Health Issues with Homosexuality and Homosexual Marriage

The homosexual population has a significantly higher incidences of a large number of diseases. One of the reasons for homosexual population having higher incidences of diseases is the significantly higher incidences of promiscuity in the homosexual population. In addition, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) from 1994 to 1997 the proportion of homosexual men stating they had anal sex increased from 57.6 percent to 61.2 percent. Although homosexual men may engage in sexual practices which may put them at risk, studies report that anal sex can be an important risk factor for the relay of many diseases. In addition, in regards to homosexuality and health, the homosexuality population has significantly lower rates of various measures of mental health.

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Below are some articles in regards to homosexuality and health that cite medical literature:

Homosexuality and AIDS

In relation to **homosexuality and AIDS**, the original spread of AIDS is generally attributed to the promiscuity of homosexual men. Originally the syndrome was called the "gay disease" because the overwhelming majority of patients were homosexual men.

In September of 2010, Reuters reported: "Nearly one in five gay and bisexual men in 21 major U.S. cities are infected with HIV, and nearly half of them do not know it".^[1] A September 2010 report of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported: "Gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men (MSM) represent approximately 2% of the US population, yet are the population most severely affected by HIV and are the only risk group in which new HIV infections have been increasing steadily since the early 1990s. In 2006, MSM accounted for more than half (53%) of all new HIV infections in the United States..."^[2] In August of 2009, LifeSiteNews reported: "An official with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced the CDC's estimate Monday that in the United States AIDS is fifty times more prevalent among men who have sex with men ('MSM') than the rest of the population."^[3] Of newly diagnosed HIV infections in the United States during the year 2003, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) estimated that about 63% were among men who were infected through sexual contact with other men.^[4]

As of 1998, fifty-four percent of all AIDS cases in the United States were homosexual men, and the CDC stated that nearly ninety percent of these men acquired HIV through sexual activity with other men. [5]

There is considerable controversy around the modes of AIDS transmission in Africa. In general, however, it is believed that a high proportion of cases arise from heterosexual activity or from healthcare transmission (e.g. infected needles).

Male homosexual acts account for a large proportion of AIDS transmission in the US and Europe, but AIDS transmission as a result of lesbian sex acts are low (and lower than for heterosexuals).

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On March 15, 2004 Medscape published an article entitled *New Look at "Gay Bowel Syndrome"* in which they linked HIV infection with gay bowel syndrome.

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In 2006, the number of cases of HIV in children who had been sexually molested by homosexual men, reached a record high.

- Homosexuality and MRSA
- Homosexuality and Syphilis
- Homosexuality and Gonorrhea
- Homosexuality and Lymphogranuloma Venereum
- Homosexuality and Parasites
- Homosexuality and Proctitus
- Homosexuality and Hepatitis
- Homosexuality and Shigellosis
- Homosexuality and Anal Cancer

In June of 2004, the journal *Nursing Clinics of North America* reported concerning **homosexuality and anal cancer**:

One of the more pressing issues for gay men is anal carcinoma. Several recent studies have indicated the rate of anal dysplasia to be increasing in men with and without HIV. Ninety percent of men with HIV have the human papiloma virus (HPV), while 65% of men without HIV have HPV. HPV type 16 is the most troublesome for developing cancer and is found in a significant portion of gay men.

Another risk factor for developing anal cancer is the use of recreational drugs anally...Inserting "crystal meth" or ecstasy in the rectum can lead to higher rates of anal dylpasia

In 1997, Concerned Women of America reported relative to homosexuality and anal cancer:

Homosexual men's practice of anal sex has left many of them victims of anal cancer. One article in the New England Journal of Medicine commented, "Our study lends strong support to the hypothesis that homosexual behavior in men increases the risk of anal cancer: 21 of the 57 men with anal cancer (37 percent) reported that they were homosexual or bisexual, in contrast to only one of 64 controls." The Journal of the American Medical Association also published similar findings: "Epidemiological studies have shown that risk factors for anal cancer include homosexuality, history of receptive anal intercourse, presence of anal condylomata, and smoking." And the International Journal of Cancer stated, "Being single and having practiced anal intercourse appears to be associated with anal cancer and case reports have suggested a recent increase in the number of cases of anal cancer." Other studies have yielded the same conclusions

- Homosexuality and Illegal Drug Use
- Homosexuality and Mental Health
- Gay Bowel Syndrome
- Gav bathhouses
- Homosexual circuit parties and disease
- Lesbianism and Obesity

In April of 2007, the *American Journal of Public Health* analyzed data from 2002 National Survey of Family Growth and the data suggested that American lesbian women were 2.69 times more likely to be overweight and 2.47 times more likely to be obese than all other female sexual orientation groups.