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Subject: Being Gay Can Be unhealthy!

Posted by [NeoX](#) on Sat, 09 Oct 2004 20:05:33 GMT

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Quote:TUDY: 14% of MSM Intentionally Have Unprotected Anal Sex  
by GayHealth Staff

"No limits. No barriers. No condoms." That's the tagline promoting a new porn video featuring barebacking among men who have sex with men (MSM). The first study gauging the incidence of barebacking among MSM proves it is in no way a mere fantasy, rather a kind of sex that is putting MSM at high risk for HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).

A total of 14 percent of almost 400 MSM surveyed reported barebacking -- which was defined in the study as intentional unprotected sex with a non-primary partner -- in the past two years. The findings were released last week at the National STD Conference in San Diego.

The study, conducted in San Francisco from July 2000 to February 2001 by Gordon Mansergh, Ph. D., a behavioral scientist from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), focused exclusively on the rates and reasoning behind barebacking.

"Fourteen percent strikes me as considerably lower than reality," gay activist and author Eric Rofes told the Southern Voice. "This is a highly charged issue and expecting people to self-report automatically raises questions about the research."

However, Dr. Mansergh offered a different perspective. "This is a very specific behavior we are talking about, we are not just talking about unprotected anal sex," Dr. Mansergh told GayHealth.com. "We're talking about intentional unprotected sex with someone who is not a primary partner."

In the study barebacking did not include spontaneously or unplanned unprotected anal sex. "If we look at those rates over all in the same sample, they're much higher. It's roughly 30 percent or so within just the previous three months," Dr. Mansergh said. "The 14 percent in two years shows how much of a subgroup barebacking is."

Along with his colleagues Dr. Mansergh surveyed 554 MSM; 390 of the men understood the term barebacking, and 53 of those MSM reported barebacking in the past two years.

MSM with HIV were more likely to bareback than those without HIV; of the 28 HIV-infected men who had barebacked, 38 percent reported insertive intercourse with a partner of different or unknown HIV serostatus. Of the 23 HIV-negative men who had barebacked, 39 percent reported receptive intercourse with a partner of different or unknown HIV serostatus.

Are MSM not afraid of getting HIV anymore? The most common reason given for barebacking was greater physical stimulation and more emotional intimacy with a partner. "A condom is a physical barrier and it represents for some people an emotional barrier as well," said Dr. Mansergh. But why do these reasons outweigh the need for MSM to protect themselves from disease?

The availability of better treatments was given as a reason for barebacking with 19 percent of men who had barebacked saying that improved treatments caused them to have more unprotected sex. Some men may falsely believe having unprotected sex with an HIV positive man is safe because medications prevent HIV transmission. "There is no doubt that a lower viral load corresponds to less risk. But we also know that viral loads often "blip" up -- even in people who are faithfully taking their medication and have steadily undetectable readings," said Susan C. Ball, M.D., M.P.H., assistant director of the Birnbaum Unit HIV Care Center at New York Presbyterian Hospital.

A total of 58 percent of the MSM reported being drunk or high -- another contributing factor that may increase the likelihood of risky behavior -- during their last barebacking encounter.

Dr. Mansergh says there is a need for new prevention strategies that specifically target MSM who bareback. For example, he said there needs to be more research on microbicides -- substances that help reduce the risk of HIV transmission, usually in the form of gels or lubes -- as an alternative for condoms.

"Most people either haven't heard of them or see them as a "pie in the sky" luxury we might have someday. But someday could be as little as five years away. If the gay community is interested enough to demand them," Anna Forbes, MMS, wrote in a recent GayHealth.com feature article (link in the sidebar).

"Our data suggest that most men who bareback are likely to use a future rectal microbicide, even if such a product were protective only 50 percent of the time that it was used. An effective microbicial product could provide protection without compromising physical stimulation and emotional connectedness," according to the study authors.

Researchers warn, however, that microbicides would only reduce HIV risk for those MSM not using condoms. There is concern about whether microbicides may in fact increase the risks for MSM who may stop using condoms. "More collaboration is needed in laboratory research, clinical trials and behavioral studies to identify safe, effective and acceptable rectal microbicides." <http://www.gayhealth.com/templates/1097352211841982563956/common/feature.html?record=754&trycookie=1>  
where do you stand!

