

CHIWOS STEERING COMMITTEE

Bienvenue ! Welcome !

October 24th, 2016

BC: 10:30-12:00 PDT

SK: 11:30-13:00 CST

MB: 12:30- 14:00 CDT

ON & QC: 13:30-15:00 EDT

Teleconference

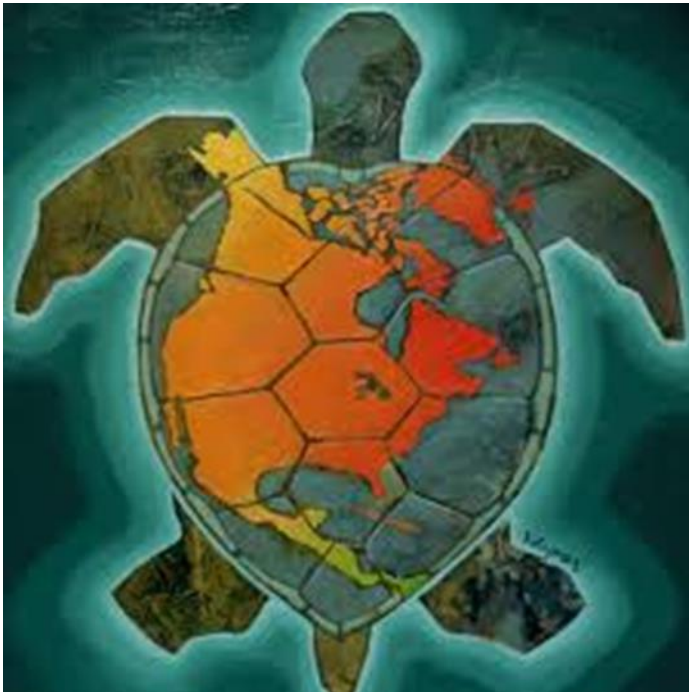


Étude sur la santé sexuelle et reproductive
des femmes vivant avec le VIH au Canada

Canadian HIV Women's Sexual and
Reproductive Health Cohort Study

Acknowledgments

CHIWOS would like to acknowledge all of the traditional territories on which we have gathered.



CHIWOS - en français et anglais

- CHIWOS is officially a bilingual study.
- During national meetings, English will be spoken.
- However, if a Francophone Team member has a question or doesn't understand something, they are encouraged to stop the meeting and to ask in French.
- The answer will be given in French and English.
- All final central documents will be translated into French; working drafts will remain in English until finalized.

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We would like to thank everyone involved for their invaluable contributions to the study. Thank you to...

All the women living with HIV involved in this study;

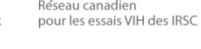
The PIs, Coordinators, Peer Research Associates, and all the co-investigators and collaborators;

The Steering Committee, Community Advisory Board members, and CAAB-PAW members;

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We honour and remember the 26 CHIWOS participants from across Canada who have passed away and are no longer with us.



*In memory of Marisol
Desbiens
CHIWOS PRA and valued
colleague*



Welcome and introducing new provinces

Meet the Principal Investigators !



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Welcome and introducing new provinces

Meet the Coordinators!



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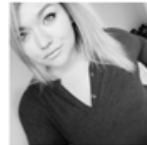
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Agenda

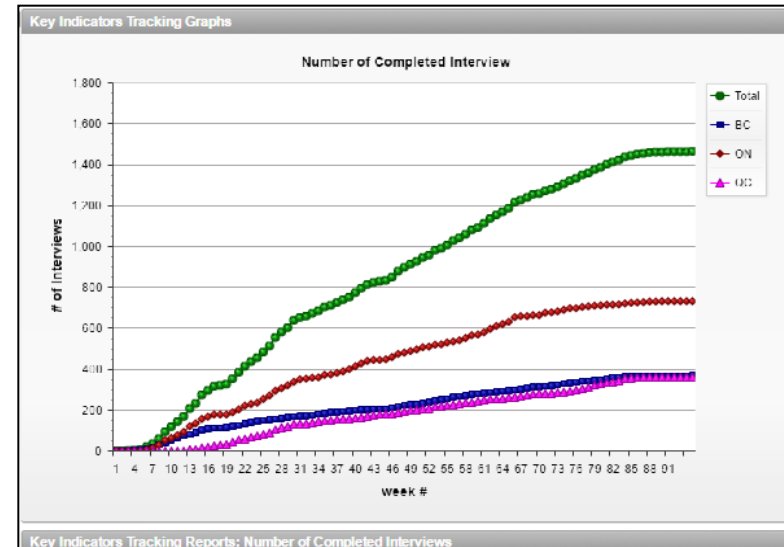
1. Wave 1 updates & Wave 2 ongoing
(Facilitated by Mona Loutfy)
2. CHIWOS in MB and SK: Updates
(Facilitated by Adina Lasker and Paulette Poitras)
2. Knowledge Translation and Exchange
(Facilitated by Mona Loutfy)
3. PRA perspectives on doing peer-to-peer research
(Facilitated by Tracey Conway)
4. Wave 3: survey changes and follow-up begins in January 2017
(Facilitated by Angela Kaida)
5. Grants
(Facilitated by Mona Loutfy)
6. Other items and questions
(Facilitated by Mona Loutfy)



1. Brief overview of CHIWOS and ongoing Wave two

- A Canadian longitudinal community-based research study
- Enrolled **1,425** women living with HIV from BC (356), ON (713) & QC (356) at baseline
- Peer-administered survey
- Two 18 month follow-up planned (wave 2 and wave 3)
- **Study goals:** To assess the patterns of use of women-centred HIV care, & the impact on sexual, reproductive, mental & women's health outcomes

