

A.W.A.R.E. : ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN'S AIDS RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

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A.W.A.R.E. Women And A.I.D.S. Study Information Sheet

I. Statistics - Women and AIDS as of 4/07/86

Total Adult AIDS cases:	19,181	Women by category	#	%
Total men:	17,682	I.V. Drug User	649	53
Total women:	1,225	Hemophiliac	4	0
Total Pediatric		Hetero. contact	212	17.
(under 13)	274	Transfusion		
		Recipient	111	9
Source: CDC Wkly. Survey Report)		None or other	249	20.
		Total	1225	100%

II. STUDY PURPOSE AND DESIGN

The purpose of this study is threefold: (1.) to evaluate which groups of women are at risk for AIDS as a result of heterosexual contact, by testing for antibodies to AIDS associated retrovirus (ARV); (2.) to determine which sexual or lifestyle practices are associated with antibody positivity, using a questionnaire developed specifically for women; and (3.) to serve as a pilot to evaluate the feasibility of larger longterm studies of women and other high-risk populations, and to gather women willing to participate in longterm followup.

The study is designed so that for most women, two appointments of less than one hour each are all that is required. All women participating in this study will have blood drawn and be interviewed by a trained interviewer. Most women will be given a short form which will take about forty minutes to complete. Some women will be asked to complete a longer form which will take about an hour. Results are obtained at a second interview about two weeks later with an interviewer who is available to discuss special concerns and make referrals.

We will not require the names of participants. Each woman will be given a code number and name, with instructions on how to contact us for results. Counseling and referrals will be provided. If a woman is antibody positive, we will ask her permission to obtain further blood and other lab samples, as well as to follow her progress over the next two years.

III. We are looking for 500 women, age 18 or older, who

(1.) Have had sexual contact with (or donor insemination from) men who are bisexual, I.V. drug users, hemophiliacs, Haitians, or known AIDS patients, within the last three years.

OR WOMEN WHO

(2.) Have had five or more male sexual partners in the last three years, either partners from whom payment was received or those from whom it was not. All participants must live in San Francisco or have had the required number of sexual contacts in or from San Francisco.

EXCLUSIONS: (1.) I.V. drug users (anytime in the last three years) who are not also in groups 1 or 2 above. We will refer these women to another similar study. (2.) Monogamous women with a monogamous partner for the past three years. (3.) Women with exclusively lesbian sexual contacts and without donor insemination.

A.I.D.S.? WOMEN?



FREE TEST

NEW STUDY

WE ARE TESTING FOR ANTIBODY TO THE A.I.D.S. VIRUS
IN WOMEN IN SAN FRANCISCO

TO JOIN THE STUDY, YOU MUST HAVE HAD:

1) SEXUAL CONTACT WITH (OR DONOR INSEMINATION FROM) A MAN IN AN
A.I.D.S. RISK GROUP (GAY OR BISEXUAL MAN, I.V. DRUG USER, HAITIAN,
HEMOPHILIAC, OR KNOWN A.I.D.S. PATIENT)

OR

2) FIVE OR MORE MALE SEXUAL PARTNERS IN THE LAST THREE YEARS.

WE NEED: FIVE TEASPOONS OF BLOOD AND LESS THAN AN HOUR OF YOUR TIME.
WE DON'T NEED: YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, BIRTHDATE,
OR MONEY.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL A.W.A.R.E. AT (415) 476-4091

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