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1. Introduction

Apoyo Positivo offers community-based, comprehensive prevention services to people most at risk of acquiring HIV in Torremolinos, (a Fast-Track City west of Málaga, Spain). Herein we analyze data from **people assessed and linked to pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) care at our center**, from June 2021 to June 2022.

Proportion of people eligible for PrEP, successfully linked to preventive care (84.38%)



2. Description

We deployed a **standardized survey** to guide which prevention services to recommend, ranging from blood-borne virus screening to harm reduction and PrEP. We collected and analyzed data on sexual practices and substance use and subsequently referred patients eligible for PrEP to one of three neighboring hospitals: Hospital Virgen de la Victoria in Málaga, Hospital Marítimo in Torremolinos, and Hospital Costa del Sol in Marbella. We follow up with people to confirm **linkage to care**.

Characteristic of people linked to PrEP:	N	%
Age		
18 - 24	14	10.13
25 - 34	50	37.04
35 - 44	48	35.36
45 - 54	17	12.59
> 55	6	4.44
Nationality		
Spain	100	74.07
North America	1	0.74
Central and South America	18	13.33
Africa	1	0.74
Asia	2	1.48
Europe (Not Spain)	13	9.63
Gender identity		
Cis men	131	97.04
Cis women	2	1.48
Trans people (Not binary)	2	1.48
Sexual orientation		
Homosexual	126	93.33
Bisexual	8	5.93
Heterosexual	1	0.74
Sexual practices		
In a serodiscordant relationship	13	9.63
User of sex Venues (Saunas, cruising, clubs...)	84	62.22
Sexual health		
Had a viral or bacterial STI in prior 12 months	67	49.63
Needed Pep in prior 12 months	17	12.59
Substance use		
Practices Chemsex	79	58.52
Share inhale substances tools and/or needles	64	47.41
Inject drugs (Slam)	4	2.96

3. Lessons Learned

- 214 people visited our prep point service to get information, from those, 160 were eligible for PrEP, and **135 (84,38%)*** were successfully linked to preventive care.
- Most of them were **Spanish (74,07%)**, aged **25-44 (72,6%)**, and almost all (97,04%) were cisgender.. **131 MSM, 2 women, and 2 non-binary users.**
- A relevant 62% used sex venues, 58% reported practicing **Chemsex**, and 47% inhaled substances (e.g., alkyl nitrites or poppers and cocaine) sharing tools to do so (1 of them share needles too).
- Of note, **slamming** or injected drug use was reported by almost **3%** of all people.

4. Recommendations

Although we have successfully promoted PrEP adoption among MSM, more support is needed to increase linkage to care and include **migrants, trans women, and sex workers**. PrEP Program continues growing (321 users from January 2020 to June 2022) but **most support is needed** to increase linkage to care and encourage uptake in other key populations. We have found a reduction of chemsex practices in this second year but the slam practice among users is 3 times higher

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