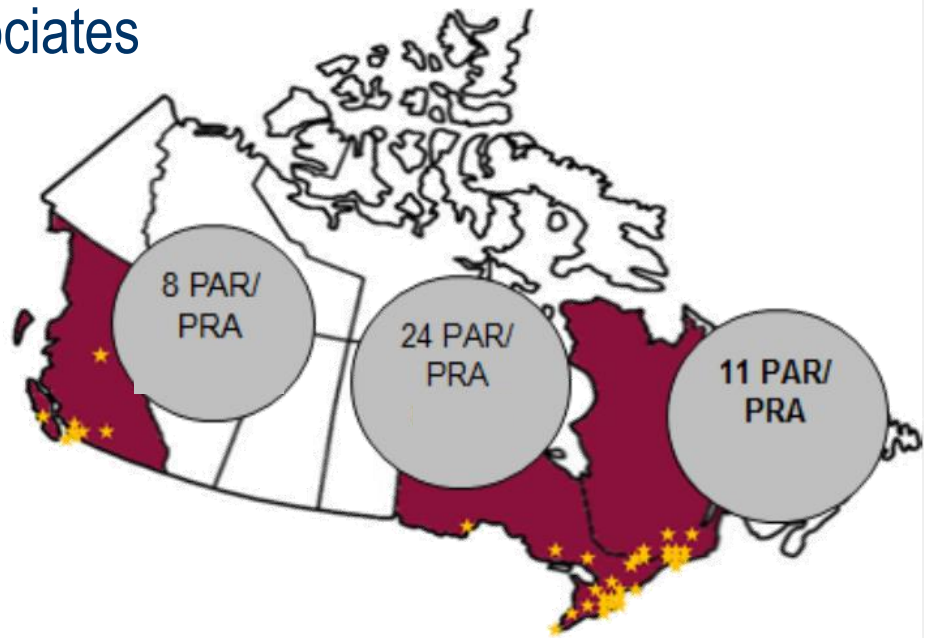
Baseline



1. Brief overview of CHIWOS and ongoing Wave two

CHIWOS is led by:

- More than 40 Peer Research Associates (PRAs) from BC, ON & QC
- 3 NMT PRA Representatives
- 3 KTE PRA Representatives

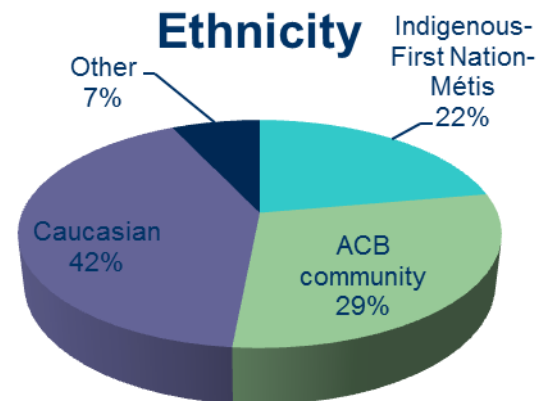


Cohort Profile	Demographic Characteristics	Total N	Total	British Columbia	Ontario	Quebec	p-value
			N=1425	N=356	N=713	N=356	
				%			
Median Age (IQR)	1425	43(36-51)	44(37-51)	41(34-49)	46(38-53)	<0.001	
Gender identity	1425						
Woman		96%	96%	95%	96%	0.824	
Trans woman/Two-spirit/Queer/Male&Female		4%	4%	5%	4%		
Sexual orientation	1420						
Heterosexual		87%	83%	87%	92%	<0.001	
LBQQ2S		13%	17%	13%	8%		
Ethnicity	1425						
Indigenous – First Nations, Métis or Inuit		22%	45%	21%	2%	<0.001	
Caucasian		41%	39%	39%	47%		
African/Caribbean/Black		29%	8%	32%	46%		
Other*		7%	8%	8%	5%		
Ever incarcerated	1425	37%	62%	29%	28%	<0.001	
Injection drug use history	1399	31%	63%	19%	23%	<0.001	
Clinical Characteristics							
HCV co-infection	1418	32%	56%	21%	29%	<0.001	
HBV co-infection	1408	8%	13%	5%	10%	<0.001	
Median years living with HIV	1377	11(6-17)	12(7-18)	10(5-15)	13(8-18)	<0.001	
Received HIV medical care in last year	1423	94%	98%	90%	96%	<0.001	
Currently taking ART	1418	83%	89%	75%	92%	<0.001	
Undetectable viral load (self-report)#	1349	77%	80%	71%	87%	<0.001	

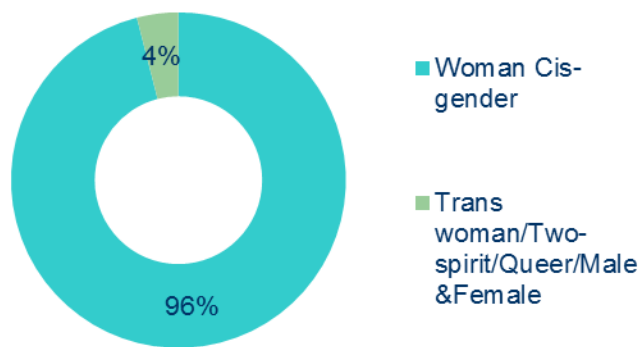
Cohort profile At national level

Median age:
43 years old

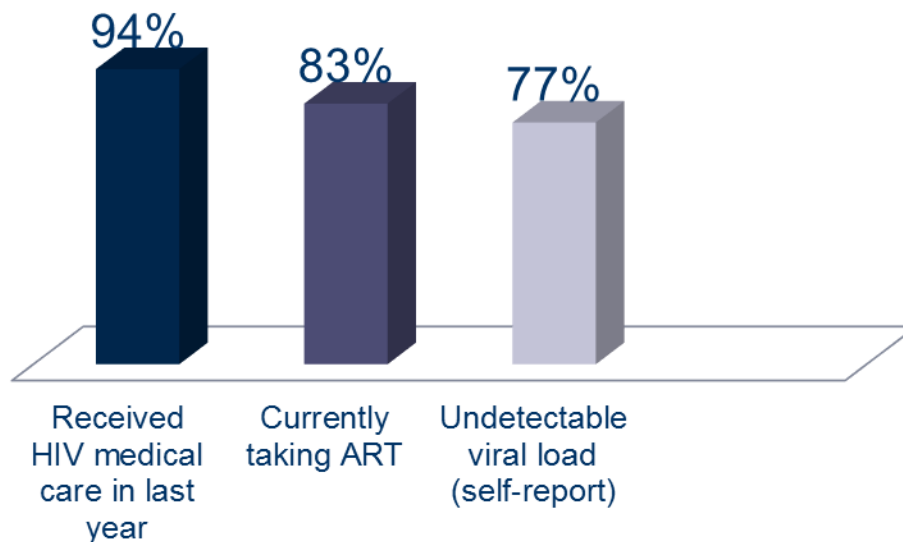
Median years living
with HIV:
11 years (6-17)



