

BC Centre of Excellence for Women's Health Forum on Sexual Health

Friday February 11, 2005 noon to 1 pm

A presentation by:

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Natasha will discuss her Masters thesis work. She will explore the link between sexual risk behaviour, body image, and condom use, using the data from the Canadian Youth Sexual Health & HIV/AIDS study.

Emily will talk about how she came to formulate her research question and will discuss some of the information that she hopes to find. While much attention is focused on school based sex education and on the need to educate youth, sexually transmitted infection rates remain high well into the 20s. Research has shown that while some education programs can be quite effective, the effects dwindle if the education is not reinforced. Health care providers may be in a position to provide some of that reinforcement.

Karen will discuss her thesis project on sexually transmitted infections and condom use among Aboriginal youth.

Sondi will talk about the regulation of youth sexuality in the media. Many teens have relationships, and even decide to engage in sex, and yet this behaviour is mainly described in the media as something that is negative and must be feared. The Canadian mainstream print media is performing a disservice to our youth at a time when they need them most.

Location: BCCEWH
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