Intestinal Parasites in gay men.

Co-factor for AIDS?

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PARASITES are single-celled organisms that obtain nourishment from their hosts. Giardia and amebae – intestinal parasites that currently infect 40-60% of gay men – may cause no obvious symptoms. However, scientists are currently studying the role of parasites as cofactors in AIDS.

DIAGNOSED by providing fresh or preserved stool samples as directed by your doctor or clinic. A minimum of three specimens collected on separate days should be obtained. It is estimated that three-specimen tests have an 80% success rate. If negative, you may want additional tests.

PREVENTED BY avoiding transmission of feces. During sex, the hands, mouth, and other body parts as well as toys, lubricants, sheets, etc. can become contaminated. It only takes a miniscule amount to enter the mouth or rectum to establish an infection.

Partners in monogamous relationships should be diagnosed and treated simultaneously to avoid continued cross-infection.

Wash immediately after handling condoms.

AT

- A private physician
- UCSF Tropical Disease Clinic
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and TREATED by

- specific antibiotics. Medical opinions differ regarding which drugs are best.

Sometimes combinations are used. Discuss the various options with your doctor.

Occasionally there are side-effects with these drugs. These should subside after treatment is stopped.

Symptoms such as flatulence or mild diarrhea may persist for weeks in spite of eradication of parasites.

San Francisco Cases

- AMEBIASIS
- AIDS

'72 '73 '74 '75 '76 '77 '78 '79 '80 '81 '82 '83
"Any foreign material can stimulate the immune system... parasites...semen... these kinds of things produce what may be a critical load of the AIDS virus."
-- M. LANGE, MD Chief of Infectious Diseases and Epidemiology St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital

"Infection with HTLV-III is the first and most critical stage in the assault on the immune system. However, I strongly believe that some other organism must attack the body to bring about frank AIDS."
-- R.C. GALLO, MD National Cancer Inst.

"Any chronic infection is a co-factor for AIDS... parasites are a likely co-factor for AIDS."
-- Robert Gallo, MD

"We know that the virus infects T-cells. And this virus can stay for a long time in a person without AIDS [but] to get real disease -- AIDS -- what you need is multiple stimulation. Not just a cold but sequential or simultaneous infections."
-- F BARRE-SINOUSSI, MD, Pasteur Institute and first to isolate LAV
Dear Senator Dianne Feinstein,

Thanks for making strong leadership on AIDS a part of your successful campaign. Your election is a sign of hope to those of us who care about this issue. Congratulations!

Happy Holidays to you and your loved ones from Mobilization Against AIDS and me.

Signed,
WE'VE GOT QUESTIONS ABOUT A.I.D.S. AND YOU SHOULD TOO!

- RESEARCH HOLD-UPS
- NO EDUCATION
- DISCRIMINATION

CALL YOUR CONGRESSPERSONS

Mobilization

AIDS
WE ARE LOSING THE WAR AGAINST A.I.D.S.

• 8,000 cases confirmed in the U.S. (1,000 in San Francisco)

• 40,000 cases expected in two years. (This is a conservative estimate by the American Medical Association)

"We are clearly in the midst of a major medical catastrophe, the potential impact of which is now only beginning to be realized and the eventual impact of which could be absolutely enormous ... an early vaccine ... or cure ... seems highly improbable."

-- U.C. Task Force on A.I.D.S.

THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO THE CRISIS HAS BEEN GROSSLY INADEQUATE!

Demand Congressional Hearings!

WHY? were 1/3 of the A.I.D.S. projects approved by the National Institute of Health not funded last year?

WHY? Is the Reagan administration cutting by 23% those A.I.D.S. research projects which were funded by Congress in 1984?

WHY? has there been - even today - no national "A.I.D.S. prevention education campaign"?

WHY? are health and social services for people with A.I.D.S. inadequate or non-existent throughout the country?

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WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. Call your Representatives:
   - Barbara Boxer 626-6943
   - Sala Burton 556-4862
   - Alan Cranston 556-8440
   - Pete Wilson 556-4307

Ask for Congressional Hearings to answer these questions and others - to put the spotlight on A.I.D.S. and the government's response.

2. Get your friends to call.

3. Support MOBILIZATION Against A.I.D.S.

WHAT IS MOBILIZATION?

MOBILIZATION Against A.I.D.S. is a two-month old, fast growing organization committed to focusing attention on A.I.D.S. and building a national "moon launch mentality" to meet this crisis.

So far - we have: held public meetings with medical and political speakers; gathered thousands of signatures on petitions and presented them to legislators; lobbied for new legislative guaranteed confidentiality.

We are just beginning and we need you: your support, your time, your money.

Call or write today.

Yes, I want to be a part of MOBILIZATION Against A.I.D.S.

