

6. OTHER ADVERSE HEALTH CONSEQUENCES

Several diseases like tuberculosis, jaundice, abscesses, etc., were also reported. Between 5 (Delhi) and 15 per cent (Imphal) were suffering from tuberculosis. Jaundice/Hepatitis was more often reported by drug injectors in Imphal (67%) followed by Mumbai (38%); Kolkata (20%); and Chennai (17%). Among the drug injectors, ulcers over genitalia were found among 12% and growth over the genitalia among 6% in Kolkata. One-third in Mumbai (33%), 28 per cent in Chennai, and 15 per cent in Kolkata admitted to gonorrhoea. Nearly a third of the current injectors (32%) in Kolkata and 27 per cent of the current injectors in Imphal admitted to any of the symptoms suggestive of STD. Abscesses were common among drug injectors indulging in unhygienic practices in Kolkata, Imphal, and Delhi. Abscesses were uncommon in Goa, Hyderabad, Amritsar and Jamshedpur. A considerable number of drug injectors in Thiruvananthapuram, Jamshedpur and Imphal knew someone who had overdosed.

Major Health Consequences

- ◆ HIV / AIDS
- ◆ Tuberculosis
- ◆ Hepatitis / Jaundice
- ◆ STIs
- ◆ Abscess
- ◆ Overdose