

Clinic Service Utilization by women living with HIV in BC

335 women living with HIV in BC answered questions about their main HIV clinic

70% of participants accessed an HIV clinic in the Vancouver Coastal Health regional health authority (RHA)

67% of participants accessed an HIV clinic in the same RHA as where they live

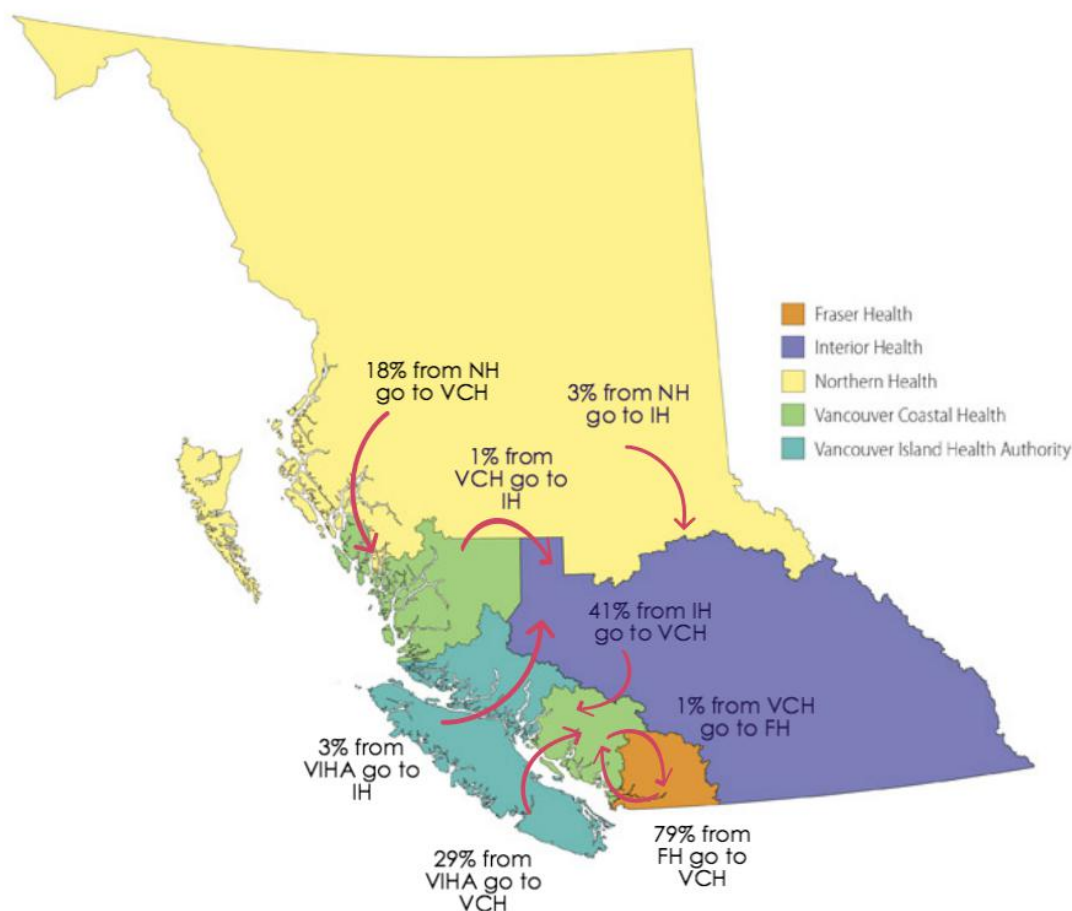


35% of participants did not live in the same city/town as their clinic

52% of participants spent 30 minutes or more commuting (one way) to their clinic from their home