Gender identity



Clinical characteristics



Wave 2 updates

- Launched in July 2015
- Multiple retention of pts activities
- To date, **1130** follow-up interviews (Oct. 18th, 2016)
- 79% of retention to date (Oct. 18th, 2016)

Reason for Termination	Frequency	BC	ON	QC
LTFU	2	1	0	1
Withdrawal	12	1	6	5
Death	26	10	12	4
Total	40	12	18	10

Sept. 27th, 2016

- End of Enrolment for Wave 2: Dec. 2016

Snapshot on Wave 1

1428 women living with HIV across Canada took part in the study

94 % of CHIWOs participants received HIV medical care in the past year.

83 % of CHIWOs participants are currently taking ARV

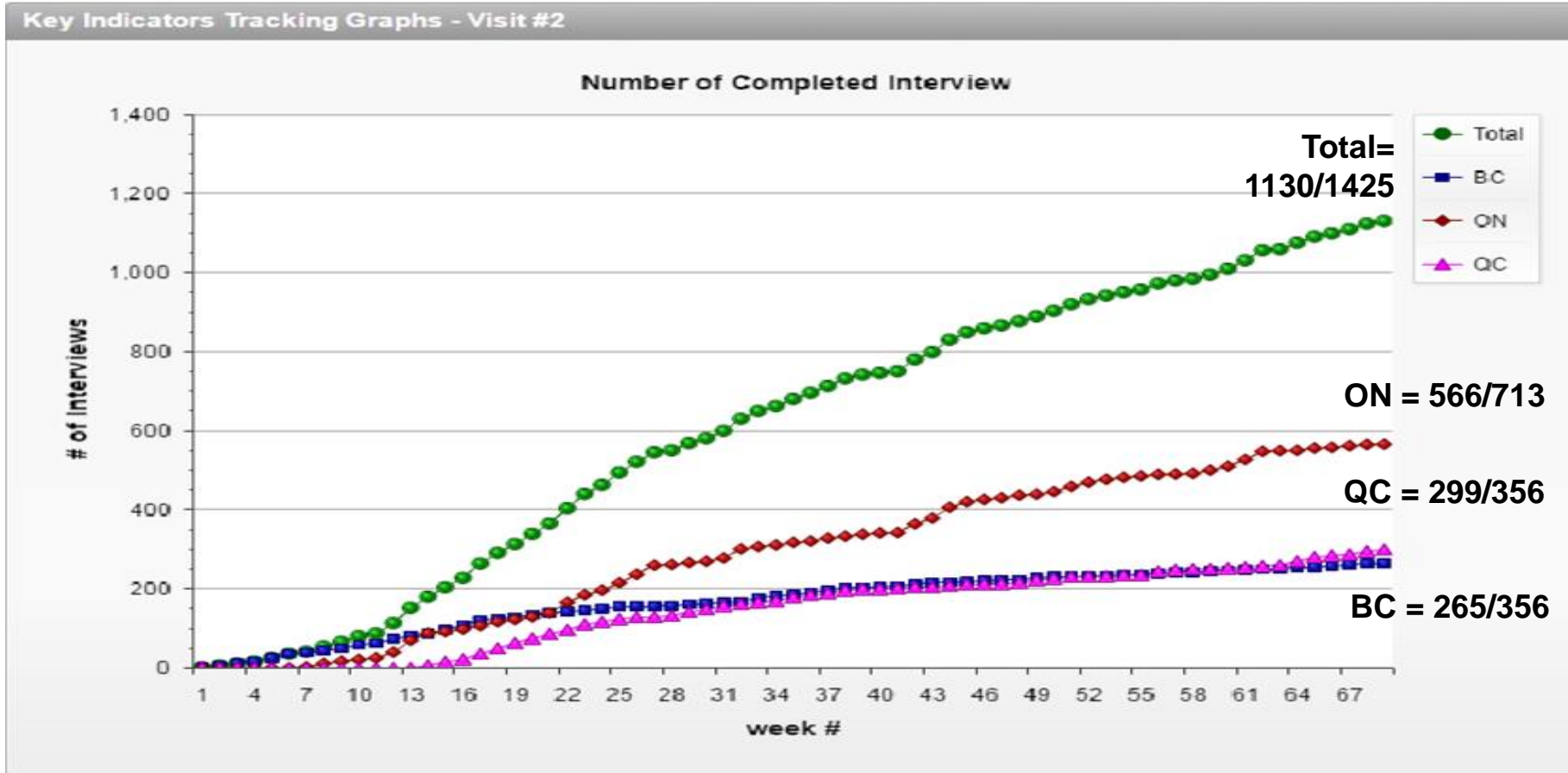
Ethnicity of participants across Canada

Aboriginal	22%
Caucasian	41%
African/Caribbean/Black Canadian	29%
Other	7%

Province	Enrolled Women	Ethnic Background	Average Age	HIV Medical Care (Past Year)	Currently Taking ARV	Undetectable Viral Load (Self-report)
British Columbia	356	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 45% Aboriginal 39% Caucasian 8% African/Caribbean/Black Canadian 8% Other 	44	98%	89%	80%
Ontario	715	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21% Aboriginal 39% Caucasian 32% African/Caribbean/Black Canadian 8% Other 	41	90%	75%	70%
Québec	357	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2% Aboriginal 46% Caucasian 46% African/Caribbean/Black Canadian 5% Other 	46	96%	92%	87%

