



80% of HIV Cases in Ghana Linked to Sex, Says GHANET President

Description

The President of the Ghana HIV and AIDS Network (GHANET), Ernest Amoabeng Ortsin, said that 80 per cent of HIV infections in Ghana are passed on through sexual intercourse. He shared this information during a Valentine's Day event at West Hills Mall in Accra. At this event, GHANET gave out HIV self-test kits and condoms to help reduce new infections.

Mr Ortsin stated that sexual activity is the main way HIV is transmitted in Ghana. He noted that eight out of ten people with HIV got the virus through sex. This worrying number has led GHANET to focus more on public education and prevention, especially during times like Valentine's Day, when more people may have sex.

He explained that they give out condoms to promote safe sex practices. This is not to encourage people to have sex but to help prevent the spread of HIV. He also mentioned that mothers can pass HIV to their babies during pregnancy or breastfeeding if they do not take their medicine.

Mr Ortsin urged mothers with HIV to take their medication properly to protect their babies. GHANET will keep working on public education to help fight HIV/AIDS in Ghana.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Transmission** /trænz'miʃən/ (noun): The act or process of transferring something from one place to another; in this context specifically referring to the spread of HIV.
2. **Infections** /ɪn'fɛkʃənz/ (noun): The invasion and multiplication of pathogenic microorganisms in the body causing disease.
3. **Prevent** /prɪ'vent/ (verb): To stop something from happening or arising; to take action to avoid the occurrence of an unwanted event.
4. **Education** /,ɛdʒʊ'keɪʃən/ (noun): The process of receiving or giving systematic instruction especially at a school or university.
5. **Condoms** /'kɒndəmz/ (noun): A thin latex sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy and the spread of sexually transmitted infections.
6. **Medication** /,mɛdɪ'keɪʃən/ (noun): A substance used for medical treatment especially a medicine or drugs prescribed to treat illnesses or conditions.

Comprehension Questions



Multiple Choice

1. What percentage of HIV infections in Ghana are passed on through sexual intercourse?
Option: 50%
Option: 60%
Option: 70%
Option: 80%

2. Where did Ernest Amoabeng Ortsin share the information about HIV infections in Ghana?
Option: School
Option: Hospital
Option: West Hills Mall
Option: Library

3. What was distributed during the Valentine's Day event to help reduce new HIV infections?
Option: Books
Option: Clothes
Option: HIV self-test kits and condoms
Option: Food

4. According to Mr. Ortsin, how many people with HIV in Ghana acquired the virus through sexual transmission?
Option: Two out of ten
Option: Four out of ten
Option: Six out of ten
Option: Eight out of ten

5. What is GHANET focusing more on to combat HIV/AIDS in Ghana?
Option: Treatment
Option: Public education and prevention
Option: Research
Option: Surgical procedures

6. When does GHANET give out condoms to promote safe sex practices?
Option: Every weekend
Option: On public holidays
Option: Only during Valentine's Day
Option: Regularly



True-False

7. Mothers cannot pass HIV to their babies during pregnancy or breastfeeding.
8. Mr. Ortsin encourages people to have more sex with the distribution of condoms.
9. GHANET distributes HIV self-test kits only during special events like Valentine's Day.
10. Everyone with HIV in Ghana acquired the virus through sexual intercourse.
11. Prevention is a key focus area for GHANET in fighting HIV/AIDS in Ghana.
12. GHANET only provides public education but does not distribute preventive items.

Gap-Fill

13. Ernest Amoabeng Ortsin is the President of the _____.
14. Mr. Ortsin highlighted the importance of taking medication properly to protect babies from contracting HIV during _____.
15. GHANET will continue to work on public education to help fight HIV/AIDS in _____.
16. According to Mr. Ortsin, mothers with HIV should take their medication properly to protect their _____.
17. GHANET distributed HIV self-test kits and condoms during a Valentine's Day event at _____ Mall.
18. Mr. Ortsin mentioned that sexual activity is the primary mode of HIV transmission in _____.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. 80% 2. West Hills Mall 3. HIV self-test kits and condoms 4. Eight out of ten 5. Public education and prevention



6. Regularly

True-False: 7. False 8. False 9. False 10. False 11. True 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. Ghana HIV and AIDS Network (GHANET) 14. pregnancy or breastfeeding 15. Ghana 16. babies
17. West Hills

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What is the primary purpose of immunotherapy?

