

AIDS

AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) is a deadly disease for which there is no cure. This disease was first recognized in the mid 1980's. The cause of AIDS is the HIV virus, and is most commonly spread by venereal routes or exposure to contaminated blood or blood products. This disease weakens the body's immune system, allowing other diseases to occur. The most common treatments available for this virus are the drugs called AZT, DDI, and DDC which interfere with HIV'S ability to reproduce itself. These are the only known ways to slow down the production of the virus.

This virus is spread through the exchange of body fluids {semen, blood, and blood products} this virus can stay in the body for as long as a decade with no symptoms. People who have AIDS have to go through a lot of complications and anxiety. The most common anxiety is that they have to go through their life knowing that they are going to die from this disease, another is the pain and suffering they know they will have to go through. The difference between HIV and AIDS is that HIV is the virus that causes AIDS, and AIDS is a disease of the immune system and unfortunately at this time there is no cure for.