HIV prevention and men who have sex with men: a cycle of challenges

Low uptake of HIV prevention
- Low HIV testing
- Inconsistent condom use
- Low awareness and uptake of PrEP

Clinics not MSM-friendly
- Atmosphere of homophobic stigma and discrimination
- Health worker attitudes hostile
- Lack of MSM-appropriate clinical skills

Mental health challenges
High levels of:
- Stress from MSM stigma
- Alcohol and substance abuse
- Depression

High levels of HIV and STIs

This cycle of challenges was a common finding for all the studies in the EHPSA MSM portfolio. Studies included: Together Tomorrow (KwaZulu Natal, South Africa and Namibia); TRANSFORM (Gauteng, South Africa and Nairobi, Kenya); Anza Mapema (Kisumu, Kenya), Critical review of MSM services in eastern and southern Africa. Read more about these studies at http://www.ehpsa.org/research/msm