

HIV Basics

September 22nd, 2023

10:00am - 11:00 am, MST

The session is about HIV basics, introduces participants to basic HIV vocabulary that will be used throughout the sections, to populations disproportionately affected by HIV, and to framework for thinking about health inequities. It also discusses the specifics of HIV transmission, including the transmission equation, routes of transmission in Canada, the biology of HIV infection, and the course of an untreated HIV infection.

Learning Outcomes:

- Define human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)
- Identify differences between HIV and AIDs
- Define virus and viral load
- Describe how viral load impacts the health of someone living with HIV
- Define immune system, CD4+ cell, and CD4+ count
- Describe how CD4+ count impacts the health of someone living with HIV
- Define opportunistic infection
- Describe populations disproportionately affected by HIV

Speakers:

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Target Audience: Indigenous Adults who are sexually active and want to take care of their sexual health. Men and women who want to demystify Myths about HIV and AIDS, service providers or healthcare professionals who want to have the knowledge and share with the populations they serve.

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