

## **ABSTRACT**

### **Barriers to Condom Use in Commercial Sex Activities of Male Street Sex Workers**

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This study explored unsafe sexual behaviours and sexual services of male clients of male street-based sex workers in Suriname. Data were collected through in-depth interviews with 12 clients of predominantly male street sex workers on the streets of Paramaribo. It was found that a large number of the men showed a preference for unprotected sex with other men because of a perceived loss of sexual pleasure with the use of condoms, thus increasing their risk of contracting STIs, especially HIV. Many of these men are either married to, or engaged in sexual relationships with, women who might have been unaware that their partners were involved in unprotected sex with men, and therefore might have been exposed to infection from their partners.

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