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MANIFESTATION OF HIV IN WOMEN

Nationally and internationally
women are the population
being infected with HIV
at the fastest rate.

HIV infection and the
following conditions are
related:

STD - Sexually Transmitted Disease

Syphilis and Chancroid both
cause genital ulceration which
allows the virus to enter the
body more easily.

CANDIDA - Yeast Infection

Recurrent or persistent vaginal
Candidiasis that requires
repeated therapy may be the
first sign of immune
dysfunction.

PID - Pelvic Inflammatory Disease

Infections in the ovaries, tubes,
endometrium, pelvic abscesses,
etc. In the HIV Positive Woman
the infection is often severe
requiring longer hospitalizations
and more frequent surgeries.

PREGNANCY

The impact of pregnancy on
the course of HIV infection is
debatable. The transmission rate
of HIV to infants is about 30%.
Pregnant women who are HIV-
infected should be closely
monitored during pregnancy.

HPV-NEOPLASM - Human Papilloma Virus

Refractory and persistent lower
genital tract disease in women
may be a marker of HIV disease.
HIV-infected women seem to be
susceptible to unusually
aggressive HPV disease. There is a
strong association between HIV
positive status and abnormal
PAP smears.

HSV - Herpes Simplex Virus

The Herpes virus is more persistent
and often requires higher doses of
acyclovir.

Ask your doctor for more
information on HIV testing.

THE POSITIVE WOMAN

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