

# HIV and AIDS

## **What is the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)?**

The **HI Virus** weakens the immune system by targeting CD4 Lymphocytes (White Blood Cells) also called T-Helper Cells. This will result in antibodies to the virus being present in the blood of persons who are identified as being HIV + (positive). This virus may take many years to damage the immune system resulting in AIDS.

## **Types of HIV**

There are 2 types transmitted in exactly the same way:

- HIV-1 - This is the worldwide predominant type
- HIV-2 - Found mainly in West Africa; less easily transmitted and the period between initial infection and illness is longer.

## **What is Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)**

AIDS is a term used for a group of diseases that result from a weakened immune system. A person is identified as having AIDS when their CD4 count is less than 200/ml blood.

## **How is HIV spread?**

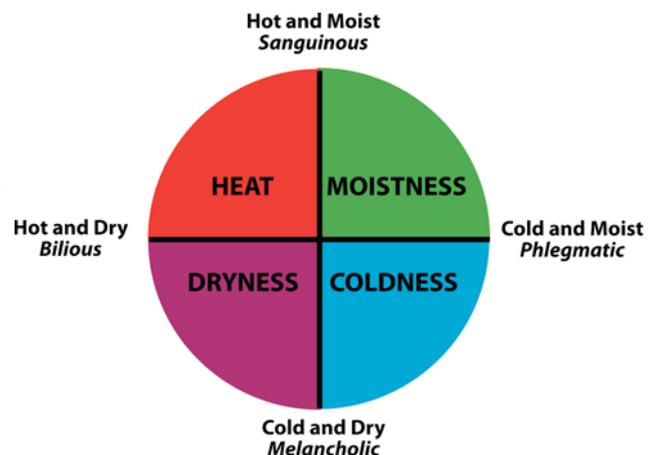
Risk factors for the transmission of HIV includes having unprotected sex with multiple partners; Sharing needles and syringes with drug users may also expose individuals to the blood of other infected people; A pre-existing STI - may cause open wounds and sores on the genital region which may act as an entryway for HIV.

## **Signs and Symptoms**

Sore throat (coldness with moistness); mouth ulcers (moistness); diarrhoea (moistness); thrush (moistness); weight loss (coldness with dryness); fever and night sweats (hot & dry); dry cough (dryness); shortness of breath (dryness); swollen glands (TB - heat; weight loss (heat towards dryness); infections due to weak immunity; recurrent herpes infections; recurrent bacterial infections; and genital ulcers.

## **The Tibb View on HIV & AIDS**

Tibb recognizes that an immune system compromised with the HI Virus, will result in signs and symptoms related to the HI Virus and/or AIDS. Tibb does not attempt to eliminate the HI Virus, but rather to **boost the person's immune system** and thereby assist the body in staying healthy and delaying the symptoms of HIV and AIDS. According to Tibb the temperament of a person influences what symptoms the HIV positive person will most likely be affected with. For example, a person with a **dominant/sub-dominant bilious temperament** will most likely suffer with symptoms associated with **qualities of heat and dryness**, including a dry cough, swollen glands, night sweats, and tuberculosis. Similarly persons with a **dominant/sub-dominant phlegmatic temperament** will be inclined to symptoms of vomiting, diarrhoea, weight-loss and thrush as these symptoms



are associated with **qualities of moistness (and or cold)**.

Because of the increase moistness associated with the phlegmatic temperamental combination, these individuals are more likely to develop AIDS related infections as their moist temperament increases the risk of infections.

As Tibb takes into account the influence of a person's temperament in HIV & AIDS, treatment cannot be the same for all HIV & AIDS patients.

### ***Management of HIV & AIDS***

Management is aimed at **reducing the excess qualities** associated with HIV & AIDS, by implementing Tibb Lifestyle Factors that will either increase the qualities of heat and dryness in patients with symptoms of **excess moistness with coldness**, and **coldness and moistness** in patients with symptoms of **excess heat with dryness**. This will assist Physis in addressing both the symptoms, and the causes of HIV & AIDS. Tibb Lifestyle Factors will also benefit people who are on ARV medication.

### ***Tibb Lifestyle Factors***

#### **HIV Associated with Qualities of Moistness with Coldness:**

##### **Food and Drink**

- Eat **mostly Hot & Dry foods** - such as egg, chicken, garlic and cinnamon, **followed by Cold & Dry foods** - like beef, tripe, cabbage, potatoes, beans and mealie meal.
- Eat **less of Hot & Moist foods** - such as white flour products, sugar, banana and cheese, and the **least amount of Cold & Moist foods** - like rice, squash, butter and milk.
- Sip hot chicken, beef or mutton soup with added garlic, ginger, black pepper and salt for three days.
- Avoid dairy products, margarine, fried foods and all sugars.
- Drink at least 2 litres of room temperature or warm water per day.
- Eat plenty of in season fruit and vegetables per day.
- Avoid refined carbohydrates such as sugar and white bread. Choose whole wheat options instead.

##### **Other Lifestyle Factors**

- Remain as active as possible. A brisk walk or any type of moderate exercise should be done on a daily basis.
- Wash your hands often. Viruses can survive for several hours on your hands, tissues or hard surfaces.

### ***Medication***

#### **Herbal Remedy**

- 2 grams fenugreek seeds, 1 gram cinnamon, 1 gram cloves, 2 grams fresh ginger. Boil in 2 cups of water until 1 cup remains. Strain and mix 2 tsp of honey and drink daily.

#### ***Recommended Medication***

- Tibb Immunocare capsules - Immune booster with antiviral and anti-inflammatory properties.

#### ***HIV Associated with Qualities of Heat with Dryness:***

##### **Food and Drink**

- Eat **mostly Cold & Moist foods** - such as rice, cucumber, lettuce and carrots, followed by **Cold & Dry foods** - like yogurt, citrus fruit, beans and potato.
- Eat **less of Hot & Moist foods** - such as white flour products, sugar, cheese and salt, and the **least amount of Hot & Dry foods** - like eggs, garlic alcohol and onions.
- Avoid heavily spiced, fried or grilled foods.
- Avoid sugary and refined foods.
- Drink plenty of fluids. Herbal teas and soups are good choices.
- Avoid mucous forming foods such as dairy products, processed foods, sugar, sweet fruits, and white flour.

##### **Other Lifestyle Factors**

- Do not smoke and avoid second hand smoke. Cigarette smoke is very harmful.
- Add moisture to the air by using a humidifier, a vapourizer or even a pan placed in front of a radiator. Clean everything frequently to prevent bacterial overgrowth.
- Avoid strenuous exercise until recovery.
- Rest in bed in the early stages, when the fever is present. Once the fever subsides and you are feeling better, alternative periods of rest with periods of moderate activity to prevent secretions settling in the lungs.
- Do not swallow mucous.

### ***Medication***

#### **Herbal Remedy**

- Make an infusion with 1 tsp of Sage and 3tsp of Chamomile tea in 1 cup of boiling water.

#### ***Recommended Medication***

**Tibb Immunocare capsules** - Immune booster with antiviral and anti-inflammatory properties.

**Livotibb tablets** - Supports the liver and reduces the heat and dryness.

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