Antiretroviral medicines (ARVs) are given to people who have HIV, and a low CD4 count (CD4 cells are the cells in the body that fight illness and keep us healthy). ARVs help you fight the virus and live longer

## What are antiretroviral medicines?



They make HIV lose power to multiply. This helps your immune system stay strong and keeps you healthy.

## How do antiretroviral medicines work?



Antiretroviral therapy. This includes taking antiretroviral medicines and practising positive living (good nutrition, practising safe sex, exercising and being part of a support group).

## What do the initials 'ART' stand for?



HIV is not the same as AIDS. Having HIV does not mean someone has AIDS. HIV does not mean someone has AIDS. People living with HIV can live normal and healthy lives. When someone has AIDS they are now very sick and HIV levels in they are now have become very high.

## Is HIV the same as AIDS?



If you were born with HIV then you will be given ARVs when you are a baby. You should take this for life. If you discover you have HIV as a child or adolescent your doctor or health care worker will assist you to get ARVs as soon as you are ready.

## When should young people start ART?



A CD4 count is a test that counts the CD4 cells in your blood. CD4 cells in the body that cells are cells in the body that help fight disease and keep our immune systems healthy. So the CD4 count shows how well the immune system is working.

## What is a CD4 count?



c. ART prolongs and improves the quality of life of a person living with HIV.

Which of these is true?

a. ART completely removes the risk of infecting others with HIV.

b. ART cures HIV.

c. ART prolongs and improves the quality

of life of a person living with HIV.



#### **QUESTION**

## Name 3 good things about starting ART.

- and useful member of your family, school and community again.
- you hope for the future.

  ARVs will help you become an active
  - a longer and better life.

    ARVs can lift your spirits by giving
- getting opportunistic infections; fewer opportunistic infections mean
  - strength.
    ARVs decreases a person's risk of
- weans improved health, energy and system.
  - Possible answers:
     ARVs strengthen the immune

#### **ANSWER**



## **QUESTION**

## Name 3 common side effects of ARVs.

- loss of appetite
  - skin rash
  - tiredness
  - рездзсре
  - stomach pain
    - diarrhoea
      - vomiting
        - e usarses
- Possible answers:-

**ANSWER** 



## **QUESTION**

What is the term for taking ARVs in the right way?



**ANSWER** 



They can take ART within the first 36-72 hours after exposure, as post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), to prevent HIV infection. They must go for an HIV test, then get another test in 3 months, and

again in 6 months.

What can be done if someone thinks they have recently been at risk of infection with HIV?



## **QUESTION**

Name 3 things that a treatment buddy can do to help someone on ART.

- correctly.
- Help them to take their medicines
  - Help them to think positively
  - right foods.
- Help them to remember to eat the
- medicine on time.
- Help them to remember to take their teeling well.
  - Support them when they ret
  - secrets.
  - ge a good listener and keep their
  - rreatment.
  - information about HIV and and their family find accurate
  - Knowledge is Power'. Help them .lli gnileet
  - their medicines, even when they are and encourage them to stay on Support them to accept their status,
  - Possible answers:-

## **ANSWER**



### **QUESTION**

## Why is food so important when a person is taking ARVs?

- and helps ARVs to work better. body's ability to handle AKVs,
  - Good nutrition increases the adpting the virus. because their bodies are with HIV need more energy
- Young people living infected to fight infections. gevelop their immune systems nutritious food to grow well and
  - 'poob ybnouə pəəu pue Young people are still growing

### **ANSWER**



## Possible answers:-**ANSWER**

ahıılını sarvicas TOTMQ Parvicas (TOTMQ)
prevention of mother-child transmission
By learning more about HIV and getting
pregnancy (or before getting pregnant)
By getting tested for HIV early on in her
nutritional supplements
By booking early and getting vitamin and

WITH HIV. paby to prevent the baby being infected treatment for both the mother and her epnioni uoissim getting

- breastfeeding to avoid HIV infection or consistently during pregnancy and By always using condoms correctly and
- By caring for her health and eating well re-infection
- By getting medical care throughout her throughout her pregnancy.
- facility. bregnancy and giving birth in a health
- infected with HIV during breastfeeding. breastfeed so that her baby does not get PMTCT services will tell her how to

### QUESTION How can a pregnant mother prevent passing the virus to her baby?



# live positively?

possible. a person live fully, as long as a positive attitude. I his helps heart healthy, as well as having keeping your body, mind and with HIV in a healthy way, Living positively means living

## What does it mean to



### **QUESTION**

## What is sexual and reproductive health?

ANSWER

Your sexual reproductive health is about your ability to enjoy a healthy, safe and satisfying relationship. It is about making your own decisions for enjoying life. This includes who you have relationships with, and planning if and when to have children, delaying pregnancy until you are older as well pregnancy until you are older as well so preventing and treating any sexually transmitted infections (STIs), including infection and reinfection with HIV.



Prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) programmes help HIV positive women reduce the risk of transmission of HIV to their babies. There is still a risk but careful planning and support from health care workers can keep mothers, fathers and babies safer.

# Can I still have children in the future if I am HIV positive?



Safer sex involves, using a condom correctly every time, being faithful to one partner knowing your HIV status, not having full sex (kissing and cuddling, mutual masturbation and thigh sex) and getting tested regularly (and treated) for sexually transmitted infections.

## What is safer sex?



## **QUESTION**

## How can I prevent pregnancy if I am sexually active?

Condoms help prevent pregnancy, STIs and HIV but they are not 100% guaranteed. Young women should use another recommended family planning method, such as the pill as well as condoms 'dual protection'.

### **ANSWER**



bexuality is how people experience and express themselves as sexual beings, within the concepts of biological sex, gender identity and sexual, attractions and practices. Culture and religion have a huge impact on how individuals see themselves as sexual beings, especially within relations of power.

## What is sexuality?

