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P226 SELF-ESTEEM, BODY IMAGE, AND SUBCULTURE IDENTIFICATION AMONG GAY, BISEXUAL, AND OTHER MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN

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Background Previous research shows that low self-esteem may negatively affect self-efficacy, increase substance use, and underlie some patterns of risky sexual behaviour. This suggests low self-esteem may hinder the prevention of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STI). Therefore, we explored factors related to self-esteem among gay and bisexual men (gbMSM), including associations with risk behaviour.

Methods Between 2012–2015, we used respondent-driven sampling to recruit sexually-active HIV-positive and HIV-negative gbMSM, aged ≥16 in Metro Vancouver. Participants completed visits every 6-month until 2018. Generalized estimating equations identified correlates of self-esteem (study α = .90, range = 0–21), including key measures of sexual behaviour, substance use, social embeddedness, body image, and subcultural identification.

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Conclusion Subculture identification, self-rated body-image, and social embeddedness are key to gbMSM’s self-esteem. Given these factors overshadowed self-esteem’s association with sexual and substance use behaviours, holistic HIV and STI interventions should leverage socially-supportive, community-based, and inclusive messaging to address potentially negative effects of low self-esteem on gbMSM’s sexual health.

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P225 PRACTICAL COGNITIVE SCREENING FOR PATIENTS WITH HIV

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