

PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV

Of the 35 million people living with HIV globally, 19 million don't know it.¹



KNOW YOUR STATUS

HIV testing allows people who have HIV to know their status, get life-saving treatment and care, and prevent HIV transmission to others.^{3,4}



HIV TESTING

Soon after a person is infected with HIV, a protein called antigen, is produced. But it can take weeks for the body to make detectable antibodies (the body's response to fight the virus).² During this time, older antibody-only tests may give a negative result when the patient is HIV positive.

Today, tests are available that can detect both antigens and antibodies; these are called HIV combo tests, and they can detect HIV sooner than older, antibody-only tests.



HIV FACTS

Many people don't realize they have HIV because they feel fine. HIV attacks the cells that normally defend the body against illness. If someone is infected with HIV and doesn't get medical treatment, eventually it can destroy cells to the point that the body can't fight infections and disease anymore. When that happens, HIV infection can lead to AIDS.

GETTING THE FACTS

Do You Know Your HIV Status?

Voluntary HIV testing and counseling allow people who have HIV to know their status, get life-saving treatment and care, and prevent HIV transmission to others.^{3,4} Visit unaids.org and Abbott.com for more information.

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