



How Are HIV/AIDS Diagnosed?

Someone can be infected with HIV without even knowing it. So doctors recommend testing for anyone who might have been exposed to the virus, even if the chance seems very small. Doctors test a person's blood or saliva to find out if he or she is infected with HIV.

If someone is exposed to HIV why should they go to the doctor for a test?

People who are HIV positive need to have additional blood tests every so often. The doctor will want to see how many T cells the person has. The lower the T cell count, the weaker the immune system and the greater the risk that someone will get very sick.

Why will doctors keep taking blood tests looking at T cells?

How Are HIV/AIDS Treated?

Right now there is no cure for HIV or AIDS, but new medicines can help people live long and healthy lives like people with other chronic diseases (such as diabetes).

What type of HIV research might scientists be working on?

Scientists are also researching vaccines that one day might help to prevent HIV infection, but it's a very tough assignment and no one knows when these vaccines might become available.

From http://kidshealth.org/kid/health_problems/infection/hiv.html#

look on the internet - find out about/explain a drug being used to treat HIV and/or AIDS

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our goal is to find out how HIV and AIDS is diagnosed and treated.

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