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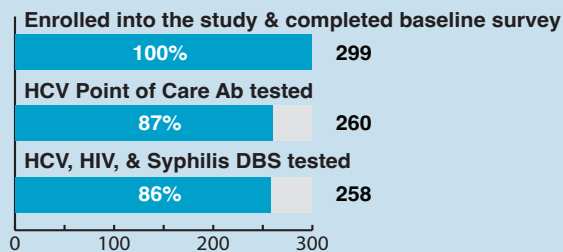
OVERVIEW OF HEALTH CONNECT STUDY

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

STUDY PROGRESS

- Wave 1 of the study closed in November 2024 after we enrolled 299 clients accessing services out of the Hope to Health SCS.
- Our survey was approximately 30-minutes in length and was facilitated by our research team.
- The survey includes questions about socio-demographics, substance use behaviours, engagement in harm reduction services, and STBBI testing engagement, history and knowledge.
- Wave 2 of the study will launch in early 2025 and will move to focus solely on the Health Connect interviewer administered survey.

Health Connect Study Progress



NEW PUBLICATION

Check out our recent publication “Scaling up hepatitis C testing and linkage-to-care among people who use drugs: lessons learned from a pilot project implemented at a supervised consumption site” in *BMC Health Services Research*.

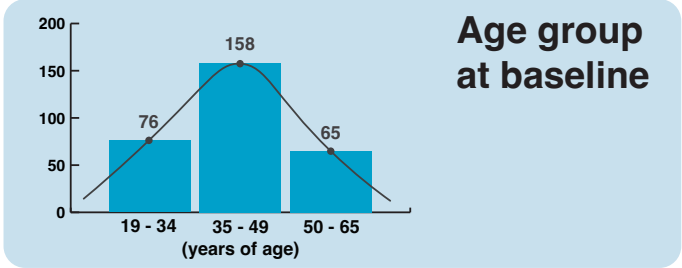


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WHO IS IN OUR STUDY



HEALTH CONNECT DBS RESULTS

DBS Results	Number	Percentage
HCV RNA+	39	15%
HIV RNA+	15	6%
Syphilis Ab+	60	23%

STAY ENAGED WITH HEALTH CONNECT!

We are eager to share our results with our partners and other folks interested in our study. Now that our wave 1 study is closed, we are prioritizing a few upcoming projects within this study, which include:

1. Assessing the uptake and impact of dried-blood-spot testing at the H2H SCS.
2. Characterizing engagement with SCS/OPS services.
3. Evaluating engagement in primary healthcare and avoidance of healthcare among clients in Health Connect.

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