

HIV Transmission Formula

VIRUS PRESENT

+

BODY FLUID +

MODE OF TRANSMISSION + POINT OF ENTRY



H - Human- requires living human cells in order to live

-can only be transmitted between humans

I- Immunodeficiency

- deterioration of the immune system

V – Virus -smallest known organism

A - Acquired-caused by the environment (not genetic/hereditary)

I - Immune- our immune system that keeps us well

D - Deficiency - incomplete or lacking

S - Syndrome a collection of illnesses, often occurring simultaneously, that attack the body once the immune system is depleted. Eg. Pneumonia's, TB, some cancers etc.

Blood

Menstrual Fluid

Semen

• Vaginal Fluid &

Breast Milk

Contain enough HIV to be infectious

Pre-cum (tests are inconclusive, however there has been proof that pre-cum does contain a concentration of HIV)

Blood to Blood

Sharing Needles (IDE) Fights Accidents

Blood Transfusions
Needle Stick Injuries

Sex

Sharing Razors/Toothbrushes

Sharing

Tattooing/Piercing
Equipment

Sporting Injuries

Sexual Contact

Unprotected Anal Vaginal Sexual intercourse Oral Sex Mutual Masturbation Sharing Sex Toys

Mother to Child

In Utero
During Delivery
Breastfeeding

Fingering

Tears in vaginal/anal

walls

STIS

Broken Skin

Torn Skin

Cuts

Scratches

Disturbed Sores

Abrasions

If we understand this Transmission formula, it is easy to see that if all of these sections are present then it equals **RISK**.