Title of Article: Effects of Adolescents' Exposure to Sexual Contents on Social Media in Nigeria. (Oral Presentation)


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Abstract: The study examined the effects of adolescents’ exposure to sexual contents through social media in Nigeria. Structured face-to-face interviews were conducted among 305 literate adolescents within Lagos metropolis using Nigeria age-sex ratio 51:49. One adolescent per house/building was purposively interviewed within randomly chosen streets. Data were analyzed using univariate and multivariate analyses. Common uses of social media identified are facebooking, Skyping, trading, learning, Instagram and watching video/music. The result shows that adolescents aged 10-14 years who use social media are likely to be exposed to sexual activity (P-value = 0.000). Adolescents with iPhones/iPads/iPods, Smartphone, Flip Cam are 4.630, 2.682 and 6.932 more likely to be involved in sexual activity. The paper posits that it is inimical not to monitor adolescents’ exposure to sexual contents and censor the scenes available on social media gadgets. The study recommends that sexuality education be popularized to stem the ravage of HIV/AIDS among the adolescents.