Wave 2 updates

Date: Oct. 18th, 2016



Key Indicators Tracking Reports - Visit #2: Number of Completed Interviews

Week #	Date	NWeek	NTOT	BC	ON	QC
69	20-OCT-2016	6	1130	265	566	299

Wave 2 updates

Hard-to-Reach/Retain participants

- Women who are under-housed
- Women who use substances
- Women not in care
- Women with limited means of communication
- Young women
- Professional women



CHIWOOS in MB: Updates

- Research Coordinator hired (Jan/16)
- Ethics approval granted (Mar/16)
- Working group solidified: includes PIs, U of M researchers, reps from community based organizations, 4 peers



CHIWOS in MB: Updates

MANITOBA HIV REPORT 2015

The Manitoba HIV Program provides information, specialized care, treatment, and support to approximately 1,250 people living with HIV across the province. The Program has two Winnipeg-based sites: Nine Circles Community Health Centre and the Health Sciences Centre Outpatient clinic. In the first quarter of each calendar year, chart audits are conducted for all clients who entered into care in the previous year.

HIGHLIGHTS



Transmission dynamics continue to change year to year

- For the first time since the start of the Manitoba HIV Program in 2007, same-sex sexual contact between men (i.e. MSM) was the most commonly reported exposure category among clients entering into care in 2015. 39% of new clients reported MSM as their primary exposure category.
- The consistently disproportionate representation of Indigenous populations (23%) and African/African-Caribbean/Caribbean populations (22%) among new clients reinforces the need to closely examine and address broader social and structural factors that create and perpetuate these inequities. This should include ensuring that all the broader health needs of these populations are being met.
- Despite increases in rates of HIV infection attributed to injection drug use in neighbouring provinces, Manitoba has not experienced such an increase. This may be attributed in part to continued provincial, regional and community efforts to expand clean needle distribution across the province.



Late diagnosis and presentation to care remain a concern

In 2015, 30% of people entered into care with CD-4 counts below 200, meaning they were often very sick. Late diagnosis and delaying the start of HIV medications also increases the chance of a person transmitting HIV to sexual and injecting partners.



Limited access to care outside Winnipeg creates challenges

More people living outside of the WRHA presented to HIV care with low CD4 counts (30% outside the WRHA vs. 20% inside the WRHA) and fewer had achieved viral suppression at the time of audit (30% outside the WRHA vs. 71% inside the WRHA).

FAST FACTS

- 102 people entered into care with the Manitoba HIV Program in 2015, up from 87 in 2014.
- 74% were newly diagnosed with HIV
- 32 female clients entered into care in 2015. Manitoba continues to have one of the largest proportions of women living with HIV, compared to men, in Canada.

HIV RISK FACTORS



39% MSM



33% Heterosexual



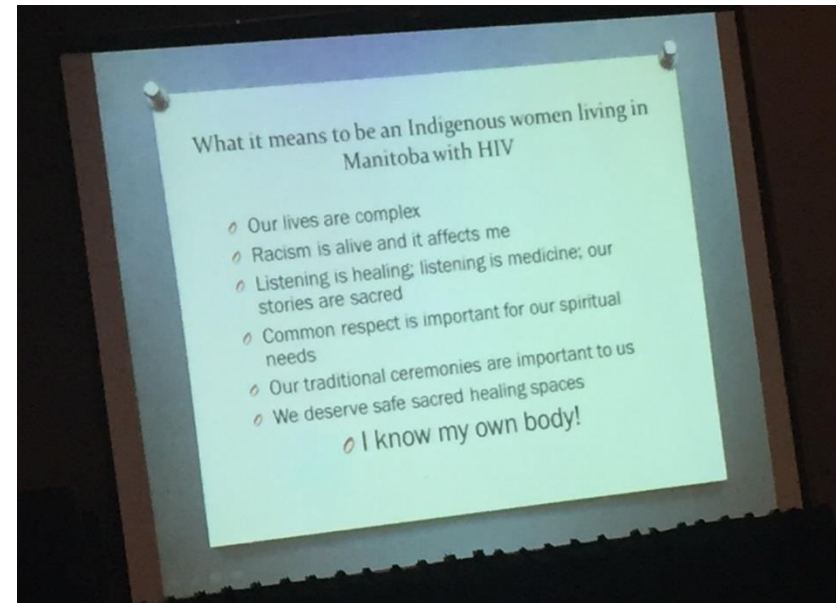
21% HIV-endemic Country



8% Injection Drug Use

CHIWOS in MB: Updates

- Presentation at CAHR (May/2016)



CHIWOS in MB: Updates

- Environmental Scan conducted (May-Aug/2016). *“Where do Indigenous women living with HIV get their needs met in Manitoba?”*
- Currently developing processes, questions, and guide for sharing circles/focus groups, in collaboration with SK

CHIWOS in SK: Updates

Environmental Scan

- Regina interviewed 12 organizations, Saskatoon interviewed 12 organizations & Prince Albert interviewed 7 organizations
- Will present to Steering Committee on October 21st 2016 & get feedback
- Presentation of the Environmental scan to different target audiences such as Tribal Councils included in Scan and other community events brought forward from the Steering Committee

Regina & Area

- Although there are many services, resources and supports that are offered to HIV + women in the City of Regina, there is a lack of partnership between the Community Partners & Provincial Health Regions. The conversations are happening but isn't as progressive as other Municipal communities throughout the Province.
- There is a growing concern from community partners about the lack of cultural sensitivity of HIV + individuals that receive treatment & care from Provincial Health Regions that needs to be addressed in an effective and efficient timely manner.
- Within the Community Partnerships there is a collective understanding of respect, understanding, compassion, and care of HIV + Individuals that access their care and oftentimes they rely on each other for resources. They help and support individuals by meeting them where they are at without judgment or discrimination. This is a positive note and a lot can be learned from this model of care.