Enclosed are my membership dues:

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Vision of the Future:

- Mobilization Against AIDS (MAA) was founded to pressure the federal government to respond to the AIDS pandemic. This goal remains our top priority for the future.
- We believe that an all-out effort by the government can stop AIDS. A substantial increase in funding for treatment, research and education can end this pandemic.
- MAA is committed to action. We will continue to raise crucial issues through the collective voice of our active, nationwide membership.
- Since 1984, MAA has been a catalyst for activism. We provide a conduit for tens of thousands of AIDS activists to speak directly to Congress. Our direct access to influential members of Congress and high-ranking officials at the National Institutes of Health, as well as an international network of AIDS groups and activists, enables us to voice our clear and strong opinions to those in power. Across the country we recruit people willing to lobby their Congressional representatives. We brief them as necessary, arm them with the latest facts and figures, and help them to become effective lobbyists in this battle to end AIDS.
- We will not be silent. We will not rest until this crisis is over.

Programs for Action:

- National AIDS Lobby Days: Twice yearly, MAA supports grassroots activism in home Congressional districts. We empower people to meet directly with their Congressional representatives — to inform, persuade and pressure them into action. MAA provides the education, strategy and experience.
- Direct Lobbying: MAA has access to legislators both in home districts and in Washington, DC. We use this access to lobby intensely for funds to increase prevention, research, treatment and protection of civil rights for people with AIDS (PWAs) and HIV.
- The Lobby Team: Letter writers can be potent lobbyists. Four to eight times a year, MAA sends each Lobby Team member the information needed to dash off a clear, timely letter. It’s simple and powerful!
- Grassroots Campaigns: MAA is “on the street,” generating power in numbers. By educating and empowering people, we propel them into AIDS activism. Our “Just Sign It” campaign enables us to collect tens of thousands of names for petitions and postcards — which make a profound impact when they arrive in bulk at a legislator’s office.
- International AIDS Candlelight Memorial & Mobilization: The world’s largest annual AIDS event is part of MAA’s educational arm. The candlelight is an opportunity for community-wide mourning & solidarity. Hundreds of thousands of people around the world have participated in the event.

Decade of Commitment:

- MAA has been committed to AIDS activism and aggressive lobbying since 1984. We’ve taken every opportunity to empower individuals to exercise their political rights. MAA will continue to combat ignorance through education and our action programs. By refusing to accept government money, we remain independent and protect our integrity as political lobbyists. We cannot be bought. MAA relies entirely on the support of its membership. Each dollar we accept translates into action. Each dollar increases our ability to move the world one step closer to finding a cure for AIDS.

Join MAA today. We make it easy for individuals to effect change. We need your support to continue this critical work. Please send your check to the address on this brochure — or dial 1-800-24-LOBBY.

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- The AIDS crisis will not just “disappear.” Act now — we need your support!

The Challenge: Political Exploitation, Neglect & Ignorance

“You ain’t seen nothing yet!” Senator Jesse Helms – 1990

“Pity the poor homosexuals — they have declared war upon nature, and now nature is exacting an awful retribution” Columnist Patrick Buchanan – 1985

“Wouldn’t it be wonderful if we could stop AIDS before Magic (Johnson) gets sick?” Vice President Dan Quayle – 1991

“There are certain areas in which, when the goals of science collide with moral and ethical judgment, science has to take a time-out.” Assistant Secretary for Health James Mason, M.D. – 1992

A natural disaster is raging across the planet. HIV, the virus that causes AIDS is projected to infect 120 million people by the year 2000.
The Early Years...

1981 • The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) report unknown illness striking gay men • 152 cases reported • 1982 • Disease named Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) • 1,300 cases reported • 1983 • 1st AIDS discrimination trial in U.S. • 1st AIDS candlelight memorials organized by people with AIDS (PWA's) • HIV virus isolated by Pasteur Institute (France) • 4,156 cases reported

1984 • 100,000 lesbians & gays march at Democratic Convention to demand increase in federal AIDS spending • Mobilization Against AIDS (MAA) founded • Gays attacked in media for infecting "innocent victims" • 9,920 cases reported

1985 • HIV test licensed • National polls show 72% of Americans favor mandatory testing; 51% favor quarantine and 15% favor tattoos for those infected with HIV • People with AIDS chain themselves to San Francisco federal building • Numerous PWA's flee U.S. to obtain experimental medicine • MAA campaigns to expand access to experimental drugs

MAA leads first PWA delegation to lobby Congress on AIDS • MAA leads effort in CA legislature to guarantee confidentiality of HIV testing • legislation becomes national model • MAA leads effort to create anonymous HIV testing in CA • concept adopted nationwide • MAA organizes 2nd International AIDS Candlelight Memorial in 40 cities on 4 continents – 1st global AIDS event • Rock Hudson dies of AIDS • 20,470 cases reported • 1986 • Surgeon General C. Everett Koop calls for AIDS education in schools & urges distribution of condoms – recommendations ignored by Reagan Administration • MAA organizes world's 1st AIDS Dance-a-Thon • MAA continues to lobby for dramatic increases in federal AIDS spending • Lyndon LaRouche qualifies AIDS quarantine initiative for CA ballot; MAA leads formation of statewide coalition – initiative defeated • 37,061 cases reported