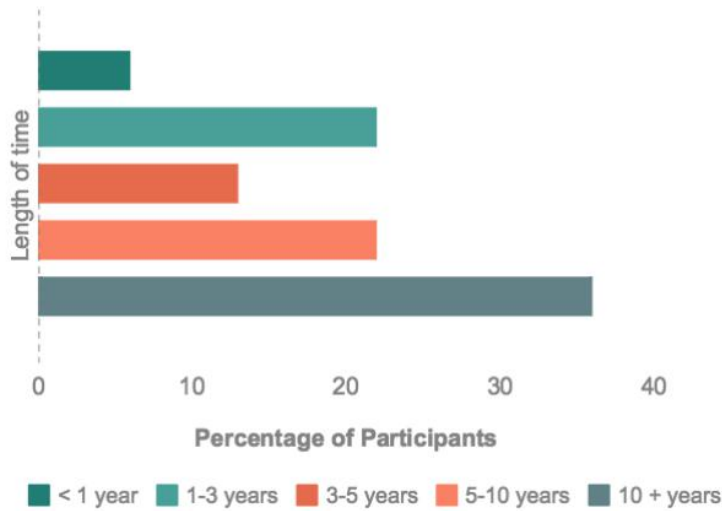
Regional Patterns in HIV Clinic utilization

Percentage of women who go from one RHA to another for their HIV medical care



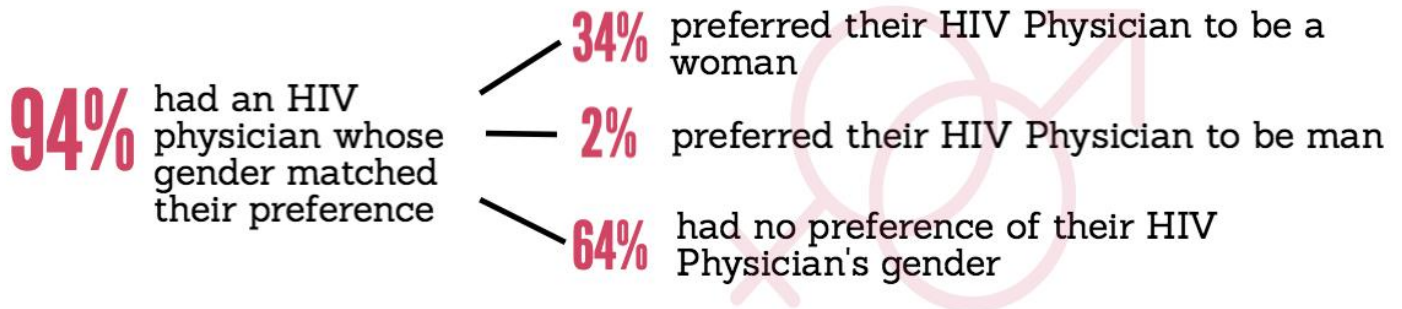
Length of Time Receiving Care

from their primary HIV clinic



Gender of HIV Physician

preference of gender of HIV Physician



Frequency of Clinic Visits

in the past year



Women-Centred Care

When answering questions about women-centred care, CHIWOS participants were given the following definition:

- Supports women living with HIV to achieve the best health and well-being as defined by women
- Recognizes, respects, and addresses women's unique health and social concerns, and recognizes that they are connected
- Is driven by women's diverse experiences, is flexible and takes the different needs of women into consideration



90% of participants were satisfied with care received from their HIV clinic



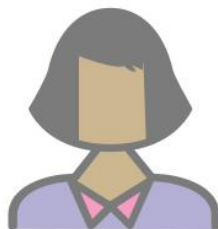
62% of perceived the care they received at their HIV clinic as women-centred



91% of participants were satisfied with care received from their HIV doctor



67% of perceived the care they received at their HIV doctor as women-centred



82% of participants thought women-centred care was important to their care



58% of participants' satisfaction with the care they received depended on how women-centred it was

5 Least Accessed Services

1. Access to allied health professionals

37% of participants reported this service being the least accessible

2. Legal assistance

33% of participants reported this service being the least accessible

3. Harm reduction services

33% of participants reported this service being the least accessible

4. Child minding support

33% of participants reported this service being the least accessible

5. Interpretation services

26% of participants reported this service being the least accessible

5 Most Available Services

1. Health information materials

95% of participants reported this service being the most available

2. Onsite pap tests/sexual health services

85% of participants reported this service being the most available

3. Nutritionist/dietitian consults

82% of participants reported this service being the most available

4. Substance use treatment

80% of participants reported this service being the most available

5. Mental health services/counselling

78% of participants reported this service being the most available

Note: Some percentages may not add to 100% due to missing, "don't know" or "prefer not to answer" responses.

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