

Sexually transmitted diseases: notification in Chile, in the V region and in the Viña Del Mar-Quillota health service (1977-1988) Enfermedades de transmisión sexual: notificación en Chile, en la V región y en el servicio de salud Viña Del Mar-Quillota (19

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Reports of sexually transmitted diseases in the Vth Region of Chile from 1977 to 1988 were analyzed and compared to nationwide reports and to figures for the Viña del Mar-Quillota area.

Overall rates of syphilis decreased during the period. In contrast both number of cases and risk of disease increased for gonorrhoea. Risk of syphilis and gonorrhoea was highest in the Vth Region.

HIV infection is increasing, especially in the area covered by the Health Service in Viña del Mar-Quillota. Sexually transmitted diseases not subject to reports were screened along with routine examinations for cancer of the cervix. Infection rates of 9.9% for trichomona and 1.09% for candida were thus detected.