

Survey on Living with HIV and Ageing

This survey is the result of a collaboration between MOSAIC, NAPWHA and Femfatales. We encourage all women, regardless of age, living with HIV to be motivated to consider their health, reflect on living with HIV and to complete this survey so that their voices may be heard. The feedback from this survey can be used to make positive changes in the delivery of support to women living with HIV. Please complete and return this survey by Friday October 26th 2018.

MOSAIC Services is a specialised counselling and case management program of Relationships Australia South Australia Ltd (RASA), supporting people who live with, are affected by or are at high risk of transmission of blood borne virus (HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C)

The National Association of People Living with HIV Australia (NAPWHA) is the peak, peer-based organisation that represents all people living with HIV in Australia. The NAPWHA National Network of Women Living with HIV, also known as Femfatales, works on advocating, informing policy and responding to the challenging and diverse issues that impact on Women Living with HIV (WLHIV)

Our national approach aims to celebrate, advocate, inspire and empower all WLHIV.

Femfatales, as a national women's network, appreciates and understands there are often different realities for WLHIV due to their incredible diversity, uniqueness and different life experiences.

WLHIV face unique challenges and experiences that are not easily identified and it is vital that the gender lens is also applied to ensure all women's needs are considered, addressed and taken seriously.

Femfatales are excited to collaborate with (MOSAIC at RASA) to promote this important paper and online survey. The collective intention is to distribute an online survey via a Survey Monkey link - www.research.net/r/womenlivingwithHIV with a focus on WLHIV in-order to gather information and data that is unique to women's lived experience of HIV.

Your participation and responses will be highly appreciated as your input will be collated to find and identify any information that may improve women's health, equity and overall quality of life.

Any questions about the survey can be directed to:

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Completed surveys not done online can be posted to:

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OR

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WOMEN'S EXPERIENCE OF LIVING WITH HIV AND AGEING

Age Under 30 30 - 50 51 -75 Over 75

Gender

Cultural Identity.....

In which state of Australia are you currently living? Post code.....

Year diagnosed.....

Do you have children? Yes No If yes, how many children do you have?.....

Are you on Anti Retro Viral treatments (HIV treatment)? Yes No

If yes, how long have you been on treatment?.....

Q1) Are the available health services meeting your current needs? Yes No

Q2) If yes - please let us know what type of service best helped your needs:

- Counselling
- Group Support
- Advocacy
- Other (please specify):

Q3) If no - please let us know what would help to fill the gaps and issues that you have experienced.

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Q4) What is your greatest fear or desire about living with HIV as you get older?

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Q5) Do you feel that you are well informed about getting older with HIV?

- Yes, I am well informed
- A little, but not enough
- No, I am not informed at all

Q6) HIV and Ageing - What would you like to know more about as you get older?

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Q7) Imagine yourself ageing, what would be the one thing that could make your life better as you age with HIV?

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Q8) Have you ever experienced negative stigma or discrimination due to your HIV status? Yes No

Q9) If yes - what do you believe needs to change in order to prevent this from happening again?

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Q10) Do you believe that you have the ability to complain if you experience stigma or discrimination? Yes No

Q11) Have you ever complained about negative stigma or discrimination? Yes No

Q12) If yes - to what degree were you satisfied with the outcome. Please let us know what worked and what didn't work.

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Q13) If no - what prevented you from complaining?

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Q14) Have you ever felt that your gender was a barrier to accessing needed services, including medical interventions?

Yes No

Q15) If yes - What do you think needs to change to make the barrier disappear?

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A “MY HEALTH RECORD” WILL BE CREATED FOR YOU ONLINE, UNLESS YOU OPT OUT PRIOR TO MID-NOVEMBER 2018.

Q16) Do you know about “my health record”? Yes No

Q17) How do you think this new health recording system will impact on your overall health-care?
Positively Negatively Not sure

Q18) Can you explain why you think this way?

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Q19) When managing your “My Health Record” – are you aware that you can choose who has access to your information?
Yes No

Q20) When managing your “My Health Record” – what would be helpful or beneficial for you in order to increase your access and right to optimal care, without discrimination?

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Q 21) Is there any other comment you would like to make about you, HIV and / or your unique experiences as a woman living with HIV?

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MOSAIC, NAPWHA and the Femfatale National Network of Women Living with HIV thank you for your participation in this HIV and Ageing questionnaire. Your information and responses are very important and will ensure that the important voice of women is heard with respect to living with HIV.