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Human Herpesvirus 8 (HHV-8)

Characterizing the Natural History of Infection with Human Herpes Virus 8 (HHV-8)


 Men and Women Swabbing study Blood draws

Purpose: To learn more about the natural history of the HHV-8 virus; specifically, how it is transmitted, how many people are infected, and why some people become infected with the virus.

Study Visits and Procedures: Volunteers will be screened for HHV-8 at the initial appointment. If you qualify and choose to participate, the study will last for 2 years. You will be asked to come in for follow-up visits every 6 months, complete a questionnaire about behavioral and sexual practices, and collect four 60-day sessions of daily oral swabs at home. You will also keep a daily symptom diary during these periods. Each appointment will last about 30 minutes.

<i>We Need:</i>	<i>We Provide:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men and women age 18 or older • HIV+ or HIV- • Willing to undergo HIV testing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HHV-8, HIV and HSV antibody tests • A physical examination • \$30 for each visit in which blood is drawn (excluding the screening appointment)

Behavioral and Biological Risk Factors for HHV-8 Transmission and Acquisition

 Men Swabbing study Blood draws

Purpose: To determine how HHV-8, the cause of Kaposi's Sarcoma in people who have AIDS, is transmitted between men who have sex with men.

Study Visits and Procedures: Participants and their partner are screened for HHV-8 at the initial appointment. If you qualify and choose to participate, the study lasts for 2 years. Participants are asked to come in for regular follow-up visits, where blood will be drawn every 3 months, a soft swab will be used to collect samples from the mouth and rectum and questionnaires will be completed. A daily symptom diary will be kept by some participants.

<i>We Need:</i>	<i>We Provide:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Men who have sex with men and are in a steady relationship with one partner• HIV+ or HIV-• Age 18 or older	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HHV-8, HIV and HSV antibody tests• A physical examination• \$100/person for study completion or a prorated amount



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