1987 • 1st AIDS drug; AZT, approved • Reagan makes first public address on AIDS • AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT-UP) founded – holds mass civil disobedience on Wall St • MAA leads AIDS activists in civil disobedience at White House • MAA pushes House Budget and Appropriations Committee to increase federal AIDS spending • Delta Airlines attempts to bar PWA's – MAA threatens national boycott; Delta backs down • Helms Amendment limits content of educational materials to exclude "promotion of homosexuality" • 67,450 cases reported

1988 • Lyndon LaRouche places quarantine initiative on the CA ballot for 2nd time – it's defeated • Rep. William Dannemeyer puts mandatory AIDS testing initiative on CA ballot – MAA helps form $1 million campaign against Dannemeyer – initiative defeated • MAA helps create model "HIV Early Treatment Center Program" in CA • MAA formulates "20 Questions on AIDS" for the next president & pressures Democratic & Republican nominees to address AIDS – neither do 89,864 cases reported • 1989 • MAA launches "Strategy of Hope" to spur early treatment for people with HIV • Helms Amendment bars people with HIV from entering U.S. • MAA pressures National Institutes of Health and Food & Drug Administration to speed drug approval • MAA organizes 2nd mass civil disobedience at White House – directors of dozens of AIDS organizations arrested • MAA meets with pharmaceutical companies to accelerate drug development • 115,786 cases reported • 1990 • Congress passes landmark AIDS legislation – Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act & Americans With Disabilities Act • MAA convinces over 2 dozen members of Congress to write FDA urging fast action on promising AIDS drugs ddI & ddC • MAA supporters send thousands of cards & letters to FDA Commissioner David Kessler & Rep. Henry Waxman urging action on ddI & ddC • MAA organizes AIDS Unity March at 6th International AIDS Conference, bringing 20,000 scientists & activists together for show of solidarity • President & Mrs. Bush participate in MAA's International AIDS Candlelight Memorial & Mobilization • MAA investigations reveal that 85% of Americans who require early treatment for HIV are not receiving it • 161,073 cases reported

1991 • MAA lobbies House Budget & Appropriations committees • MAA meets with FDA & demands fast action on ddI & ddC • Secretary of Health Louis Sullivan recommends end to travel & immigration ban on people with HIV – Senator Helms vigorously opposes • MAA generates 50,000 letters in support of Sullivan's proposed revision • Bush Administration overrules proposed revision – people with AIDS still denied entry into the U.S. • Nobel Peace Prize winner Desmond Tutu & heads of state of Ireland, New Zealand & Canada participate in MAA's International AIDS Candlelight Memorial & Mobilization • Kimberly Bergalis crusades for mandatory testing & job restrictions for people with HIV • Efforts by Helms & Dannemeyer to pass Bergalis legislation defeated by opposition from most AIDS & health groups • MAA testifies before Congress on 10th anniversary of 1st AIDS case & calls for increased spending for early treatment of HIV • ddI approved • CDC cuts funding for 23 of 27 national programs of AIDS prevention in minority communities • Tuberculosis resurfaces in U.S. • 206,392 cases reported • 1992 • MAA pushes for $1 billion increase in federal funding • MAA generates tens of thousands of cards to President Bush as direct challenge to his AIDS program & AIDS team • MAA organizes 9th Annual International AIDS Candlelight Memorial & Mobilization in 45 nations – Russia, Romania and Bulgaria participate • ddC approved • MAA organizes 1st National AIDS Lobby Day in 50 Congressional districts • MAA's AIDS Dance-a-Thon raises $850,000 with 4,000 participants • MAA supports American Lung Association's call for $390 million in federal spending to stop tuberculosis • MAA fights to double spending for the Global Program on AIDS • Harvard University estimates that over 120 million people worldwide will be infected with HIV by the year 2000 • Let's end the history of AIDS right here – join MAA today

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The Government's Response to AIDS Has Been:
NO to National "AIDS Prevention" Education Campaign
NO to increases in funding for AIDS research
NO to adequate patient services for people with AIDS
NO to making available drugs which might prove effective in treating people with AIDS
NO to civil rights' guarantees for PWAs or high risk groups.

This is a national disgrace which is killing our people. We're not going to accept it. And neither should you.

Mobilization Against AIDS
We've organized worldwide memorials in support of people with AIDS in 40 cities on four continents. We've sent a delegation to Washington, D.C. to confront Congress and the Administration and we're going back. We're conducting an ongoing Petition drive in 30 states with a goal of 1 million signatures. We're conducting pickets, AIDS Zaps, and other actions regularly.

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