

Get the Facts

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Do you need more facts about HIV and AIDS?

Call the CDC National AIDS
Hotline:
1 800-342-AIDS (in English)
1 800-344-7432 (en español)

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Did you know that your doctor may test you for HIV?



Pregnancy and the HIV Test

Why is it good to know if you have HIV when you are pregnant?

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Every woman should know if she is HIV positive. A woman might be at risk and not even know it.

A pregnant woman can pass HIV to her baby. But...

If she takes medicine, a mother with HIV may have a baby that is born without HIV.



What should you know about HIV testing during pregnancy?

- HIV testing is confidential and happens at your first or second prenatal visit.
- Most times, the doctor will tell you that you will be getting an HIV test.
- You may need to tell your doctor that you agree to the test. You may have to sign a consent form.
- Your doctor may do the HIV test as part of the routine prenatal tests.
- You can always tell your doctor you don't want the HIV test.

How will you get your test results?

- Your doctor should tell you if your test was positive or negative.
- If your test is positive, a trained person will talk with you about your next steps.



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Getting tested for HIV is one of them.



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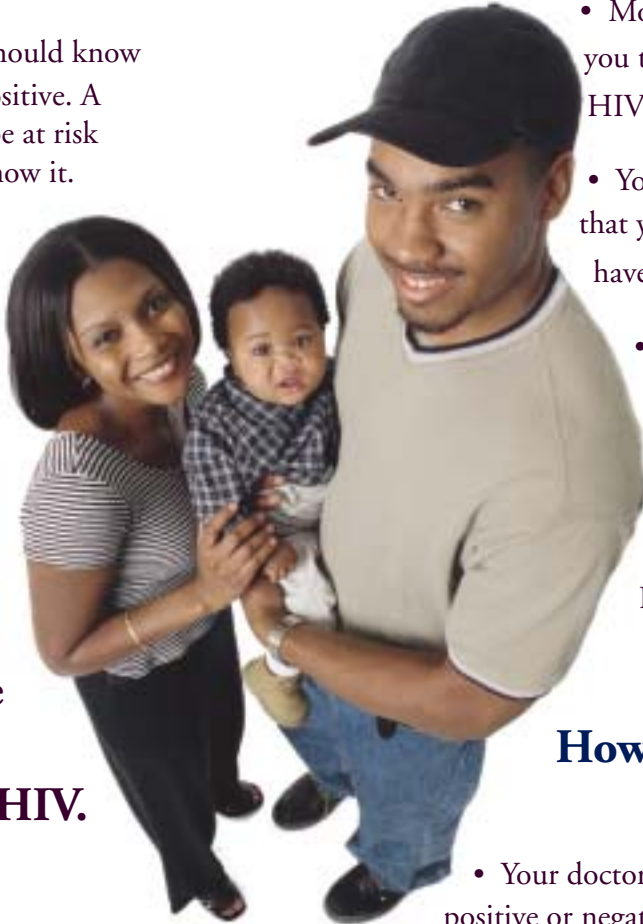
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