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Posted by [Cypher \[PCNC\]](#) on Sat, 09 Oct 2004 20:15:07 GMT  
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Okay, my question is this.  
What caused you to seek knowledge about this?

Or, more importantly, ewww.... We don't want to know that. Well, I don't. I'm sure others (you know who you are) do.

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Subject: Being Gay Can Be unhealthy!  
Posted by [bigejoe14](#) on Sat, 09 Oct 2004 20:19:07 GMT  
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Shut up, NeoX.

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Subject: Being Gay Can Be unhealthy!  
Posted by [z310](#) on Sat, 09 Oct 2004 20:33:55 GMT  
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Subject: Being Gay Can Be unhealthy!  
Posted by [gendres](#) on Sat, 09 Oct 2004 21:02:48 GMT  
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Subject: Being Gay Can Be unhealthy!  
Posted by [DarkDemin](#) on Sat, 09 Oct 2004 21:32:44 GMT  
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Subject: Being Gay Can Be unhealthy!  
Posted by [NeoX](#) on Sat, 09 Oct 2004 21:35:52 GMT  
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Subject: Being Gay Can Be unhealthy!  
Posted by [Hi-Fi Punk](#) on Sat, 09 Oct 2004 21:47:36 GMT  
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It's homosexual, not gay.

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Subject: Being Gay Can Be unhealthy!  
Posted by [rm5248](#) on Sat, 09 Oct 2004 21:50:28 GMT  
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Lol... why are you quoting a quote that tells you to shutup?

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Posted by [SuperFlyingEngi](#) on Sat, 09 Oct 2004 21:57:24 GMT

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Gross.

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Subject: Re: Being Gay Can Be unhealthy!

Posted by [Xtrm2Matt](#) on Sat, 09 Oct 2004 22:04:48 GMT

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NeoXwhere do you stand!

Behind you.

Hey baby!

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Subject: Being Gay Can Be unhealthy!

Posted by [xptek](#) on Sat, 09 Oct 2004 22:04:58 GMT

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Same thing happens to heterosexuals.

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Posted by [NHJ BV](#) on Sat, 09 Oct 2004 22:09:39 GMT

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Subject: Being Gay Can Be unhealthy!

Posted by [OnfireUK](#) on Sat, 09 Oct 2004 23:18:15 GMT

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Subject: Being Gay Can Be unhealthy!  
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Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Sat, 09 Oct 2004 23:30:35 GMT  
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Subject: Being Gay Can Be unhealthy!  
Posted by [Master. kirby](#) on Sun, 10 Oct 2004 02:00:46 GMT  
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Subject: Being Gay Can Be unhealthy!  
Posted by [Panther](#) on Sun, 10 Oct 2004 03:50:01 GMT  
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Posted by [flyingfox](#) on Sun, 10 Oct 2004 04:01:57 GMT  
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hmm, in related news, Bush is trying to BAN gay marriage. i wonder if he'll try to ban gay porn too. "for the kids" or something like that.

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Subject: Being Gay Can Be unhealthy!  
Posted by [DarkDemin](#) on Sun, 10 Oct 2004 04:45:20 GMT  
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A ban on gay marriage...hmm...I think I'll live with that decision since I'm against homosexuality.

-j\_ball430 (errr...I forgot to sign Dark out)

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Subject: Being Gay Can Be unhealthy!  
Posted by [xptek](#) on Sun, 10 Oct 2004 04:55:51 GMT  
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You should still respect other's beliefs and decisions.

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Subject: Being Gay Can Be unhealthy!  
Posted by [sniper12345](#) on Sun, 10 Oct 2004 06:24:59 GMT  
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^ That's a pretty hard thing to do in society, you know. First, we have people who are against homosexuality for religious or their own reasons, and going by your statement, we should respect their beliefs and decisions, we should ban homosexuality.

Don't get me wrong though, I am straight but I'm supportive of everyone's sexual preferences, and I'm pretty sure a great deal of people are too.

