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#23 Perceptions, Preferences and Access to Community-Based HIV Testing Services among Men who have Sex with Men (MSM) in Côte d'Ivoire

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Background & Methods

MSM-Community-Based HIV Testing Services (MSM-CBTS)++

→ What is the point of view of MSM themselves?

Phone-based respondent driven sampling, 518 MSM, Côte d'Ivoire

Knowledge and access to MSM-CBTS

Satisfaction with MSM-CBTS

Testing sites preferences

Results

Only 47% knows an MSM-CBTS.

→ Of these, 79% had already attended one.

Among them: **satisfaction ++** (95% would return to an MSM-CBTS)

Number of HIV testing ++ among those who frequented MSM-CBTS

37% preferred undifferentiated HIV testing sites ("all patients" sites)

→ bisexuels, sexually attracted by women, far from MSM community ++

→ reasons mentionned: **lack of discretion and anonymity** of MSM-CBTS and wanting to avoid the gaze of others

Discussion

MSM-CBTS provides quality services for those who use them...

...BUT 2/3 of MSM does not visit these places

→ lack of information + fear lack of discretion

→ 1/3 prefers undifferentiated sites

Beside CBTS, maintaining undifferentiated testing sites are required

→ needs to improve the management of key populations in classic facilities and to train healthcare professionals to non-judgmental care

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