

HIV/AIDS

The human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) can be passed on via several routes. The virus lives in certain body fluids such as blood and semen and once it enters the body it attacks the body's immune system, which helps us fight against infections.

It can be passed on through unprotected sex or exposure to contaminated blood by sharing drug works like needles.

Many people who become infected show no symptoms but some have flu-like symptoms within a few weeks after they have been infected.

Once infected the virus will eventually weaken the immune system to the degree that the body cannot protect itself against other infections.

There is no treatment to remove HIV from your body, but medical science has developed treatments which can reduce the HIV level in the blood and slow down the onset of AIDS
