**Number of Cases and Recent Trends:**
- The MDCH estimates there are 1,311 persons living with HIV infection in Michigan, who were 50 years and older at the time of diagnosis, as of January 2012.
- They comprise 8 percent of all reported infected persons in Michigan.
- Between 2006 and 2010, the rate of diagnosis of HIV at ages 50 and older remained level.

**Demographics:**
- Men 50 years and older at HIV diagnosis have the highest proportion of heterosexual transmission (6%) compared to men in other age groups.
- 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.
- Persons in their 50's compared to persons 60 years and older are more likely to have been infected via IDU (16% vs 8% for males and 18% vs. 14% for women).

**Other Facts:**
- Less than one percent of Chlamydia cases and two percent of Gonorrhea cases are over 50 years of age.
- Ten percent of primary and secondary Syphilis cases are over age 50, which are more likely to be male and white.
- The highest rate of chronic hepatitis C was found in the 55 - 64 year age group.

**Rate of chronic hepatitis C among Michigan residents by age, 2011**

**Program Efforts:**
- Adults over the age of 45 account for 50% (3,766 of 7,524) of persons receiving publicly funded HIV care services.