

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.

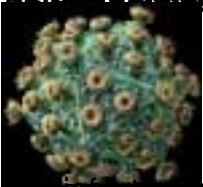
The U.S. Centers for Disease Control announced that HIV posed no threat to women or heterosexual men.

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!!
Epidemics grow and change



but the same old stigma and suspicion... HIV drug users and female sex workers,



For Stigma, Fear and Discrimination towards MSM from 1960s... rights in gay men and



Yet 1970s... 1980s... 1990s... 2000s... 2010s... 2020s...
Injuries range from imprisonment to death... a shocking rate



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



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