

# PEER-BASED AND NURSE-LED: A KEY TO SUCCESS WITH MSM

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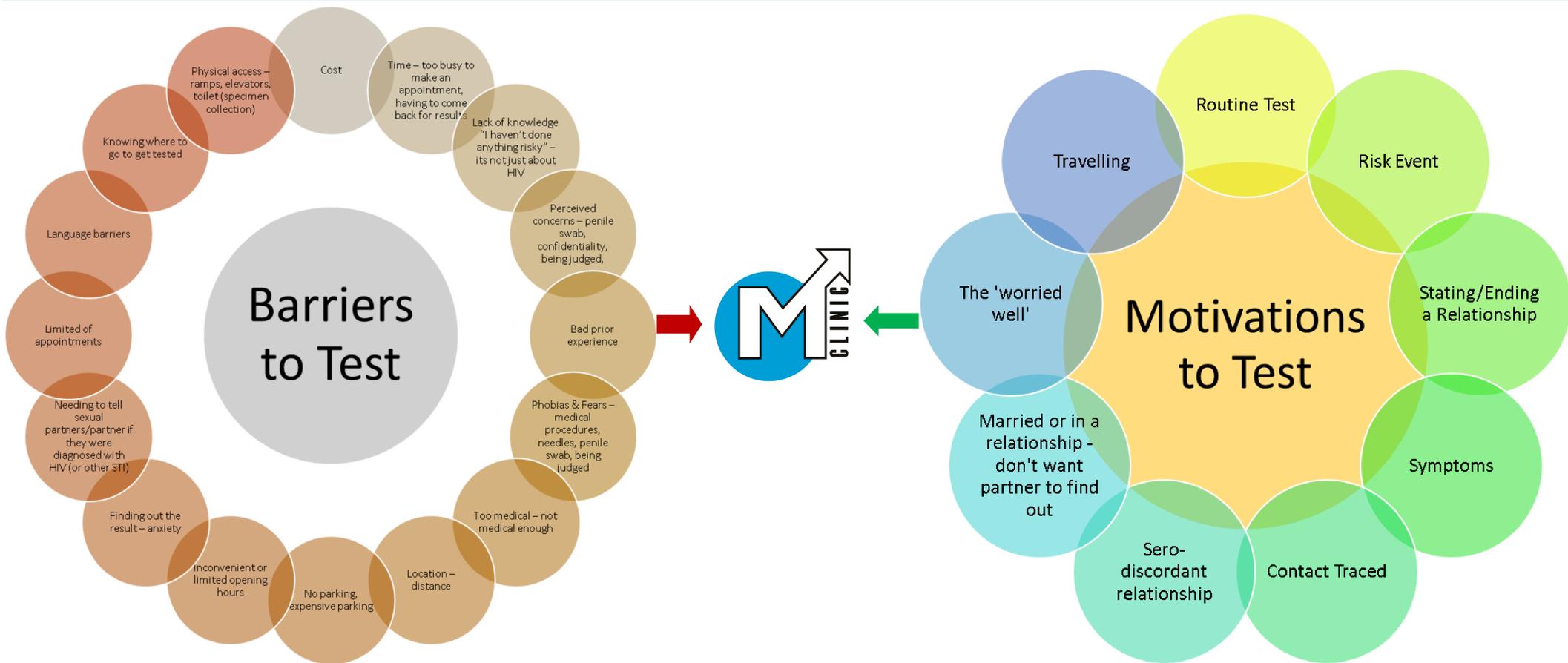
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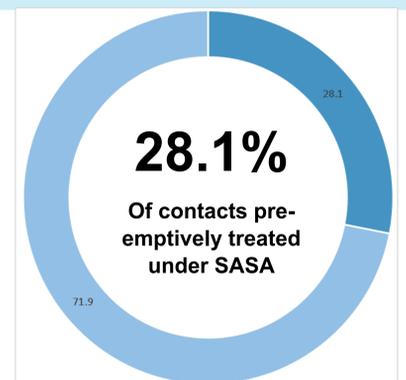
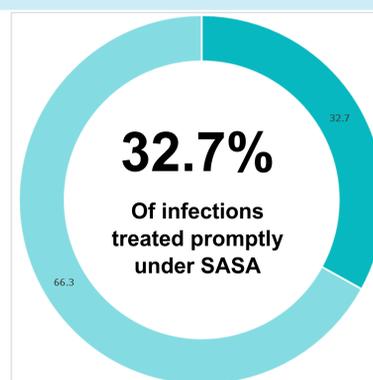
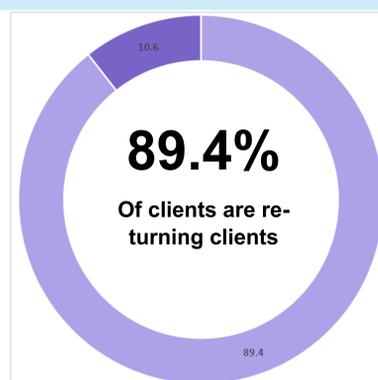
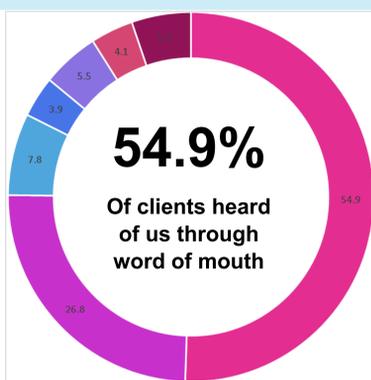
## HOW DID WE COME TO BE?

- Men-who-have-sex-with-men (MSM) are identified as a high risk population for acquiring HIV and other STIs.
- Barriers and motivations to test identified by 'peers' - Syphilis outbreak starting to reach MSM in Perth
- WA AIDS Council set up a specific sexual health clinic in 2010 to address barriers and enhance motivations to testing



## OUR UNIQUE APPROACH

- The clinical nurse consultants provide timely treatment, both pre-emptive and lab-confirmed, as well as vaccinations, through M Clinic specific Structure Administration and Supply Agreements (SASAs)
- Clinical Nurse Consultants also had scope to conduct PrEP clinical follow-ups for participants of the PrEP-IT WA trial until March 2019.
- All of our staff are classified as 'peers' with a wealth of knowledge on sexual health and LGBTIQ+ health.
- Treatment for gonorrhoea, chlamydia and syphilis provided in-house, no scripts needed!
- Self Collected Risk Assessments (SCRAs) completed on iPads prior to appointment



## OUR IMPACT AND SIGNIFICANCE

- Having a peer-based approach addresses barriers to testing, and has encouraged hard-to-reach populations, like international students and married men, to engage in sexual health testing and education.
- Outreach testing as sex-on-premises venues allows for disengaged populations to immerse themselves in testing and improve their sexual health literacy.
- Confidentiality and quality of information most valued by over 90% of clients evaluated.
- High level client engagement facilitates **increased frequency of testing, timely detection and appreciation of healthcare overall.**

