

Further information

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Everything you need to know about living with HIV and where to find advice centres.

www.drgay.ch

Information and advice for men who have sex with men.

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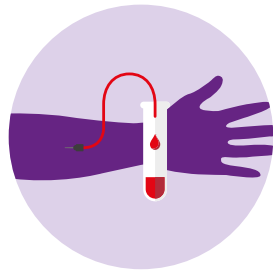
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HI viral load below the detection limit



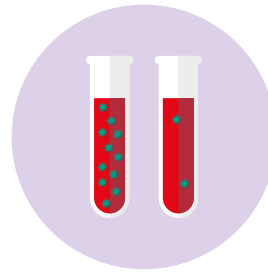
If the amount of HIV in the body is very small, it can no longer be detected. The virus will then be under control. If you continue to take the medication, you will not be able to pass the virus on.

HIV treatment aims to keep the virus at a very low level in the body. Tests will then no longer show the presence of HIV, since the viral load is below the detection limit.



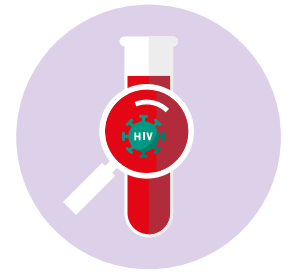
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Measuring the viral load shows how much HIV is contained in a drop of blood.



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The results show whether the amount of HIV in the blood is high or low.



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If the amount of virus is very low, it is called an undetectable viral load. The amount of virus in the blood sample will be so low that HIV will no longer be visible.



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That does not mean that HIV has disappeared from the body. The virus may still be present in other parts of the body, such as in the intestine.



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It means that HIV is under control.



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If you continue to take the medication on a regular basis, you will not be able to pass HIV on.