Continued Updates for SK

Saskatoon & Area

- Although there are many services, resources and supports that are offered to HIV + women in the area of Saskatoon, there is a better partnership between the Community Partners & Provincial Health Regions.
- Within the Community Partnerships & Provincial Health Regions there is a collective understanding of respect, understanding, compassion, and care of the HIV + Individuals that access their care and often times they rely on each other for resources. They help and support individuals by meeting them where they are at without judgments or discrimination. This is a positive note and a lot can be learned from this model of care.

Prince Albert & Area

- Although there are not many services, resources and supports that are offered to HIV + women in the area of Prince Albert there is a respectful partnership between the Community Partners & Provincial Health Regions.
- Within the Community Partnerships & Provincial Health Regions there is a collective understanding of respect, understanding, compassion, and care of the HIV + Individuals that access their care and often times they rely on each other for resources. They help and support individuals by meeting them where they are at without judgments or discrimination. This is a positive note and a lot can be learned from this model of care.
- Despite being a smaller community of services, resources, and supports for HIV + individuals, the community pulls together and does amazing work with what little they have. This is reputable and should be looked at in expansion to funding needed in the Northern communities they serve.



Next Steps in Saskatchewan

- Present Environmental Scan to Steering Committee
- Present Environmental Scan to Community Partners & Tribal Councils
- Begin Focus Groups/Sharing Circles in each community (Regina, Saskatoon & Prince Albert)
- Begin Process of Posting positions for PRA in each community (Regina, Saskatoon & Prince Albert)

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Janet Carriere



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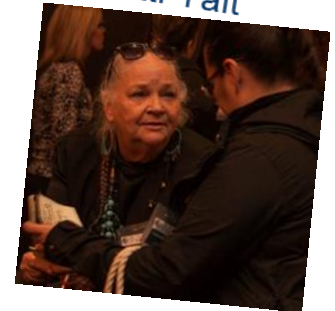
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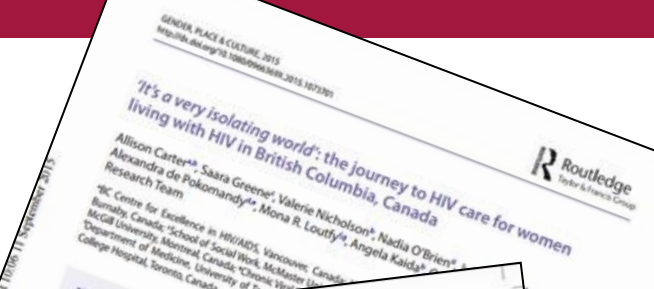
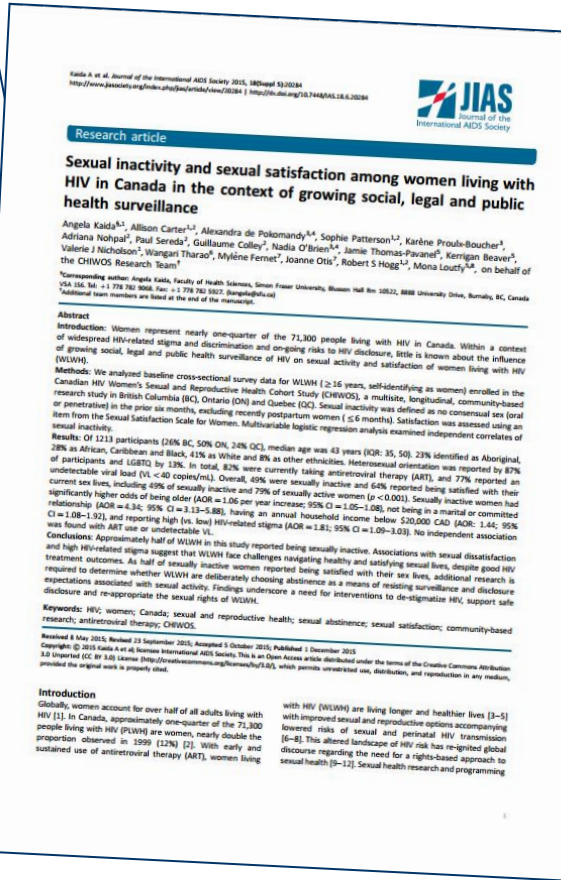
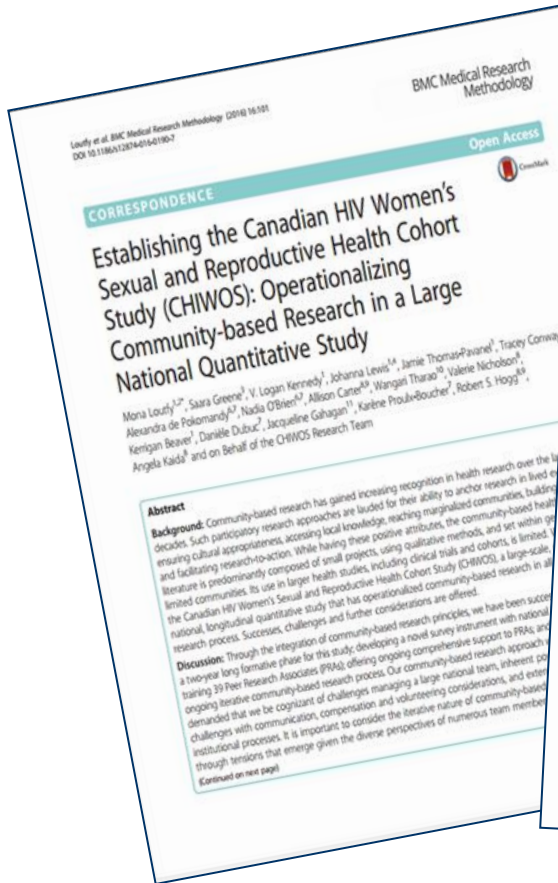


Patti Tait



Knowledge Translation & Exchange (KTE)

Published papers 2015-2016



Knowledge Translation & Exchange (KTE)

- Numerous oral & poster Conference presentations

LOVE WITH HIV:
A latent class analysis of intimate relationships among women living with HIV enrolled in Canada's largest multi-site community-based research study.

