

The sexual health professional development needs of remote primary healthcare clinicians



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Young, Deadly, Free

Project Aims

To increase the uptake of STI and BBV testing and increase treatment rates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth living in remote and very remote areas of South Australia, Western Australia, Northern Territory and Queensland.

Project Sub-aims

1. Investigate the effectiveness of a youth peer education model with remote Aboriginal young people aged 16-29 years in increasing awareness, knowledge and prevention of STIs and BBVs
- 2. Improved clinical outcomes related to testing of STI/BBV among Aboriginal young people living in remote and very remote communities.**



Project Overview

Young Deadly Free website

Digital platform for all resources

Clinician resources

Remote clinicians sharing innovative solutions to designed to address barriers and increase clinicians confidence to discuss sexual health and offer testing

Infographics, fact sheets & other resources

Designed to increase awareness and knowledge of STI and BBV in young people

People of Influence resources

Designed to encourage yarning and healthy relationships between parents, carers, elders, teachers, mentors and young people

Peer education

Youth peer education – sites, recruitment, training and toolkit. Aiming to increase awareness and knowledge of STI & BBV among young people and promote testing



Website is live
www.youngdeadlyfree.org.au

Website hosts:

Two national campaigns

Young, Deadly, Syphilis Free campaign

- Animations
- Infographics
- TV commercials
- Posters
- Social media campaign

Remote STI & BBV Project (Young Deadly Free)

- Peer education for young people
- Fact sheets for young people
- Additional infographics & animations
- Resources for people of influence (under development)
- Resources for clinicians (under development)



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Objective

To identify and prioritise professional development resource needs for remote clinicians to increase awareness and build confidence to talk about sexual health and to offer STI & BBV testing to young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Methods

Mixed methods with three stages

- 20 question online survey
- Focus Group Consultations
- Pulling together existing resources identified through the focus groups and survey into an audit tool



