

HIV control challenges and perspectives in Iran

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HIV control challenges

- **National program**
- **Case detection**
- **Diagnostic methods**
- **Treatment**
- **Prophylaxis**
- **Ethical challenges**
- **Participation of NGOs**

National program

- **International fund and national program sustainability**
- **Engagement of committed organizations in HIV control program**

Case detection

- **Decreasing gap between detection and estimation rate especially in men with the high risk behaviors**

Case detection (1)

1. Increasing Testing Accessibility:

- **Mobile Testing Units**
- **Community-Based Testing**

Case detection (2)

2.Targeted Outreach Programs:

- **Peer education:** Training peers from high-risk groups to educate and encourage their communities to get tested
- **Social Media Campaigns:** Use social media platforms to reach younger, high-risk individuals

Case detection (3)

4.Reducing Stigma and Discrimination:

Public awareness campaigns

Diagnostic methods

- non-validation of kits made in Iran
- Self test

Treatment & prophylaxis

- Long acting injectable antiretrovirals
- Treatment adherence

Ethical & legal challenges

- **Stigma and Discrimination**
- **Employment**
- **Rejection by healthcare personnel**
- **Confidentiality**
- **Right to education**
- **Partner notification**



Participation of NGOs