Attrition Across the HIV Cascade of Care Among a Diverse Cohort of Women Living with HIV in Canada

The Spectrum of ARVs: What are Women Taking and How Well are they Doing? Findings from the Canadian HIV Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health Cohort Study (CHIWOSS)

Pregnancy incidence by pregnancy intention and ART status among women living with HIV in Canada: A retrospective cohort analysis

Effective contraceptive use, dual contraception, and contraceptive method choice among women living with HIV in Canada

Cinq ans de CHIWOSS: Survol des résultats et prochaines étapes de L'Étude sur la santé sexuelle et reproductive des femmes vivant avec le VIH au Canada

Gendering patient-centred care: Envisioning a women-centred care framework for women living with HIV in Canada

Yes We Can! Estimating Momentum, Motivation and Muzzle over time in a long term Community Based Research Project (CHIWOSS)

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Background
The CHIWOSS research team has been working in the area of HIV research for over 10 years. We have a long history of community-based research and have been instrumental in the development of the Canadian HIV Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health Cohort Study (CHIWOSS). We have a strong commitment to knowledge translation and exchange (KTE) and have been successful in disseminating our findings to a wide range of stakeholders.

Results
We found that momentum, motivation and muzzle were all high at baseline and remained high over time. This suggests that the research team is well-positioned to continue its work in the area of HIV research.

Conclusions
The findings of this study suggest that the research team is well-positioned to continue its work in the area of HIV research. We will continue to work with our community partners to ensure that our research is relevant and impactful.

CHIWOSS

Find more on our website:
www.chiwos.ca

Knowledge Translation & Exchange (KTE)

Knowledge Translation and Exchange Working Group

- Meet every two months
- Contribute to the CHIWOS KTE Work Plan and strategize, plan and oversee different kinds of KTE activities including:
 - Push KTE: Outgoing knowledge from CHIWOS to end users
 - Pull KTE: Incoming knowledge that informs CHIWOS research activities and decision-making
- Composed of various academic and ASO stakeholders
- Three PRAs represent each province, including Tracey Conway as committee chair.



Other KTE activities

- Blogs (e.g. Huffington Post)
- Webinars
- Humans of CHIWOS campaign
- Social media
- ASO presentations
- ASO events
- Provincial Newsletters
- Many PRA led!
- and many many more!!!

The collage features several research-related items:

- Women-specific HIV/AIDS services: Identifying and defining components of holistic service delivery for women living with HIV/AIDS**
A Publication Fact Sheet by the Canadian HIV Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health Cohort Study (CHIWOS).
What is the study about?
 - More and more women are living with HIV due to cultural and economic inequities.
 - Studies suggest that women face several barriers to experience sub-optimal treatment outcomes.
 - Given these concerns, there are calls for research to better understand women's experiences and needs.**Study Objective:** We undertook this study to explore the benefits and tensions of operationalizing MIA delivery of HIV/AIDS services, from the perspective of women living with HIV.

- Breaking the glass ceiling: Increasing the Meaningful Involvement of Women Living with HIV/AIDS (MIWA) in the design and delivery of HIV/AIDS services**
A Publication Fact Sheet by the Canadian HIV Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health Cohort Study (CHIWOS).
What is this study about?
- The Meaningful Involvement of Women Living with HIV/AIDS (MIWA) is a peer-led, community-based research approach that aims to increase women's involvement in HIV care, yet little is known about transforming MIWA from principle to practice.**Study Objective:** To explore the benefits and tensions of operationalizing MIWA delivery of HIV/AIDS services, from the perspective of women living with HIV.
- CHIWOResearch** social media post:
Women are strong and resilient. This participant wants researchers to know that #CHIWOQuotes #HIVCan #HIVWomen

"I am hopeful that this information will help the researchers understand who we are, what we go through, and how we push through the pain but we still survive and hope for the best."
- COMMUNITY-BASED RESEARCH: SUPPORTING WOMEN LIVING WITH HIV**
Women represent one of the fastest growing demographics at risk for HIV, with one in five individuals living with HIV in Canada being women. Despite this shift, there is limited research focusing specifically on the health of women living with the condition.
To address the need for more knowledge about the health issues and care needs of this population, Dr. Mona Loutfy, scientist at Women's College Research Institute, initiated the largest ever pan-Canadian national research collaboration focused on this issue.
"Women's experiences with HIV are unique," says Dr. Loutfy, who is also a physician and the research director at the Maple Leaf Medical Clinic, which focuses on care for people with HIV in inner city Toronto. "Our research collaboration's goal is to better understand these experiences and use what we learn to inform policies and services that can help women living with HIV in Canada achieve optimal health and well-being."
Working in collaboration with research teams in Ontario, Quebec, British Columbia and most recently Saskatchewan and Manitoba, Dr. Loutfy is leading a study that aims to better understand how women use women-centred HIV care in those provinces. The study is also assessing the impact of these services on health outcomes. The project is into its fifth year, and over 1,400 women have completed the interview-administered survey. The team has made specific efforts to include harder-to-reach, vulnerable populations and women from ethno-cultural and ethno-racial groups to ensure that the full range of women's health issues and experiences are captured.

KTE- Accessing CHIWOS data?