Option: To kill bacteria directly

Option: To enhance the body's immune response

Option: To provide immediate relief from symptoms

Option: To replace traditional medicines

2. What is a common concern regarding new findings in medical research?

Option: They are always trustworthy

Option: They often require more testing

Option: They guarantee a cure

Option: They eliminate the need for education

3. What does transmission in the context of infections refer to?

Option: The spread of infections

Option: The treatment of infections

Option: The prevention of diseases

Option: The diagnosis of illnesses

4. Why is education recommended in preventing infections?

Option: It increases anxiety

Option: It helps in understanding preventive measures

Option: It is unnecessary

Option: It promotes misinformation

5. Which benefit is commonly attributed to probiotics?

Option: Curing chronic diseases

Option: Improving digestion

Option: Reversing aging

Option: Suppressing immunity

6. Symptoms of infections often include which of the following?

Option: Increased energy



- Option: Fever and discomfort
- Option: Enhanced mood
- Option: Decreased immunity

7. What is often prescribed to prevent sickness?

- Option: Education sessions
- Option: Antibiotics
- Option: Probiotics only
- Option: Stress management techniques

8. What does the microbiome primarily relate to?

- Option: Bone health
- Option: Bacterial diversity in the body
- Option: Muscle growth
- Option: Heart function

9. What should be used to protect against the transmission of infections?

- Option: Education only
- Option: Condoms and medications
- Option: Isolation
- Option: A lack of awareness

10. What type of care is often necessary for severe infections?

- Option: Minimal care
- Option: Preventive care
- Option: Intensive care
- Option: Home remedies

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. _____ can be a crucial treatment for managing certain types of cancer.
12. Healthcare providers often _____ regular check-ups for early detection of diseases.
13. Researchers often collect _____ from various subjects to study disease transmission.
14. Vaccination can help _____ against specific infectious diseases.
15. Antiviral _____ can be effective in treating viral infections.
16. Regular exercise can help _____ many chronic illnesses.



17. Proper hygiene practices reduce the _____ of infectious diseases.
18. Public health _____ campaigns aim to inform citizens about health risks.
19. _____ may arise from various pathogens including viruses and bacteria.
20. Common _____ of allergies include sneezing and itching.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. Research findings must be verified through peer review to be considered trustworthy.
22. Researchers published their findings in a leading medical journal.
23. Diet and lifestyle choices can influence a person's mood significantly.
24. Many patients report discomfort as a side effect of medications.
25. Consuming probiotics can enhance digestion and improve gut health.
26. Frequent handwashing can reduce the likelihood of sickness during cold seasons.
27. Acid reflux can cause significant discomfort after meals.
28. Intensive therapy is often required for patients suffering from severe infections.
29. The microbiome plays a crucial role in maintaining a healthy digestive system.
30. Probiotics can be beneficial for restoring gut health after antibiotic treatment.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. To enhance the body's immune response 2. They often require more testing 3. The spread of infections 4. It helps in understanding preventive measures 5. Improving digestion 6. Fever and discomfort 7. Antibiotics 8. Bacterial diversity in the body 9. Condoms and medications 10. Intensive care

Gap-Fill: 11. Immunotherapy 12. recommend 13. samples 14. protect 15. medications 16. prevent 17. transmission 18. education 19. Infections 20. symptoms

Matching sentence: 1. trustworthy 2. findings 3. mood 4. discomfort 5. digestion 6. sickness 7. reflux 8. intensive 9. microbiome 10. probiotics

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