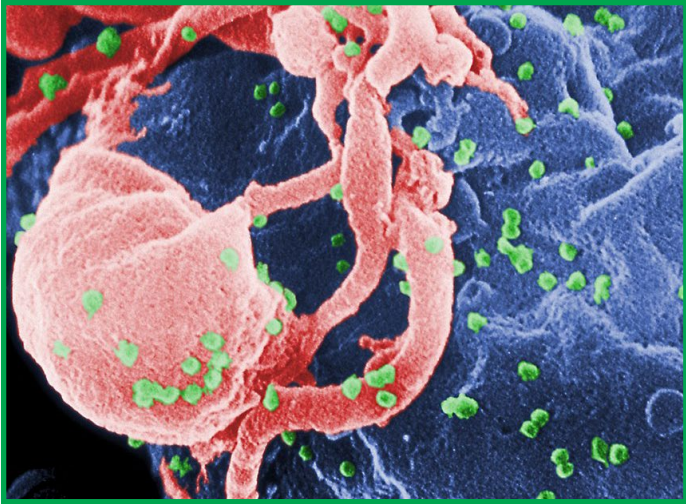


HIV



Cause:

virus

Symptoms:

A short flu-like illness 2-6 weeks after infection. The person may then feel well and not get any more symptoms for years. However, the virus will be destroying the person's immune system.

How It Is Transmitted:

The virus is passed on by bodily fluids; this may be during sex, the sharing of needles or from mother to baby during pregnancy or whilst breastfeeding.

Treatment and Prevention:

Antiretroviral medications can be prescribed, these prevent the virus from multiplying. A person with HIV will be required to take these tablets everyday, and different combinations are required over time.