Your statement just won't work, because there will always be people who have conflicting beliefs and decisions and to satisfy them all would be impossible.

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Subject: Being Gay Can Be unhealthy!  
Posted by [Javafx](#) on Sun, 10 Oct 2004 06:27:02 GMT  
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Respecting other people's beliefs or orientations is only as good as the ability of people to separate religion and law. There is, of course, nothing wrong with being religious, however it will merely mean that when it comes to issues like gay marriage (in a religious sense) you would HAVE to be against it.

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Subject: Being Gay Can Be unhealthy!  
Posted by [Nodbugger](#) on Sun, 10 Oct 2004 06:29:46 GMT  
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Maybe we should make San Fransisco a gay only city.

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Subject: Being Gay Can Be unhealthy!  
Posted by [Vitaminous](#) on Sun, 10 Oct 2004 06:37:45 GMT  
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Maybe we should hire a hitman to kill both Pak and you.

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Posted by [bigejoe14](#) on Sun, 10 Oct 2004 06:38:03 GMT  
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Just herd all of the gays into one big city and call it Queersville. That way they can romp around in their tighty whities all day and have all the gay pride parades they want without disturbance. Makes perfect sense to me.

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Subject: Being Gay Can Be unhealthy!  
Posted by [Aurora](#) on Sun, 10 Oct 2004 06:40:10 GMT  
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Why not call it a camp, and get it over with?

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Subject: Being Gay Can Be unhealthy!  
Posted by [icedog90](#) on Sun, 10 Oct 2004 08:15:10 GMT  
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Who changed it to "please"?

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Posted by [cowmisfit](#) on Sun, 10 Oct 2004 12:47:22 GMT  
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....for your anal?

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Subject: Being Gay Can Be unhealthy!  
Posted by [ViolentOrgy](#) on Sun, 10 Oct 2004 13:12:49 GMT  
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STFU NeoX

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Subject: Re: Being Gay Can Be unhealthy!  
Posted by [cowmisfit](#) on Sun, 10 Oct 2004 14:22:02 GMT  
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Xtrm2MattNeoXwhere do you stand!

Behind you.

Hey baby!

ROFL STICKS HAHAAHHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHH

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Subject: Being Gay Can Be unhealthy!  
Posted by [sniper12345](#) on Sun, 10 Oct 2004 16:02:58 GMT  
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ViolentOrgySTFU NeoX

Your username is...quite...in context with the thread.

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Subject: Being Gay Can Be unhealthy!  
Posted by [liberator](#) on Sun, 10 Oct 2004 19:25:25 GMT  
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AuroraX0Why not call it a camp, and get it over with?

Because it wouldn't really be a camp, they'd just be separated from the rest of us and then they could "be themselves" and not have to try and make the rest of us "accept them for who they are".

That's one of the reason's Ellen DeGenerates talk show is popular(ish), she doesn't throw her sexuality in your face and make you accept it for her to entertain you. She's just entertaining. Sex should be kept private, all sex, not just homosexual sex.

I'm just as averted to listening to celebrity "X" talk about how he and his slut do jour had dirty anal sex in a public pool as I am hearing how I'm oppressing gay couples. Being gay goes against societal norms and if you participate in one you should go in with your eyes wide open and realize that most of society isn't going to accept you, no matter how many lawsuits you file or how many people you indoctrinate.

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Posted by [DaveGMM](#) on Sun, 10 Oct 2004 22:12:31 GMT  
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ScampSame thing happens to heterosexuals.

Amazing how this point just flew over everyone's heads...



And what are you talking about, anyway? STDs don't happen to heterosexuals? NO! THEY ARE A PLAGUE SENT FROM GOD TO KILL HOMOSEXUALS ONCE AND FOR ALL!!!!1111

Ok, I'm done.

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Being davegmm is also known as being gay. Otherwise known as "Spreader of Herpes." Like the Greek god, just more gay... and disease ridden.

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Posted by [Opalkilla](#) on Mon, 11 Oct 2004 18:32:52 GMT

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DaveGMM == herpes monger?

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errr i can't tell if your being a smartass or not so i'll just say this, fuck off n00b. Dave is cool, you are not.

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