




The Effect of Suppressive Therapy on Behavioral Determinants of HSV-2 Transmission

-  Men and women
-  Questionnaires
-  Drug study

Purpose: The purpose of this study is to determine what effect suppressive therapy has on sexual behavior and quality of life among persons with genital herpes (HSV) who have multiple sex partners. The findings of this study may have an impact on genital herpes treatment guidelines.

Study Visits and Procedures: Involvement in this study will last for 1 year. Subjects will be asked to attend clinic visits once every 3 months and when/if they have herpes outbreaks. Each visit will last 30 - 45 minutes. Participants will be randomized (like flipping a coin) to receive daily HSV suppressive acyclovir medication or episodic (outbreak) acyclovir medication, and will be asked to complete a computer-assisted questionnaire at each visit about sexual practices and genital herpes history. Participants will also be asked to keep an on-line sex diary (paper diaries will be available for people who do not have computer access).

<i>We need:</i>	<i>We provide:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adults age 18 or over• HSV-2 seropositive• 2 or more vaginal or anal sex partners in past 12 months• Not currently in a monogamous sexual relationship of 6 months or more.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HSV testing• HIV testing• \$250 for study completion