



Homosexuality and HIV/AIDS, Case of the HIV Excellency Center, Lubumbashi University, DR Congo

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Abstract:

Homosexuality is not accepted in most African countries. This is also the case of the DR Congo, in the African context dominated by the belief and practice of the religious morality and the customs of our venerated ancestors. The objective of this study is to demonstrate the vulnerability of men having sex with men (MSM) to HIV/AIDS in our area. An observation was conducted at the Excellency Center of Lubumbashi University, where four MSM from the open community have been followed up for two years. Their adherences to treatment, clinical and biological history, and their integration have been reviewed. It results that the majority of MSM is hiding behind bisexuality and only few of them openly self-identify as such and having access to available care services.

Biography:

Joe Kabongo Katabwa is an HIV specialist graduated from galilee Institute in Israel, I did health economics at ULB in Brussels to perfect my notions of epidemiology and methodology as well as management related to my duties at the CENTER of Excellence HIV/AIDS of the University of Lubumbashi. I was intene for 4 years in internal medicine before going to perfect my training in HIV Clinic. I am currently in charge of technical issues and the Clinic as well as research at the Centre of Excellence HIV/AIDS at the University of Lubumbashi, which I established in 2005 and which currently has 6,300 patients including 5,000 adults and 1,300 children, the largest structure in my country that also has substantial support from PEPFAR.



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