Reappraisal of HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Thailand

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ABSTRACT

At the beginning of the manifestation of the HIV infection in Thailand, most of these information and statistics have not yet come into being. With the benefits of these materials, the epidemic pattern is much clearer but the transmission model still have many missing links in the biological as well as the sociocultural and economic aspects. The relative weight of the various factors contributing to the transmission between various afflicted population are better understood. The known status of the epidemic in subpopulation could surely lead to development of a more socioculturally appropriate interventions. There remains the effective monitoring of the status and the evaluation of interventions which hopefully will have the required sensitivity, reliability and relevancy to revise and reform the interventions and maintain the effectiveness at optimum.

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