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## OVERVIEW OF HEALTH CONNECT STUDY

The Health Connect project, launched in January 2024, aims to characterize access to primary and community healthcare among a cohort of under-served clients of the H2H supervised consumption site. It will also evaluate a patient-centered linkage-to-care intervention for clients tested for HCV, HIV and syphilis through the supervised consumption site.

## PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA



- +19 years old
- Willing to provide informed consent
- Ability to verbally communicate in English
- Client of the H2H SCS

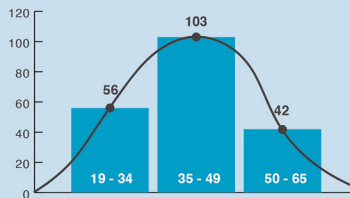
## ATTACHMENT TO CARE

Fig 1: Proportion of Current Status

ATTACHMENT	N	%
HOPE TO HEALTH CLINIC	36	17.9
OTHER COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE CLINICS	127	63.28
UNATTACHED TO CARE	38	18.91

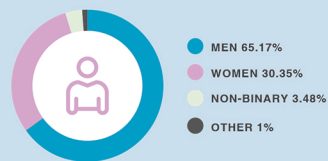
## AGE GROUP AT BASELINE

Fig 2: Age



## GENDER

Fig 3: Gender



## STUDY PROGRESS

Fig 4: Recent & Total

Health Connect has enrolled 201 participants; all of whom have completed the baseline survey. To date, 181 (90%) have engaged in HCV POC and 176 (88%) have engaged in DBS screening for HCV, HIV and syphilis. We have received 146 DBS results and completed 98 follow-up study check-in visits. Eight, previously unattached participants have been connected with the Hope to Health Clinic for follow-up testing and treatment. The Health Connect study will not be enrolling new participants for the month of July in an effort to facilitate check-in and follow-up visits in a timely manner.

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ENROLLED	201	100%
ENGAGED IN HCV POC	181	90%
ENGAGED IN HCV, HIV AND SYPHILIS DBS	176	88%
STUDY CHECK-IN COMPLETED	98	49%

## HOW IT WORKS!

**01**

**BASELINE**

A rapid point-of-care (POC) HCV test and a 30-minute questionnaire.

**02**

**INTERVENTION**

Participants will be offered dry blood spot (DBS) testing for HCV/HIV/Syphilis (as part of the H2H SCS SoC) and a referral to the H2H clinic (if unattached to primary care)

**04**

**RESEARCH FOLLOW UP**

All participants will be invited to engage in one follow-up questionnaire 12 months after the baseline.

**03**

**CHECK-IN VISIT**

The HCV POC test will be available immediately following the baseline questionnaire. The DBS results will take approx. 3 weeks to process. Participants will be invited back for a check-in visit one month after the baseline in order to facilitate results, STBI learning and linkage to care. If a participant is already attached to care, the team will correspond with the participant's primary care provider informing them of the participant's status and ensuring they too have linkage to care.

## WELCOME

We are delighted to welcome Douglas Vickers, our Peer Support Specialist to the Health Connect team.

Team Photo (L-R) Douglas Vickers, Alannah Hannigan, Nandini Krishnan.



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