Respondents

Stage 1

Female remote area nurses – 60%

Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander HW/HP- 21%

Non-Indigenous – 70%

Practised for longer than 6 years

Stage 2

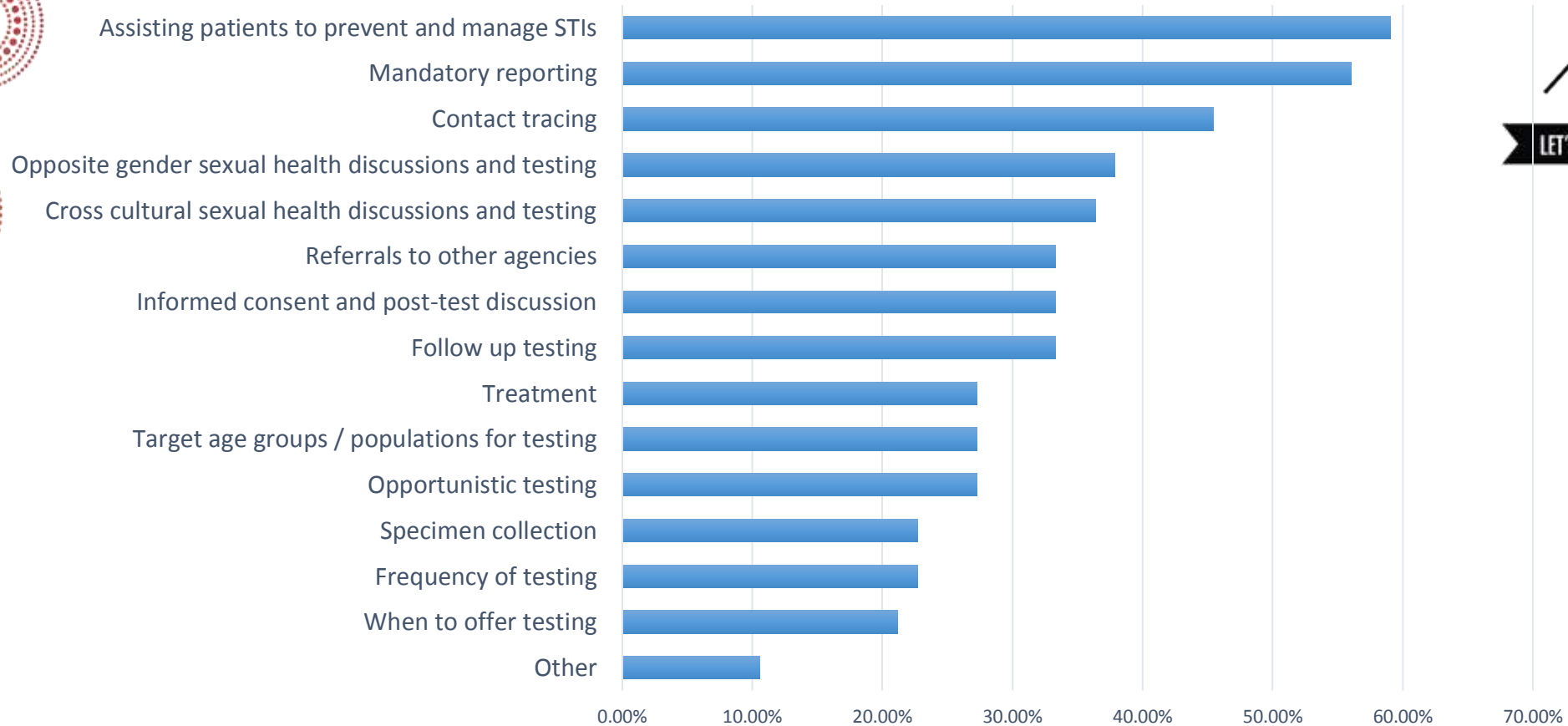
24 participants

Similar to above demographics
(female, +6 years, mainly nurses)