Data Project and Request Form

>30 data analyses currently underway

- Consult your provincial coordinator
- Consult: www.chiwos.ca under: CHIWOS Study/CHIWOSdocuments”

•Thanks to data Analysis Team at the Epidemiology and Population Health program at the BC-CfE

- CHIWOS and CANOC database linkage underway

CHIWOS
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CHIWOS PROJECT AND DATA REQUEST FORM

Date of request:
Name:
Contact phone:
E-mail address:
Province the request comes from:
 British Columbia Ontario Québec Saskatchewan Manitoba
 Other: _____

Instructions:
Please complete an electronic copy of this form and submit to your Provincial Coordinator.
Please review the "CHIWOS PROJECT AND DATA REQUEST POLICY" of this document before beginning.
For most sections below you only have to write one or two sentences. If you have any questions, please contact your Provincial Coordinator.

CANOC

CIHR TEAM IN HIV TREATMENT OUTCOMES:
THE CANADIAN OBSERVATIONAL
COHORT (CANOC) COLLABORATION
ÉQUIPE IRSC DE RECHERCHE SUR LES
EFFETS DES TRAITEMENTS CONTRE LE VIH:
COLLABORATION PANCANADIENNE DES
COHORTES OBSERVATIONNELLES (CANOC)

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CHIWOS-QC Newsletter
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What's new for CHIWOS?

Wave 2 progression

To date, more than half (239/381) of participants responded to the follow-up survey! Thanks to our many community and clinic partners, we achieve an impressive participant retention rates (POR).

Some women remain hard-to-reach:

- Aged under 30 years
- Aboriginals
- Professionals
- Do not use the core social services

Timeline

- Survey revision by the peer research community
- Wave 3 survey building
- Beginning of piloting
- Survey programming
- Closure of Wave 2
- Survey transition
- Wave 3 training for IRAs
- Community Advisory Board
- Launch of the Wave 3!

Testimony of a Peer Research Associate

Being a PRA for CHIWOS study brings me a lot inside because I can give hope and a lot to women during interviews. Women I met often not know or do not dare go to community organizations. They do not know all the services for women living with HIV, often the first woman living with HIV that they meet even if they are living with several years! I always take time to listen to them and respond to their questions. My pamphlet that provides information on services they can receive. They are so happy someone took the time to explain the available services, shelters and "Liaison" provincial annual day, organized only for women living with HIV. They break the realization they are not alone with their fears...

My gift as a PRA, that's when I see participant in an activity and happily comes give. They are proud to tell me "during our first interview for CHIWOS study, you took the time to join me the activities for women living with HIV, today, I met for the first time a group... I no longer feel alone, isolated and afraid of the future... you have allowed me to come out from the shadows..."

They all look forward to their next interview and are very proud to take part in the study... We offer HOPE to these women!

- Signée Soledad

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CHIWOS BC Newsletter
An e-newsletter about the Canadian HIV Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health Cohort Study in British Columbia | April 2015

Message from the CHIWOS BC Principal Investigator

Greetings and welcome to the 4th edition of our CHIWOS BC Newsletter!

This past year marked an important CHIWOS milestone. On May 1st, 2015, we reached our recruitment goal of 1,427 women living with HIV enrolled in CHIWOS across the country, making CHIWOS the largest cohort by, with, and for women living with HIV in Canada and one of few such cohorts in the world. We would like to acknowledge and thank our team of Peer Research Associates for their incredible dedication and leadership and the many community-based and AIDS Service Organization providers, advocates, researchers, clinicians, policymakers, data analysts, statisticians, students, and women and men living with HIV who have contributed and supported CHIWOS for the past four years.

We are at an exciting time in the life of our study. With study recruitment now complete, we are analyzing the baseline data and are eager to begin sharing these important findings. In June 2015, we launched our 18-month follow-up survey ('Wave 2'). Please help us get the word out to participants to connect with our team to schedule their follow-up visit. We were also recently awarded CHIWOS renewal funding from CHRF, which will support us to complete additional longitudinal follow-up with participants, integrate Body Mapping workshops, and expand CHIWOS to reach women in Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

In this newsletter we share some highlights of the past year, brag about the successes and accomplishments of our team members, and provide information about what to expect in the months ahead. We've also included some statistics from our baseline survey, which offer a snapshot of our CHIWOS BC community of participants.

I would also like to take this opportunity to let you know about some important transitions for our team. Our beloved Project Coordinator, Allie Carter, has decided to pursue her PhD at SFU and will be leaving her coordinator position. Thankfully, she will continue to be involved in CHIWOS as a student and a research assistant with our data team. We are so proud of Allie's accomplishments and grateful for all the love and dedication that she poured into CHIWOS since the inception of the study. Please join me in wishing Allie every success in her transition. I would also like to introduce to you our new CHIWOS BC Coordinator, Sally (Yue) Lin. Sally completed her MPH degree at UBC and has experience working in women's health in prisons, community-based research, and HIV. She is also a talented artist and is passionate about including the use of arts-based methodologies in public health research and practice. We are thrilled that she has chosen to share her talents with CHIWOS. Please join me in welcoming Sally to our team!

We look forward to our continued collaboration and wish you all the best for the year ahead!

Angela Kaida
Assistant Professor, Faculty of Health Sciences, Simon Fraser University

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PRA perspectives on peer-to-peer research

PRA Representatives on the National Management Team

- Challenges, rewards, and lessons learned in wave 2 (retention of participants)





