HIV Among Persons 50 and Older, MI

Number of Cases and Recent Trends:
- The MDCH estimates there are 1,560 persons living in Michigan, who were 50 years and older when they were diagnosed with HIV.
- They comprise 9 percent of all reported infected persons in Michigan.
- Between 2004 and 2008, the rate of diagnosis of HIV at ages 50 and older has remained level.

Demographics:
- While the proportion is low, men 50 years and older at HIV diagnosis have the highest proportion of heterosexual cases of men in any age group (6%).
- This population is mainly infected with HIV through sexual contact (either MSM or heterosexual), but has a significant proportion of infections attributed to injection drug use (IDU) and unknown risk.
- Women in their 50's compared to women 60 years and older are more likely to have been infected via IDU (19% vs. 9%).

Other Facts:
- Less than one percent of Chlamydia cases and two percent of Gonorrhea cases are over 50 years of age.
- Nine percent of primary and secondary Syphilis cases are over age 50, which are more likely to be male and white.

Program Efforts:
- In the calendar year of 2009, 6,867 individuals were served by Ryan White funded programs. Of the HIV positive individuals who received at least one service, 3,117 individuals were between the ages of 45 and 65.
- As the HIV population ages, steps are being taken to address it through a meeting the MDCH convenes annually including 70 HIV medical case managers. This program is prioritizing this population by working with contractors to address the needs of older persons.

For more information:
Michigan Department of Community Health
HIV/AIDS Prevention and Intervention Services
(517) 241-5900
(www.michigan.gov/hivstd — HIV/AIDS — Prevention and Care)
State of Michigan HIV/AIDS Programmatic Information

Michigan Counseling, Testing, & Referral Sites
www.inspot.org/michigan —click "get checked"

Michigan AIDS Hotline 1-800-872-2437

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