 3,212 deaths following AIDS.

From 1 October to 31 December 1992:

- 256 people were newly diagnosed with HIV infection.
- 176 people were newly diagnosed with AIDS.
- 120 people died following AIDS.

To 31 December 1992 there were:

- 16,738 diagnoses of HIV infection.
- 4,106 diagnoses of AIDS.
- 2,663 deaths following AIDS.

HIV diagnoses

People diagnosed with HIV infection in the year to 31 December 1993 had an average age of 33 years, and less than 1% were aged under 13 years. 91% were male, 8% were female, and 3 people were reported as transsexual.

Of the people diagnosed with HIV infection in the year to 31 December 1993 whose exposure to HIV was recorded, 80% were men who reported homosexual contact, a further 5% reported injecting drug use, and 14% reported heterosexual contact.

New HIV infections

During the fourth quarter of 1993, 34 males and 3 females were reported as having newly acquired HIV infection, identified by a negative test within the 12 months prior to diagnosis or the diagnosis of HIV seroconversion illness. Exposure to HIV for two cases of newly acquired HIV infection in females and no cases in males was attributed to injecting drug use.

HIV Testing in Sexual Health Clinics

Five sexual health clinics in Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, and Sydney tested 5771 people in the period 1 October to 31 December 1993 who were not previously known to have HIV infection.

- 3191 were tested for the first time, and 10 (0.3%) were found to be HIV antibody positive.
- 2580 were retested following a previous negative test, and 5 (0.2%) were found to be HIV antibody positive.
- Of 246 men and 110 women reporting heterosexual contact and injecting drug use, none were found to have HIV infection.