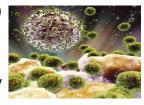
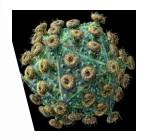
# **Sustain Your Health**

### WHAT ARE HIV & AIDS

HIV(human immunodeficiency virus) is a virus that attacks a person's immune system cells, and without treatment will completely destroy their immune system and their ability to fight off infections.





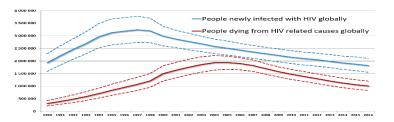
**AIDS(acquired immune deficiency syndrome)** refers to a set of symptoms and illnesses that occur at the very final stage of HIV infection. It is diagnosed when a person's immune system is almost entirely destroyed, and too weak to fight off infections.

# **'ERVIEW IN 2016**





Globally, an estimated 36.7 million (30.8-42.9 million) people were living with HIV in 2016, and 2.1 million (1.7-2.6 million) of these were children. The vast majority of people living with HIV are in low and middle income countries. An estimated 1.8 million (1.6-2.1 million) people were newly infected with HIV in 2016. An estimated 35 million people have died from HIV-related causes so far. including 1.0 million(830000-1.2 million) in 2016.



### **HOW DO YOU GET HIV**





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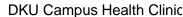


# YOU CAN'T PREVENT OR CURE HIV BY:





For today & tomorrow



# KEY WAYS TO PREVENT HIV TRANSMISSION

- Practice safe sexual behaviors such as using condoms.
- Get tested and treated for sexually transmitted infections, including HIV to prevent onward transmission.
- Avoid injecting drugs, or if you do, always use sterile needles and syringes.
- ➤ Ensure that any blood or blood products that you might need are tested for HIV.
- Access voluntary medical male circumcision if you live in one of the 14 countries where this intervention is promoted.
- ➤ If you have HIV start antiretroviral therapy as soon as possible for your own health and to prevent HIV transmission to your sexual or drug using partner or to your infant (if you are pregnant or breastfeeding).
- ➤ Use pre-exposure prophylaxis prior to engaging in high risk behavior; demand post-exposure prophylaxis if there is the risk that you have been exposed to HIV infection in both occupational and occupational settings.

# **HIV TESTING**

### WHY

- Testing is the only way to know for sure if you have HIV.
- Knowing your status means you can keep yourself and your sexual partners healthy.
- Being diagnosed early gives you a better chance of Jiving a long and healthy life

### WHEN

You should get tested if you've

- had sex without a condom
- shared needles when injecting drugs
- put yourself at risk of HI' in any other way or are worried you might have.

### WHERE

Depending on where you are in the world, there are a number of places that you can get tested for HIV.

If you have limited internet access it's always worth asking local sexual health charities or health authorities to see what you have in your area – they should also be able to direct you to somewhere which offers testing for free.

### HOW

Normally, testing involves taking a small sample of blood from either your finger or your arm, or a sample of oral fluid. If you are taking a rapid test, you will be given your results within 20 minutes. Other types of tests will be sent to a laboratory and you may have to wait for the result which may take between a few days to a few weeks for you to receive a final result.





# **Antiretroviral treatment (ART)**

Combination antiretroviral treatment (ART ) prevents HIV from multiplying in the body Effective ART results in a reduction in viral load, the amount of virus in the body, greatly reducing the risk of transmitting the virus to sexual partners.



❖ As of mid-2016, 18.2 million people were receiving ART worldwide.

It is recommended to provide lifelong ART to all children, adolescents and adults, including all pregnant and breastfeeding women living with HIV, regardless of CD4 cell count as soon as possible after diagnosis.

Current treatment for HIV is not a cure for HIV, but it can keep HIV under control.

You can continue to have relationships, to work or study, to make plans, to have a family – whatever you would have done before your HIV diagnosis.

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