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HIV Tested/Treatement

- Psychological factors contribute to effectiveness of treatement

- People might be scared to be tested since they don't want to find out the results

ELISA (enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay test)

- test blood to find antibodies that are released to fight the HIV infection

- some people take the test but don't follow up to see the results since they are scared

Faster results = Faster counselling

Modern Technology has improved HIV testing and reduced it to 20 minutes

- saves cost, time

Treatement: Antiretroviral drugs

Purpose: slow down HIV and allow immune system to recover

Poverty and wealth BOTH complicate HIV treatement

Stigma - no one wants to feel different or be treated differently than normal

Stress can be on the infected person as well as people affected around them

Person's psychological state affects thier immune system

HIV stigma symptoms : dementia, cognitive impairment, depression