Case Studies

I work in a busy urban health clinic, so I download the HIV/AIDS treatment guidelines from the *AIDSinfo* Web site right into my personal digital assistant (PDA). This allows me to search important information such as drug-drug interactions. What a timesaver!

—HIV health care provider

My 20-year-old son was recently diagnosed with HIV. We didn't know what to do or how to find help, so I did an Internet search and found the *AIDSinfo* Web site. It was easy to find materials that explained a CD4+ T-cell count and why it's important. I also found that *AIDSinfo* has a toll-free information line to call for more information. The Health Information Specialist with whom I spoke told me that she would send me publications that would help me understand more about HIV. She also suggested that I call back with any questions after reading the information. Thank you, *AIDSinfo*.

—Patient

Keep *AIDSinfo* contact information close by!

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www.nih.gov/od/oar

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National Library of Medicine (NLM)
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NLM is the world's largest medical library and the creator of MEDLINE and MEDLINEplus (available in Spanish and English). The library collects materials in all areas of biomedicine and health care. It makes its resources available around the world primarily through its electronic information services.

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CMS administers the Medicare program and oversees the Medicaid program and, in conjunction with HRSA, oversees the State Children's Health Insurance Program. CMS is the largest payer of medical services provided to persons living with AIDS in the United States.

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www.hrsa.gov

HRSA's mission is to improve and expand access to quality health care for all Americans. HRSA operates the HIV/AIDS Bureau.

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www.cdc.gov

CDC promotes health and quality of life by preventing and controlling disease, injury, and disability. CDC's major HIV/AIDS initiative is the National Center for STD, HIV, and TB Prevention.

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AIDSinfo Spectrum of Services

Staying informed about HIV/AIDS research, clinical trials, and treatment guidelines is easy.

AIDSinfo offers quick access to federally approved HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention guidelines, clinical trials, and other research-related information for:

- People living with HIV/AIDS, their families, and their friends
- Health care providers
- Researchers and medical research staff
- National and community organizations

Most *AIDSinfo* resources can be viewed online or downloaded in HTML or PDF formats.

Internet Resources

Guidelines

AIDSinfo provides the most up-to-date, federally approved treatment guidelines on management of HIV/AIDS and related conditions.

- Antiretroviral treatment of adults, adolescents, and children
- Prevention of mother-to-child transmission
- Postexposure prophylaxis
- Prevention of opportunistic infections
- Treatment and prevention of tuberculosis
- HIV testing and counseling

Clinical Trials

HIV/AIDS clinical trials are research studies about new therapies, vaccines, or alternative ways of using known treatments. You can search the site for medical research studies by location, medical condition, and/or drugs being tested.

Vaccines

This section features current information on preventive and therapeutic HIV/AIDS vaccines. Although no vaccines to date have been approved, many are being tested in clinical trials. In this section, you will find vaccine research and clinical trial options at your fingertips.

Drugs

Information about all Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved HIV/AIDS drugs and a searchable AIDSDRUGS database are available in the Drugs section of the *AIDSinfo* Web site.

Education and Resource Center

The Education and Resource Center is a virtual one-stop shop for specialized publications, fact sheets, links, and other products.

Help Line

English- and Spanish-speaking Health Information Specialists answer questions about HIV/AIDS research, clinical trials, and treatment. They can also help you navigate the *AIDSinfo* Web site. They provide confidential responses by telephone, TTY/TDD, e-mail, and postal mail.

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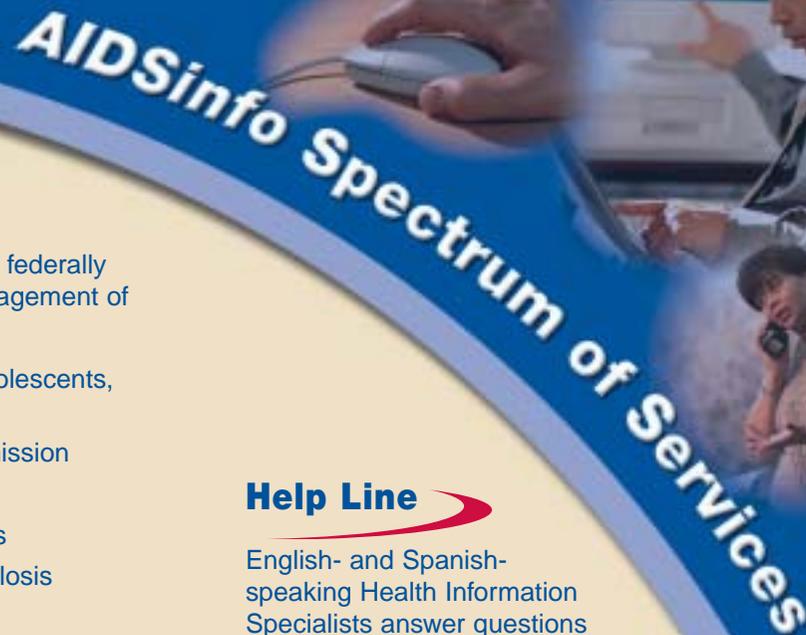International: 301–519–0459
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