

Sexual Health

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A sexual health strategy for Australia — time for action <i>D. J. Chan and D. L. Bradford</i>	197–199	The importance of establishing a cohesive sexual health strategy for Australia cannot be overemphasised. Rates of STIs and HIV continue to increase. Issues such as teenage pregnancy require attention. A public health framework on which to develop a national sexual health strategy is presented.
Teenagers who plan parenthood <i>Julie A. Quinlivan</i>	201–208	Although many teenage pregnancies are unplanned, some are planned, as evidenced by positive lifestyle changes in the mothers in anticipation of parenthood. This paper reviews why some teenagers may plan parenthood and looks at evidence-based strategies to improve outcomes for both mother and child.
Epidemiology of HIV and sexually transmitted infections in Thailand <i>V. Chandeying</i>	209–216	In Thailand, a massive program to control HIV has decreased sexually transmitted infection dramatically, and achieved substantial reductions in new HIV infections, as well as raising condom usage.
Safer sex or pleasurable sex? Rethinking condom use in the AIDS era <i>Sharful Islam Khan, Nancy Hudson-Rodd, Sherry Saggars, Mahbulul Islam Bhuiyan and Abbas Bhuiya</i>	217–225	This article attempts to unfold the underlying reasons for non-use of condoms among Bangladeshi males. Condom promotion interventions have to move beyond the disease prevention framework towards incorporating messages that address social dimensions of masculine sexuality, pleasure, eroticism and men's emotions relating to sex and sexuality.
Hepatitis A and B infection and vaccination in a cohort of homosexual men in Sydney <i>Fengyi Jin, Garrett P. Prestage, Catherine M. Pell, Basil Donovan, Paul G. Van de Ven, Susan C. Kippax, John M. Kaldor and Andrew E. Grulich</i>	227–237	The paper is to determine the prevalence and incidence of hepatitis A and B infection and vaccination in a cohort of community-based HIV-negative homosexual men in Sydney, and associated risk factors.
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Predictors for non-adherence to antiretroviral therapy <i>K. J. Wilson, A. Doxanakos and C. K. Fairley</i>	251–257	This paper describes the factors that predict adherence to antiretroviral therapy among clients attending an Australian Sexual Health Centre. Regular daily routines, high self-efficacy, and better understanding of the relationship between adherence and resistance were associated with improved adherence while, alcohol, drug use and depression were not.
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