

Minnesota Sexuality Education Resource Review Panel

Summary of Panel Review
Review Date: September 2007

AIDS Update: The Latest Facts about HIV & AIDS (2004)

Video - 28 Minutes

Target Audience: Stated audience: Grades 7th – College
Recommended by panel: Grades 8th - 12th

Cost: \$139.95 plus shipping

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The Minnesota Sexuality Education Resource Review Panel **Does Not Recommend** use of this video for the following reasons:

Review Summary

AIDS Update: The Latest Facts about HIV & AIDS, along with the Teacher's Resource Guide, were created to help students translate the growing body of HIV information into tools they could use to protect themselves against HIV infections. This DVD also includes information about testing procedures, risk factors, treatment options and other information about HIV prevention. Though the information presented was good, the panel found the format un-engaging and confusing for a young audience.

The panel does not recommend *AIDS Update: The Latest Facts about HIV & AIDS* for the following reasons:

- It is not youth friendly or engaging. All information is given by adults; no youth are included in the DVD.
- Presentation of information in DVD is confusing; sequencing of information could be better.
- It shows HIV/AIDS facts, but does not do a good job of promoting sexual health. Talks about condom use, but does not include a condom demonstration.
- The DVD portrays the issue of HIV/AIDS as an urban issue: it does not include rural populations at all.

The panel values the following elements of *AIDS Update: The Latest Facts about HIV & AIDS*:

- Strong emphasis on testing and the different types of tests (confidential vs. anonymous) and the need for counseling
- Good information on HIV/AIDS.

The panel found the guide that goes along with the DVD to be more helpful than the DVD itself. One panel member stated the guide is excellent, has activities that are ready to go and would work well with all students.

The panel believes that because of the video's poor sequencing and lack of clear examples in certain areas, a facilitator with a moderate level of content knowledge and group skills is needed.

Overall, the panel **does not recommend** *AIDS Update: The Latest Facts about HIV & AIDS* because it is not engaging to young people.

AIDS Update (2004)

Assessment Criteria	Mean Score	Comments
Accuracy of Information - Provides basic, accurate information about teen sexual health, e.g., risks of teen sexual activity, ways to avoid intercourse or use methods of protection against pregnancy and STDs, human growth and development, relationships, etc.	3.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Good information, but not clearly communicated. The format was confusing. ▪ Including information on testing and medication is good.
Focus - Focuses on ways to promote sexual health e.g., reducing one or more sexual behaviors that lead to unintended pregnancy or HIV/STD infection; understanding healthy physical/emotional development; developing healthy relationships, etc.	3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Talked a lot about getting tested and how HIV affects people. Liked that DVD stated “don’t have sex w/ infected people”, instead of don’t have sex. ▪ It would have been helpful for the video to provide a condom demonstration. It mainly shows HIV/AIDS facts, does not promote sexual health or safe behavior/safer sex.
Messages - Delivers and consistently reinforces a clear message, e.g., states message multiple times in multiple ways.	3.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Message fairly consistent: behavior is what puts you at risk, not who you are; get tested; get treatment. ▪ Great emphasis on testing and the different types of tests (confidential vs. anonymous) and the need for counseling.
Addresses Social Pressures –Video demonstrates social pressures that influence sexual behavior. Guide includes activities that address social pressures that influence sexual behavior.	1.8 4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stigma of having HIV shown in video ▪ Brief discussion of drug and alcohol use ▪ Great activities in guide about how to work with social pressures.
Communication Skills – Video provides examples of being assertive, using negotiation and refusal skills, making decisions, etc. Guide includes activities to practice assertive skills, negotiation and refusal skills, decision-making skills, etc.	1.9 3.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Video stresses importance of communication, but does not give examples. ▪ Guide has good activities (pgs. 24- class debate, 20- getting tested, 22- advice dude)
Teaching Methods - Engages participants and helps them personalize information	2.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No young people included. Video used all adults, so not very engaging. ▪ Guide provides a wide range of engaging activities and would work with young people.
Appropriateness for Audience - Incorporates behavioral goals, teaching methods, and materials that are appropriate to the age, sexual experience, and culture of the students (as stated by publisher.)	1.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The video, language, information, graphics are clearly targeted at young adults. Definitely not for grades 7 – 12. Guide would be appropriate for audience. ▪ Bar scenes - too old for younger audiences (7,8 grades) ▪ Should include warning for blood being drawn – very visual, could cause fainting.
Multicultural Perspective – This resource is most appropriate for the following audiences.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Video makes it seem that it is an urban issue. Completely left out rural populations. Good to show that it happens to all people.
Teacher-Friendly - Is well organized with clear, thorough instructions or discussion guide. Minimal assembly or preparation time required.	3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Guide provides good background information; activities are ready to go. ▪ Discussion guide better and more useful than video. There were no clear talking points in video
Facilitation Skills Required - How knowledgeable and skilled must the facilitator be to use this resource effectively?		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The guide is good, but needs a knowledgeable facilitator to reflect on video.
Presentation Quality – How appealing is the product (e.g. visual quality, sound quality, graphics, etc.) ?	1.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Video seems out of date and boring. But guide is excellent.
Overall Recommendation		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recommend Highly -1 ▪ Recommend –2 ▪ Reject – 12