HIV SITUATION IN EUROPE

THE PERCENTAGE OF LATE DIAGNOSIS VARIES ACCORDING TO THE TRANSMISSION MODE

- **58%**
  For those infected through heterosexual transmission

- **55%**
  For those infected through injecting drug use

- **39%**
  For men infected through sex with men

WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF LATE DIAGNOSIS?

- It causes a higher morbidity and mortality rate
- Early diagnosis and adequate treatment guarantee instead a higher life expectancy
- It increases the risk of transmitting HIV to other (uninfected) people
- 54% of all new HIV infections derive from people who don’t know their HIV status
- It brings higher HIV treatment expenditures
- Those expenses are up to 3.7 times higher than expenses for timely diagnosis

WHAT IS STOPPING PEOPLE FROM TAKING AN HIV TEST?

Patient-level barriers to HIV testing:
- Worries about stigma or discrimination;
- Difficulty accessing testing facilities

Healthcare provider barriers to HIV testing:
- Insufficient time;
- Lack of knowledge or inadequate reimbursement

Institutional & policy-level barriers to HIV testing:
- Lack of national policy/guidelines;
- Laws and justice systems that jeopardise HIV prevention efforts

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