

Tabela 15  
Tolerancja wobec dzieci z HIV na tle wieku

Wiek	Średnia liczby punktów na skali tolerancji			
	Małczyce		Starachowice	
	średnia	l. osób	średnia	l. osób
15 - 29 lat	2,5	140	3,4	124
30 - 49 lat	2,5	188	2,4	210
50 lat i więcej	1,6	165	1,6	159

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**Knowledge and Attitudes Toward HIV/AIDS Among the Rural Areas and Middle Size Town Citizenry.**

**Summary**

The level of knowledge concerning HIV infection routes appeared to be equal in both surroundings.

The most hazardous situations are most widely and correctly identified ones.

Large proportion of citizenry considers safe behaviour to be potentially hazardous.

In both locations over one third of inhabitants excludes whatever form of everyday contacts with HIV carriers, should they be children or adults.

Age appeared the factor of the most significant modifying power concerning the awareness and the acceptance of HIV carriers. The awareness and the tolerance decreases as the age grows. This discrepancy escalates in the group of individuals aged 50 and over years.

The study proved the pivotal influence of the knowledge about HIV/AIDS upon the level of tolerance of HIV carriers. This refers to HIV caring adults as well as children. The verbally expressed attitudes cannot be considered a certified predictor of behaviour in live situations, still they allow for some predictions.

On both locations, elevating social knowledge regarding HIV/AIDS might be both essential and advisable. One should also consider methods applicable to reach senior citizens.

**Key words:** local community, attitudes, HIV/AIDS

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