

MSM? What does MSM mean?

- Men who have sex with men.
- Some but not all MSM would identify as 'Gay'.
- A way of describing a group based on behaviour rather than identity.



- But often these terms are used interchangeably.

Why talk about MSM & HIV?

Historical context of the Gay Rights Movement

Collides with...

The Emergence of the HIV virus

To Stimulate...

Both grassroots mobilization and further stigmatisation of MSM.

In the early years of the global HIV epidemic...



HIV was seen as a 'gay disease' resulting from perceived sexual promiscuity in the gay community.

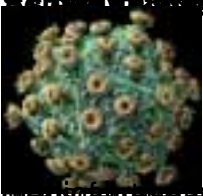
The U.S. Centers for Disease Control announced that HIV posed no threat to women or heterosexual men.

Many religious conservatives believed that HIV was a punishment sent by God to punish MSM for their 'immoral' behaviour.

HIV was Called...

NEW GAY PLAGUE... NOPE JUST THE...

SAME OLD RIGHTS
Even by Medical Authorities and Scientists!!
As the plague grows and changes



but the disease is not the high risk group of HIV drug users and female sex workers,



For Status, Fear and Discrimination Wounded MSM from 1980s in the rights in gay men and women
and the people who are sexually active.



Yet 1980's Criminalization of HIV/AIDS in the US and the UK and the **UK's Criminalization of HIV/AIDS** in 1987
penalties range from imprisonment to death. The sentencing rates



Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code prohibits, "Carnal intercourse against the course of



ill with HIV. But the criminalization of same-sex behavior on dignitaries of MSM in India



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