

HIV/AIDS AWARENESS

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What is HIV?

HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) is a virus that attacks the body's immune system. If HIV is not treated, it can lead to AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome). There is currently no effective cure. Once people get HIV, they have it for life. But with proper medical care, HIV can be controlled. People with HIV who get effective HIV treatment can live long, healthy lives and protect their partners.

Statistics:

- In 2018, 37,968 people received an HIV diagnosis in the United States.
- The annual number of new diagnoses decreased 7% from 2014 to 2018.
- An estimated 1.2 million people in the United States had HIV at the end of 2018, of those people, about 14%, or 1 in 7, did not know they had HIV.
- Due to gaps in HIV services, 690 000 people died from HIV-related causes in 2019.

Symptoms

Some people have flu-like symptoms within 2 - 4 weeks. Possible symptoms include:

