

Basic Information

HIV/AIDS – Tuberculosis – Sexually Transmitted Disease – Hepatitis

HIV/AIDS

Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) weakens a person's immune system by destroying important cells that fight disease and infection. No effective cure exists for HIV. But with proper medical care, HIV can be controlled. Some groups of people in the United States are more likely to get HIV than others because of many factors, including their sex partners, their risk behaviors, and where they live. Basic information about HIV, such as how it's transmitted, how you can prevent it, and how to get tested for HIV can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/basics/index.html>

TB

Tuberculosis (TB) is a disease caused by germs that are spread from person to person through the air. TB usually affects the lungs, but it can also affect other parts of the body, such as the brain, the kidneys, or the spine. A person with TB can die if they do not get treatment. Basic information about TB such as how it's transmitted, how you can prevent it, and how to get tested for TB can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/tb/publications/factsheets/general/tb>

STD

Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) is preventable. Educate yourself with basic information about how sexually transmitted diseases are spread, how to you protect yourself and what are the treatment options. To find the answers to these questions at <http://www.cdc.gov/std>

HEPATITIS

Hepatitis means inflammation of the liver. The liver is a vital organ that processes nutrients, filters the blood, and fights infections. When the liver is inflamed or damaged, its function can be affected. Heavy alcohol use, toxins, some medications, and certain medical conditions can cause hepatitis. However, hepatitis is most often caused by a virus. To find the most common types of viral hepatitis, how it is spread, how to prevent and treat each type at <http://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/abc>