



hiv DANMARK



Objects Clause

Hiv-Danmark is a national organization for all people living with HIV (PLHIV) and those affected by HIV in Denmark, irrespective of gender, sexuality or ethnicity.

Hiv-Danmark is run by a board of people affected by HIV. The chairman is always a PLHIV.

Hiv-Danmark is an umbrella organization for individuals, self help groups and other societies for PLHIV as well as groups of patients attached to HIV wards at hospitals.

Hiv-Danmark is engaged in ensuring the needs of PLHIV, relatives and bereaved.

The objectives of Hiv-Danmark are to

- empower each PLHIV,
- motivate to an active social life,
- strengthen and to open the social life of each PLHIV,
- fight prejudice, and work for disclosure in a safe environment and through knowledge,
- secure and advocate the rights of PLHIV,
- prevent discrimination,
- prevent spread of the disease,
- exchange knowledge between PLHIV, their respective organizations, and to inform about each other's work.



The Essentials

History

Hiv-Danmark was founded in 1991 by seven different organizations of PLHIV. Shortly afterwards a drop in café (Kafe Knud) was opened in Copenhagen.

In 1993 counselling was extended to the rest of Denmark and in 1994 the first newsletter was issued. 1995 Hiv-Danmark received grants from the State and in 1998 the first project for ethnic minorities with HIV was launched.

In 2001 www.hiv-danmark.dk was established. In 2005 research on living conditions and quality of life for people with HIV was designed as a project in Hiv-Danmark.

Statistics

Hiv-Danmark currently employs 14 people (approx. 10 full time employed) and approx. 40 are volunteers. Hiv-

Danmark is engaged in counselling, prevention, drop in places, advocacy and information.

The budget for 2008 is approx. 1.5 mil. USD. 42% is funded by the National Board of Health. The other 68% is funded through collaboration with regional and local authorities, or raised through fundraising, donations or other income.

Involving PLHIV means

- educating PLHIV on treatment, employment issues, sexual health etc.,
- reaching out to immigrant PLHIV, ensuring same level of information,
- involvement in research on the “Quality of Life” of PLHIV,
- involvement in campaigns to fight discrimination.



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HIV IN DENMARK 2007

Estimated 5.250 people live with HIV in Denmark. 5.037 registered cases (1990-2007), currently around 3.000 in treatment and approx. 1.000 grey zone. Total of 1.934 death related to AIDS (2006).

TESTED POSITIVE 1990-2007

Men	3.674	72%
Women	1.399	28%
Total	5.073	

MSM	1.996	39%
Heterosexual	2.235	44%
IDU	449	9%
Other/Not recorded	393	8%
Total	5.073	

TESTED POSITIVE 2007

Men	222	73%
Women	70	27%
Total	304	

MSM	141	46%
Heterosexual	130	43%
IDU	20	7%
Other/Not recorded	13	4%
Total	304	

REPORTED AIDS DIAGNOSIS

2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
38	58	42	50	40

THE DANISH STRATEGY

The Danish Parliament passed the following resolution in March 1987: "... that the means against AIDS are based on the principles of voluntary participation, anonymity, open, direct, and honest information, confidence in the authorities, and the wish to avoid any kind of discrimination." – The resolution was reaffirmed in 1997.

THE CURRENT DANISH HIV POLICY

- No compulsory HIV disclosure
- Penal code § 252 for reckless HIV exposure
- Soundex, a national HIV register

TREATMENT

- Free of charge – distribution only at HIV centres
- Eight HIV centres (Copenhagen, Hvidovre, Ellsinore, Odense, Skejby, Aalborg, Herning and Kolding)

Firstline: Stocrin and Truvada or Stocrin and Kivexa
Every three month a check up on viral load and count of blood cells (CD4). Additional levels of cholesterol, liver and kidney function are checked up.

HEPATITIS C

10% of all PLHIV are Interveneal Drug User

- Clean Needle Program
- Self clean methods in prisons
- A special treatment centre: 'Forchammersvej'
- Health Rooms (Copenhagen Municipality)

ETHNIC MINORITIES

From 2003 Hiv-Danmark has worked to secure an effort for ethnic minorities with HIV: refugees traumatized from war, massacre, rape, and newly diagnosed HIV positive

- The same level of counselling and information
- Permanent counselling established 2006

OTHER ISSUES FOR PLWH/A IN DENMARK

- The attitudes at workplaces
- Insurances
- Flex job – reduced working hours, same pay
- Fertility. Sperm washing, in vitro treatment

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CONCEPT & LAYOUT

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