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About HIV

Determine HIV 1/2

There are two main forms of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus: HIV-1 and HIV-2. HIV-1 was discovered in 1983 at the Institute Pasteur in Paris and HIV-2 was first discovered amongst patients in Cameroon in 1985. HIV-2 is less virulent than HIV-1, usually not resulting in full blown AIDS, but nevertheless is still fatal.

By infecting and gradually destroying the immune system, HIV reduces the body's protection against cancers, pneumonia and other infections that can take hold and lead to death.

Initially someone living with HIV may not display any symptoms of the infection because their immune system can control it at first, but ultimately drug support will be required. Anti-HIV drugs can help the immune system and keep the HIV infection under control, but cannot completely rid the body of HIV infection.

“Knowledge of HIV status is the gateway to combating AIDS”
Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS

A growing epidemic...over 40 million people are living with aids...around 5 million people were newly infected in 2005...over 3 million people died.
(Aids Epidemic Update, December 2005, UNAIDS)

Sub-Saharan Africa

- Just over 10% of the world's population, but home to more than 60% of all people living with HIV – 25.8 million.
- In 2005, an estimated 3.2 million people in the region became newly infected, while 2.4 million adults and children died of AIDS.
- By 2010 an estimated 18 million children in sub-Saharan Africa alone will be orphaned by HIV/AIDS.

Asia

- In 2005, approximately 8.3 million people were living with HIV, including 1.1 million who became newly infected in the past 12 months. Over 500,000 people died from the disease in 2005.

Eastern Europe & Central Asia

- The number of people living with HIV was estimated at 1.6 million in 2005. Around three quarters of new infections reported between 2000 and 2004 were in people under 30 (compared to 33% in Western Europe).

Latin America

- The number of people living with HIV was estimated at 1.8 million in 2005.

More rapid testing and diagnosis of HIV helps patients access life saving medications.

Determine® HIV-1/2 provides easy, fast and accurate diagnosis and can be relied upon almost anywhere in the world.

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