More identified as Indigenous - 54%

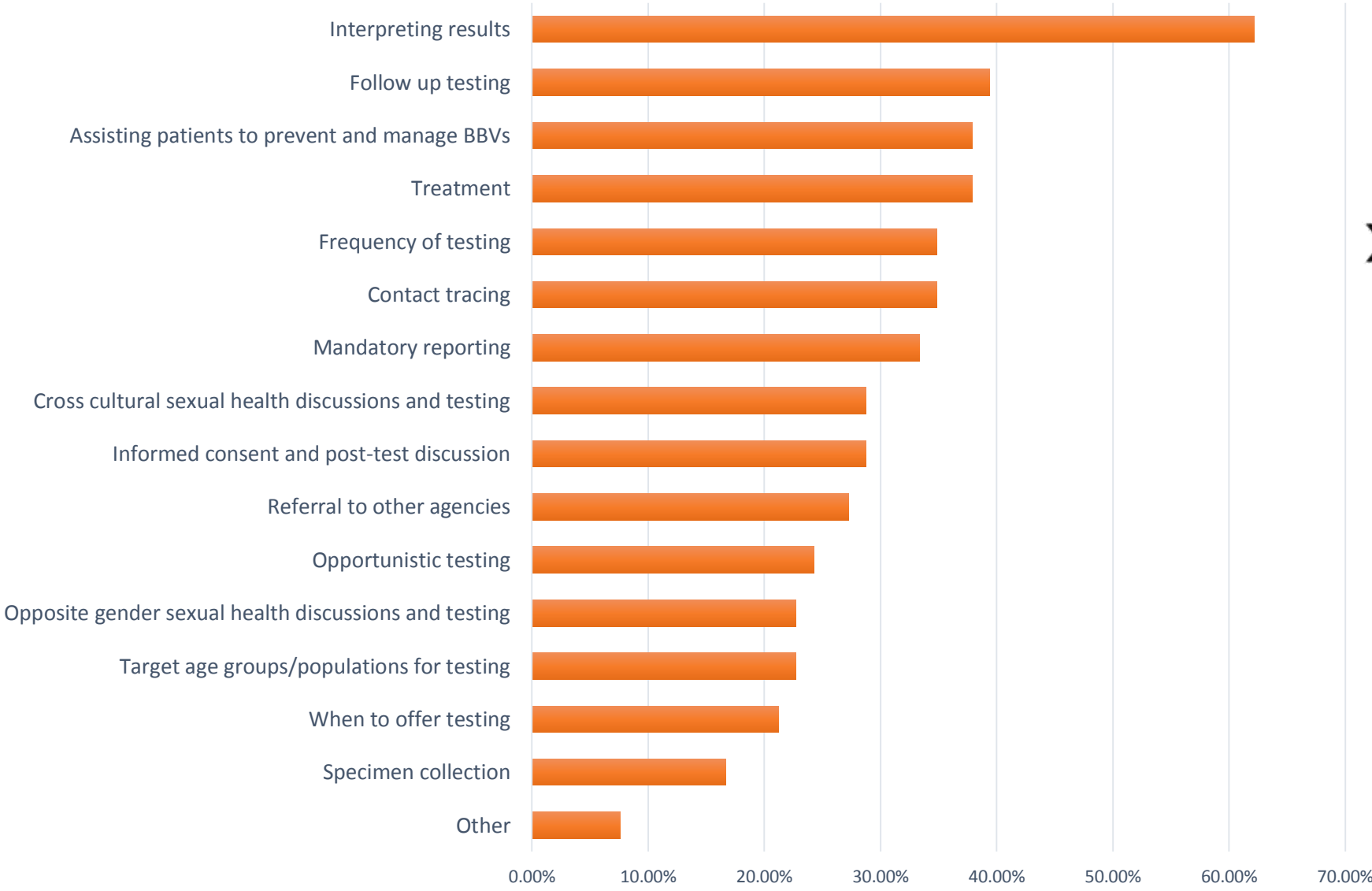


STI testing and management areas of new knowledge to improve practice

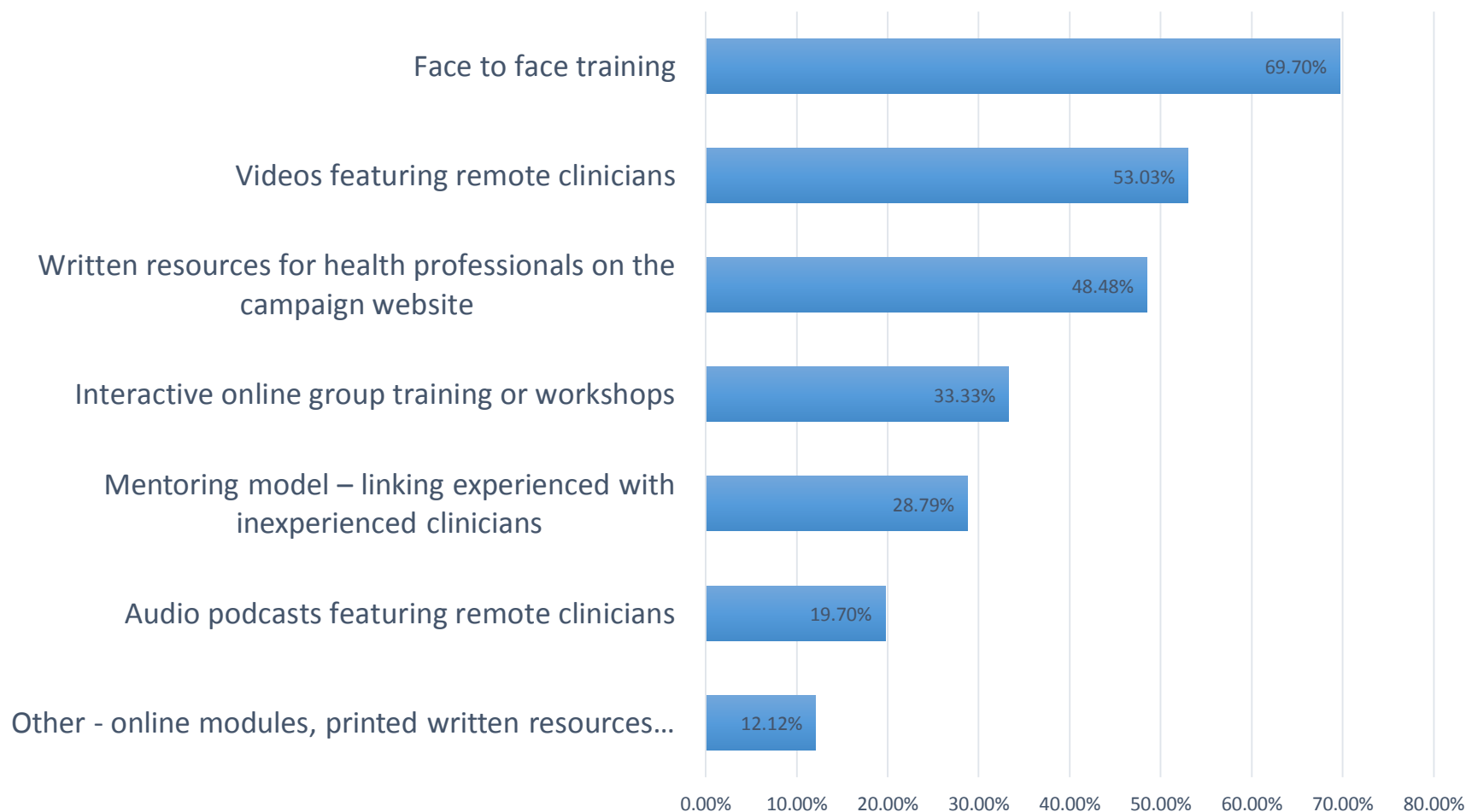




BBV testing and management where areas of new knowledge could improve practice



Preferred format of resources



Clinician resources- all available on our website



FOR DOCTORS, NURSES, HEALTH WORKERS

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Test For Syphilis and HIV with every
STI Screen



Offer All Young People STI and BBV Testing in Remote
Communities



Clinicians Sharing Strategies for Offering STI and BBV Testing in
Remote Communities



The Clinician's Role in Stopping
Syphilis



Watch this space... There are more to come!

Filming for new round of clinician, youth and people of influence videos has commenced

Film locations:

- Perth (WA)
- Katherine (NT)
- Darwin (NT)
- Yirrkala (NT)
- Bamaga (QLD)
- Cairns (QLD)





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