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How do you get aids?



Causes of Aids

“AIDS” is caused by the HIV virus that is found in the blood of an individual. It takes a long time from the moment that the person is infected for the disease to present itself. When you become infected you will not feel sick, but you will be a carrier of the virus for the rest of your life. Even if you are not aware that you are infected, you can transmit the virus to others.

Transmission of the HIV virus can happen through:

- Sexual intercourse without protection
- The virus can be transmitted via heterosexual and homosexual contact without protection.
- Blood contact
- By using needles that are contaminated with the HIV virus (drug addicts)
- Transfusion with blood contaminated with the HIV virus
- An infected mother that transmits the HIV virus to her unborn baby

How to keep blood donation safe

It is very important for a person that receives a blood transfusion that the blood is not contaminated. For this reason every time you donate blood, your blood will be tested for HIV, Hepatitis B, C, HTLV and Syphilis. If your blood is infected by any of the above mentioned diseases, you will be called for an appointment in order to be informed personally. Your blood will NOT be used if it is infected by one of the above mentioned diseases.

Reasons not to give blood

- if you are HIV seropositive;
- if you have AIDS;
- if you used to inject or still are injecting drugs;
- if your partner used to inject or still is injecting drugs;
- if your partner has AIDS;
- if you are a carrier of Hepatitis B or C;
- if you are or have been infected with syphilis.

General Information

- Do not use the services of the blood bank to do an HIV test.
- To do an HIV test you need to visit your house doctor.
- All supplies that are used for the blood donation are disposable
- After the screening, you are requested to sign the questionnaire as proof that you have read the content of this folder.

All answers on questions and test results made by the Blood bank are confidential.

The blood bank opening hours are from:

Monday thru Friday

From 8.15 a.m. till 4 p.m.

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