

[HIV and AIDS-Related Cancer - Latest Research \[1\]](#)

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ON THIS PAGE: You will read about the scientific research being done now to learn more about HIV/AIDS-related cancers and how to treat them. To see other pages, use the menu.

Doctors are working to learn more about HIV/AIDS-related cancer, ways to prevent it, how to best treat it, and how to provide the best care to people diagnosed with these diseases. The following areas of research may include new options for patients through clinical trials. Always talk with your doctor about the diagnostic and treatment options best for you.

- **Combination therapies.** Clinical trials are underway to study the effects of chemotherapy plus substances called colony-stimulating factors that help the body make white blood cells and antiretroviral therapy. The effect of high-dose therapy with [stem cell transplantation \[3\]](#) is also being tested in clinical trials.
- **New therapies.** Based on advances in understanding the biology of HIV/AIDS-related Kaposi sarcoma, drugs called [anti-angiogenics \[4\]](#) that block the formation of new blood vessels needed for a tumor to grow and spread, vitamin D and similar products, and a targeted therapy called imatinib (Gleevec) are being tested in clinical trials.
- **Palliative care.** Clinical trials are underway to find better ways of reducing symptoms and side effects of current cancer treatments to improve patients' comfort and quality of life.

Looking for More About the Latest Research?

If you would like additional information about the latest areas of research regarding Kaposi sarcoma, NHL, and cervical cancer, explore these related items that take you outside of this guide:

- To find clinical trials specific to your diagnosis, talk with your doctor or [search online clinical trials databases now](#) [5].
- Review research on [lymphoma from ASCO Annual Meetings](#) [6] or [on cervical cancer announced at ASCO Annual Meetings or in ASCO's peer-reviewed journals](#) [7].
- Visit the website of the [Conquer Cancer Foundation](#) [8] to find out how to help support research for every cancer type. Please note this link takes you to a separate ASCO website.

The [next section in this guide is Coping with Treatment](#) [9]. It offers some guidance in how to cope with the physical, emotional, and social changes that cancer and its treatment can bring. Or, use the menu to choose another section to continue reading this guide.

Links

[1] <http://www.cancer.net/cancer-types/hiv-and-aids-related-cancer/latest-research>

[2] <http://www.cancer.net/about-us>

[3] <http://www.cancer.net/node/24717>

[4] <http://www.cancer.net/node/24376>

[5] <http://www.cancer.net/node/24878>

[6] http://www.cancer.net/research-and-advocacy/research-summaries?field_page_topic_tid_2=All&field_page_topi c_tid=280&date_filter%5bvalue%5d%5byear%5d=

[7] http://www.cancer.net/research-and-advocacy/research-summaries?field_page_topic_tid_2=All&field_page_topi c_tid=266&date_filter%5bvalue%5d%5byear%5d=

[8] <https://www.conquercancerfoundation.org/research-results>

[9] <http://www.cancer.net/node/18936>