



What stops people from sub-Saharan Africa & South East Asia accessing HIV testing in Australia?

I've lived in Australia for several years but I don't regularly visit a doctor. My community only accesses health services when we are very sick.

I hear stories about people living with HIV who are isolated from their communities. I'm afraid that will happen to me.

I've been living in Australia for many years, but I haven't seen anything about HIV. I don't think there is HIV here.

I came from Africa a number of years ago. There was a lot of stigma around HIV, people were dying.

I am afraid of being deported if I am diagnosed with HIV. I have friends who could not get permanent residency because they have HIV.

I am not open about my sexuality. I don't want to talk to my doctor about this as I am afraid other people will find out.

I am an international student and I worry about hidden costs for accessing health services.

I cannot find any information on HIV that is relevant for my community.

I have experienced homophobia from health services in my country and I'm scared it will happen in Australia.

I don't know where to go to access HIV testing. I've never seen it advertised.

I've heard that HIV only happens to people who are 'bad'. I don't think I'm at risk of HIV.

I heard you die from HIV. There is no point testing if I can't do anything about it.

My doctor has never offered me a HIV test. I don't think you can test for HIV in Australia.



The 'Barriers to HIV testing' project asked 77 people from sub-Saharan Africa and South East Asia what stopped them from testing for HIV in Australia. Here is a snapshot of the results. More information can be found at <https://siren.org.au/> or you can email corie.gray@curtin.edu.au