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FAMILIES OF CHOICE: THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY CONNECTEDNESS ON SEXUAL AND MENTAL HEALTH OUTCOMES AMONG YGBQ MEN

Globally, young gay, bisexual, and queer men (YGBQ) are a key population disproportionately at risk of acquiring HIV and other sexually transmitted infections, relative to older gay, bisexual, and queer men as well as the general population. Few studies have explored how community connectedness may impact mental and sexual health outcomes among YGBQ men, especially in contexts where negative societal attitudes toward sexual minorities, prevail. This study draws on preliminary baseline analysis from the Pink Carpet Y Cohort Study, comprising a sample of 600 HIV-negative YGBQ men aged 18 to 25 years old enrolled from May to July 2019. We explored associations between measures of community connectedness and stigma with measures of substance use, suicide ideation, and sexual health-seeking behaviors. Findings from this novel study of YGBQ men in Singapore have implications for health services strengthening and health promotion interventions.

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Venue: FASS Research Division Seminar Room, AS7-06-42*

Light lunch is provided. Registration is required.

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