

the level of awareness about HIV and STIs

- 1. How old are you? (Open question)**
- 2. Gender**
 - Male
 - Female
 - Transgender female
 - Transgender male
 - Other
- 3. Region of origin** (All the Italian regions were listed as options)
- 4. Educational level:**
 - None
 - Primary school
 - Middle school
 - Secondary school
 - University degree or higher
 - I prefer not to answer
- 5. Occupation:**
 - Unemployed
 - Retired
 - Self-employed
 - Employee
 - Temporary job
 - Student
 - Housewife
 - Health worker/health profession student
 - I prefer not to answer
- 6. What is HIV? (only one corrected answer)**
 - A virus
 - A bacterium
 - A fungi
 - I do not know
 - It does not exist
 - Other
- 7. How is it possible to transmit HIV?**
 - Through kisses
 - Through blood
 - Through sexual intercourse
 - During labour
 - I do not know
- 8. Through which of the following is HIV transmitted?**
 - Saliva
 - Blood
 - Vaginal discharge
 - Sperm
 - Sweat
 - Urine
 - I do not know
- 9. How is it possible to recognize a person living with HIV?**

It is not possible
From skin patches
He/She would be extremely thin
He/She would look like an ill person
I do not know

10. Is it dangerous to live with a person living with HIV?

Not at all
Yes, by sharing services
Yes, by drinking from the same glass
Yes, by sharing kisses and hugs
I do not know

11. In your opinion, if a person living with HIV timely assumes his/her treatment and has an undetectable viral load, can He/She transmit the virus?

(Yes or No answer)

12. What is the age at higher risk of contracting a sexually transmitted infection? (only one corrected answer)

15-25
30-40
40-50
>50
I do not know

13. Does contraceptive pill protect from sexually transmitted infections? (only one corrected answer)

No, never
Yes, always
It depends on the woman's age
I do not know

14. Which are the microorganism responsible for sexually transmitted infections?

Viruses
Bacteria
Protozoa
I do not know

15. How is it possible to acquire sexually transmitted infections?

Through saliva
Through sperm
Through vaginal discharge
Through cough and sputum
I do not know

16. How is it possible to prevent sexually transmitted infections and HIV transmission?

Using condoms during the whole and all sexual intercourses
With proper intimate cleansing after each sexual intercourse
By assuming contraceptive pills
By practicing interrupted coitum
I do not know

17. In which kind of sexual intercourse, do you have the highest chance of HIV and sexually transmitted infection transmission?

Receptive intercourse
Penetrative intercourse
Both
There is not risk of any kind

I do not know

18. Have you ever had sexual intercourse in your life?

(Yes, No, I prefer not to answer)

19. During an occasional sexual intercourse, how often do you use condoms?

Always

Almost always

Sometimes

Never

I prefer not to answer

20. Have you ever heard of U=U campaign? (Yes or No answer)

21. Do you think taking part to this survey could have been the chance to learn more about this topic? (Yes or No answer)