

# HIV/AIDS Risks among South African Men Who Report Sexually Assaulting Women

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**Objective:** To examine HIV risks among South African men who report having been sexually assaultive. **Methods:** Men (N = 412) in Cape Town completed anonymous surveys. **Results:** Twenty-three percent reported a history of sexual assault. Men who had been sexually assaultive were younger, reported more sex partners, were more likely to have a history of genital ulcers, and more

likely to have exchanged money for sex. Sexually assaultive men were also more likely to endorse rape myths. **Conclusions:** Interventions that target men as the agents of change in reducing sexual assaults and HIV transmission are urgently needed.

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