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AIDS

KNOW MORE ABOUT IT



WHAT IS AIDS?

AIDS is a medical diagnosis for a combination of illnesses which results from a specific weakness of the immune system. The immune system defends the body against infections and diseases. This immune deficiency is caused by infection with a virus. A virus is a very small germ.

A cquired	become infected
I mmune	the immune system is weakened by the virus
D eficiency	
S yndrome	the illness has a variety symptoms



THE DEADLY HIV

WHAT CAUSES AIDS?

AIDS is caused by infection with a type of virus called HIV.

H uman
I mmune deficiency
V irus

The virus causes AIDS by disabling or destroying certain kinds of cell that normally help the body to fight disease. If these particular cells are destroyed the body cannot defend itself against infections and certain cancers. AIDS patients are then open to attack from infections and cancers that a healthy person can resist.

HOW AIDS IS SPREAD

through:
Sexual intercourse
with an infected person



through:
Blood contaminated
instruments



through:
Infected blood
transfusion



through:
Infected woman during
pregnancy to her
unborn child



YOU CANNOT GET AIDS BY

Mosquito
bites



Living with
parent or relative
who has AIDS



Sharing vessels
for eating and drinking



Looking after
animals



Shaking hands
or touching people



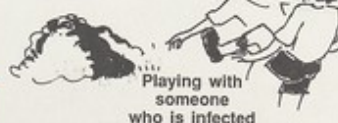
Sitting
next to someone
who is infected



Having
an injection
with a
new or clean
needle and syringe



Playing with
someone
who is infected



**ACT NOW ! SPREAD THE WORD !
PREVENT THE SPREAD OF AIDS !**