

Migrant sexual health help-seeking and experience of stigmatisation and discrimination in Perth: exploring barriers and enablers

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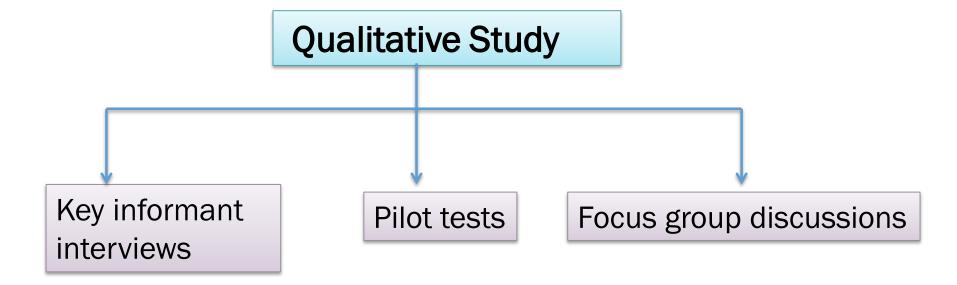
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Introduction

- Increased notifications of STIs among migrant groups in Australia
- Inform best practice
- Need for more culturally sensitive programs
- Research Aim

Research Method



Data Analysis- Modified grounded theory

Results

Sub-Saharan Africa

Southeast Asian/ East Asian

Helpseeking Barriers & Enablers

- Negative patient experience during help-seeking
- Privacy and confidentiality in testing
- Knowledge barriers
- Language barriers in accessing health services
- Accommodation difficulties
 - · Educational inequity
 - Targeted screening and lack of consent
 - Stigma-related visa refusal

- Sociocultural & religious influence
- Financial constraints
- Knowledge dissemination to reduce stigma
- Positive patient experience during help-seeking
 - Gender-combined information sessions

- Employment preference
- Social and self isolation of people living with HIV

 Language barriers in employment

Stigma and Discrimination

Results and discussion

- Some reports of involuntary screening (Targeted screening)
- Confusion regarding confidentiality and privacy standards in Perth
- Conceptualising migrants as a homogenous group and the implications on service delivery (example)
- The impact of careful wording and culturally sensitive messaging i.e. 'Migrant Health' vs. 'Migrant Sexual Health'

Conclusion

- Better understanding of migrant experiences
- Acknowledging migrant diversity in sexual health service delivery
- Dissemination of culturally-appropriate knowledge and information
- Further research is needed to explore findings in greater detail
- The findings are beneficial to policy makers as an evidence base to inform migrant sexual health-related policy implementation

Thank you







