BACKGROUND

In an attempt to curb the spread of HIV in South Africa, the UNAIDS goal system was implemented which aims to test 90% of the population for HIV.

Coupled with the drive for testing, oral pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) has been made available from June 2016 as an effective means of HIV prevention for those who test negative for HIV. In order to achieve HIV epidemic control through prevention, service entry points for HIV testing and offering of HIV prevention services to those at risk of HIV need to be identified.

METHODS

Reflections are drawn from two studies conducted in South Africa, one of which focused on family planning and the other on HIV prevention. Descriptive analysis of data was performed.

User perspectives on Implanon NXT in SA (2016)


RESULTS

User perspectives on Implanon NXT in SA

Age at Contraception Initiation

Proportion of AGYW in the sample

HIV Status of AGYW

HIV Counselling & Testing (HCT) and HIV Risk Assessment

HIV Risk Perception and Testing by AGYW

Offering and Uptake of PrEP to AGYW

CONCLUSION

The results highlight that AGYW between the ages of 12-24 are entering the health system through family planning services. Results indicate that many AGYW seeking family planning services at PrEP implementing facilities had been offered PrEP and had initiated. Hence, family planning services could be a possible early entry point for HIV testing and offering of prevention services to AGYW. Providing integrated family planning and HIV testing and prevention services offers an opportunity to engage AGYW who perceive risk of HIV in care.

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