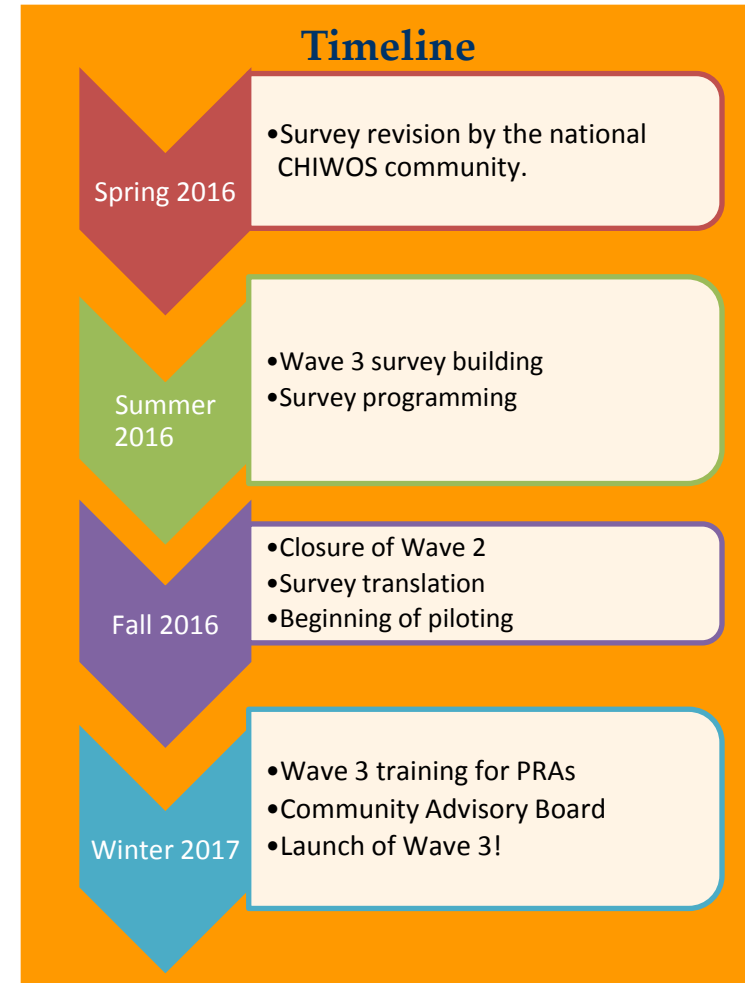
Wave 3 - Participant Follow-up

Wave 3- Starting January, 2017

- 18 month follow-up with participants
- Updated survey version

Process:

- Revisions incorporated ongoing feedback from PRAs, participant surveys, CABs from the Wave 2 survey, etc.
- Teams worked on specific survey sections
- Revisions done in English, will translate final version to French



Wave 3 – overview and new priority topics !

The survey includes the same 10 sections with some new priorities

- **Section 1: Demographics and Social Determinants of Health**
- **Section 2: Medical and Disease information**
 - New priorities: Aging, Side effects and Medical knowledge on HIV;
- **Section 3: Health Care and Support Service utilization**
 - New priorities: Access to health care for women in remote areas, healing and holistic health;
- **Section 4: Emotional wellbeing and Health related Quality of Life**
 - New priorities: Post-traumatic stress, social isolation/support;

CHIWOS Wave 3 – Aug 25 2016 –TRANSLATION VERSION (skips incomplete)

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Wave 3 – overview and new priority topics !

- **Section 5: Women’s Reproductive Health**
 - New priorities: Disclosure and criminalization
- **Section 6: Stigma and Discrimination**
 - New priorities: Enacted stigma, racism, sexism scales
- **Section 7: Substance use**
 - New priorities: Stigma and IDU, harm reduction services
- **Section 8: Violence and Abuse**
- **Section 9: Women’s Sexual Health**
 - New priorities : sexual violence, sexual activities, satisfaction and concerns about sexuality.
- **Section 10: Resiliency**

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New Grant Funding- CHIWOS renewal

Renewal grant – CIHR

- 1st place in the CIHR competition !
- 5 years renewed (March 2016-2021)

CIHR renewal grant will allow:

- Launch of CHIWOS wave 1 and 2 in SK and MB
- Have a third (wave 3) follow-up in BC, ON, QC
- Body mapping



New Grant Funding in 2015-2016

BC:

-CIHR Knowledge Synthesis Grant, Normalizing sex and intimacy: A knowledge synthesis and translation grant to promote healthy sexuality and intimate relationships among women living with HIV (\$50,000)

-CIHR Planning and Dissemination Grant, Canadian HIV Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health Cohort Study: Peer Research Associate (PRA)-led Knowledge Translation and Exchange (KTE) Strategy (\$15,000)

ON:

-CIHR, CBR Catalyst Grant, PRA-led KTE Initiative (\$33,000)

-AFP, Innovation Funds, PRA-led KTE Initiative (\$21,590.82)

QC:

-Réseau Sida/Mi FRSQ, Knowledge Translation -ACFAS(\$2,500)

-Réseau Sida/Mi FRSQ, Co-designing care: engaging patients and providers to improve primary care for women living with HIV in Quebec. Ph.D project- Nadia O'Brien (\$30,000)



Trainee Funding & Awards in 2015-2016

- CIHR-CAHR Doctoral Research Award (2015-2018), Allison Carter
- CAHR New Investigator Award (2015), Sophie Patterson
- CTN Post Doctoral Fellowship (2015-2016), Nisha Andany
- Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) 2016 Doctoral Award, Ashley Lacombe-Duncan
- Dr. Robert Remis Scholarship in Public Health and Epidemiology, 2016, awarded by the CAHR, Ashley Lacombe-Duncan
- Lupina Junior Doctoral Fellowship, Munk School of Global Affairs, Comparative Program on Health and Society, Ashley Lacombe-Duncan



Future Grant Funding- Overview

Applying for CIHR Foundation Grant (2016/17)

The Foundation Grant program is designed to contribute to a sustainable foundation of health research leaders, by providing long-term support of innovative, high-impact programs of research.

Programs of research are expected to include integrated, thematically-linked research, knowledge translation and mentoring/training components.

The Foundation Grant program will:

- support a broad base of research leaders across career stages, areas, and disciplines relevant to health;
- develop and maintain Canadian capacity in research and other health-related fields;
- provide research leaders with the flexibility to pursue new, innovative lines of inquiry;
- contribute to the creation and use of health-related knowledge through a wide range of research and/or knowledge translation activities, including any relevant collaboration.



Questions and Comments?



Thank you!

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