Records identified through searching of PubMed and EMBASE databases (n = 2,275)

Duplicate studies eliminated (n = 1,034)

Studies screened based on title and/or abstract (n = 1,241)

Studies eliminated because title and/or abstract indicated that they did not report on AGW incidence or prevalence (n = 1,045)

Full-text articles assessed for eligibility (n = 196)

Studies eliminated based on the following exclusion criteria (n = 164):
- not original studies (i.e., case reports, commentaries, narratives or reviews)
- studies focusing exclusively on children (age < 15 years)
- studies focusing on adults within a narrow age range
- studies reporting only on high risk populations
- single-center studies not reporting on epidemiology in the general population

Abstracts identified from sexual health and infectious disease conferences (n = 5)

Studies included in the review (n = 37)