



WOMEN'S HEALTH IN WOMEN'S HANDS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

RESEARCH PROJECT OVERVIEW

Title:	Understanding HIV Transmission among person from Africa & the Caribbean following their arrival to Ontario
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Project Summary:

While most HIV infections in African and Caribbean populations in Ontario likely acquired before their arrival, a substantial, and probably growing, minority were infected here in Ontario. However, we have surprisingly little information about these infections in Ontario. Our project will try to answer the following questions: a) What is the distribution by gender, age, socioeconomic status and behavioral characteristics? b) What is the nature of the relationship between the participant and the sexual partner who was the likely source of their infection? c) Furthermore, what is the level of knowledge about HIV of recently diagnosed persons? d) Were condoms used to prevent STIs or HIV? e) Was the HIV-positive status of the source partner known to the participant at the time s/he was infected?