

HIV & AIDS in Saskatchewan

Progress 2009-2016



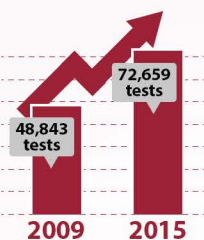
\$4M provincial and **\$3M** federal annual funding for HIV prevention, testing, & treatment

This funding supports:

- additional staff to deliver services
- community based programs
- more prevention & risk reduction programs
- training and education opportunities
- peer supports & outreach

Progress since 2009

Over 40 full time HIV care & support staff (includes 10 in First Nations communities)



49% increase in HIV testing leading to earlier diagnosis

Prevention & risk reduction programs in close to 40 sites reduce the risks associated with injection drug use (includes 10 in First Nations communities)



Training & mentorship opportunities for health care providers

Say "YES!" to the Test

HIV testing policy promoting HIV testing as routine care



Infant Formula Program is helping reduce the risk of mother to child transmission of HIV

Public awareness to increase testing, reduce HIV stigma & increase supportive environments



Testing in more locations (including nearly 60 HIV point of care testing sites) allowing access to testing in more rural communities

Know Your Status model with health regions, First Nation communities, & clinicians is resulting in better access to care



Peer-to-peer programs in 6 health regions and 4 FN communities encourage people living with HIV to support others who have been diagnosed

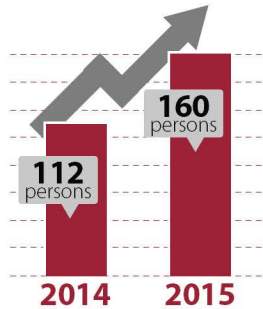


Policies & guidelines based on best practices aid case & clinical management of HIV

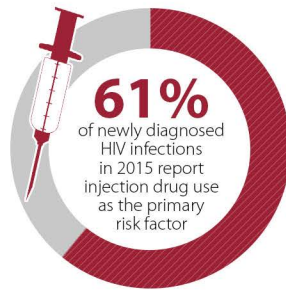
Surveillance & research activities include an evaluation of the HIV strategy, an HIV enhanced surveillance questionnaire, electronic medical record (EMR) development, and an HIV pilot study on retention in care.

HIV & AIDS in Saskatchewan: Challenges & Goals

Our challenges



1 Rising number of newly diagnosed HIV infections after steady decline for several years.

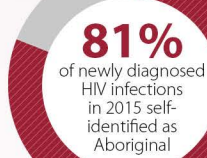


2 Injection drug use continues to be the most common risk factor for acquiring HIV

3 People continue to be diagnosed with AIDS. 28 people were diagnosed in 2015; of those, 8 have died.

Our goals

1 Making services accessible for those living in rural and remote communities



2 Enhancing culturally appropriate responses for the Indigenous population

3 Addressing stigma around HIV to encourage people to get tested and treated



How we are moving forward

1 We are committed to improving our collective response to HIV under the leadership of the



We are building on the work of

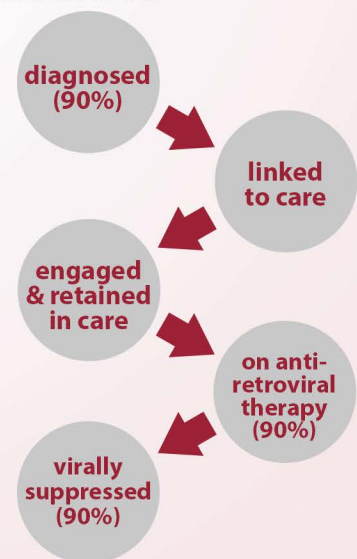


2 Sharing the Wisdom
SK's HIV mobilization event gathered contributions from stakeholders to inform the development of a multi-year workplan



An integrated plan will also help address other communicable diseases such as Tuberculosis (TB), Hepatitis C and sexually transmitted infections (STIs), due to high rates of co-infection, and similar populations that are affected across conditions.

3 HIV Cascade of Care
Our goal is to facilitate supportive communities and individuals living with HIV to be:



More information on HIV programs and services in Saskatchewan is available at: www.saskatchewan.ca/hiv & <http://www.skshiv.ca/>