

AIDS-FACTS AND MYTHS

- Fact** **Myth** 1. HIV weakens the body's immune system.
- Fact** **Myth** 2. Injecting drugs with infected needles can spread HIV.
- Fact** **Myth** 3. Unborn babies can get HIV from their mothers.
- Fact** **Myth** 4. There is nothing people can do to avoid getting AIDS.
- Fact** **Myth** 5. There is no cure for AIDS.
- Fact** **Myth** 6. People can catch HIV from infected mosquito.
- Fact** **Myth** 7. One way to get HIV is to give blood.
- Fact** **Myth** 8. Carriers can spread HIV even though they show no signs of disease themselves.
- Fact** **Myth** 9. There is no way to determine if a person has AIDS.
- Fact** **Myth** 10. Being infected with HIV makes it possible for others pathogens to attack the body.
- Fact** **Myth** 11. Shaking hands with an AIDS patient can spread the disease.
- Fact** **Myth** 12. One way to get AIDS is to touch something an AIDS patient has touched.
- Fact** **Myth** 13. Saying "no" to sexual relations is a good way to avoid getting HIV.
- Fact** **Myth** 14. The blood used for transfusions during operations today has been tested and probably does not contain HIV.