

Awareness of Aids Control and Sexual Behavior of Youth in A Town of Assam State

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ABSTRACT Acquired Immune Deficiency is a menace. As it is an incurable epidemic and prevention is the only way to keep anyone safe from this monster disease. In this paper an attempt has been made to find out knowledge level and practices of AIDS control besides the sexual practices among the youth in the age group of 18-25, which is a vulnerable group, in the town of Silchar in Assam. The study has revealed that while about 75 percent of the respondents out of a total sample of 200 have heard of the word AIDS only, half of them have heard of the word HIV. Hardly 11 percent of the total respondents have at least 75 percent knowledge of AIDS. One third of the respondents, both male and female are active in hetero sexual behavior. Only 7 percent of them use condom or used to use regularly while 10 percent of them used rarely. It has also been observed that those who are deviant in the sexual behavior are less exposed to media; thus they are at higher risk.