

HIV/AIDS

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What Are the Symptoms of HIV/AIDS?

It's important to know that you can't tell that someone has HIV just by what he or she looks like. Most people don't feel any different after they are infected with HIV.

5 In fact, infected people often do not experience symptoms for years. Some develop flu-like symptoms a few days to a few weeks after being infected, but these symptoms usually go away after 10 several days.

If untreated, an HIV-positive person will eventually begin to feel sick. The person might begin to have swollen lymph nodes, weight loss, fevers that come and 15 go, infections in the mouth, diarrhea, or he or she might feel tired for no reason all of the time. Eventually, the virus can infect all of the body's organs, including the brain, making it hard for the person 20 to think and remember things.

When a person's T cell count gets very low, the immune system is so weak that many different diseases and infections by other germs can develop. These can be 25 life threatening. For example, people with AIDS often develop pneumonia (say: nu-mo-nyah), which causes bad coughing and breathing problems. Other infections can affect the eyes, the organs of 30 the digestive system, the kidneys, the lungs, and the brain. Some people develop rare kinds of cancers of the skin or immune system.

Most of the children who have HIV got it 35 because their mothers were infected and passed the virus to them before they were born. Babies born with HIV infection may not show any symptoms at first, but if they are not treated, the progression of 40 AIDS is often faster in babies than in adults. Doctors need to watch them closely. Kids who have HIV or AIDS may learn more slowly than healthy kids and tend to start walking and talking later.

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

How can someone be infected with HIV and not "know" it?

When a person with HIV begins to feel sick, what are some of the symptoms they feel?

How can babies and small children have HIV?

next steps

Our goal is to learn about the symptoms of HIV and AIDS

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